

REGULAR MEETING – February 10, 2021

Minutes of the board meeting are not official until after approval at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

The Board of Education of USD #511 met in regular session on Wednesday, February 10th and was called to order by President Brett Traffas at 6:00pm. Members present included Jolene Peterson, Rogena Grigsby, Shirley Barrett, and Roger Goodman. Guests present were Jack Deviney, Melinda McCurley, and Scotty McCartney. Also present was Superintendent Mike Sanders, Principal Brandie Waldschmidt, and Clerk of the Board Amie Loreg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

President Brett Traffas recognized guests.

Melinda McCurley met with the board to discuss an Ad Valorem Rebate the county is offering to individuals who would like to do home improvements. She requested the board approve the program before leaving at 6:06pm.

Jack Deviney, Transportation Director, met with the board to show a comparison of buses. The board reviewed the bid process and possible loan numbers presented by Mr. Sanders. Deviney left at 6:14pm.

Scotty McCartney met with the board to discuss the senior trip. He asked about the trip taking place over Spring Break and the class would like to go to Panama City. Both class sponsors are male so the class invited Lisa Newsum to go as a female sponsor. The class plans to rent transportation and stay at an Airbnb because it's more cost effective. McCartney left the meeting at 6:22pm.

Goodman moved and Peterson seconded to amend the agenda to include 9h. Remote Learning as an Action Item. 5-0, motion carried.

Peterson moved and Grigsby seconded to the agenda as amended. 5-0, motion carried.

Goodman moved and Peterson seconded to approve the consent agenda. 5-0, motion carried.

Special Education: Mr. Sanders stated that the discussion at the most recent meeting was about shifting the Life Skills Program to Medicine Lodge from Kiowa.

Curriculum: Nothing at this time.

PDC: The board reviewed the unapproved minutes, Mr. Sanders reported that he applied for a Waiver for Hours through the state which allows schools to count a limited number of PDC as contact time and was approved.

Technology: Nothing at this time.

Recreation: Bidy ball has started.

Transportation: The transportation log was reviewed. After discussion the board asked to see if there was any way they could see a bus before making a decision about purchasing. Mr.

Sanders reported on the 21st Century grant and bus purchase. If you use these funds to purchase a bus it can only be used for the program it was linked to at purchase for the duration of the grant, or 5 years.

Budget Summary: A discussion was held about moving money from the district checking to savings to generate more income from the interest. This was done last year as well at the same time. It was decided to move \$100,000.

Wellness Center: The board reported a complaint that members were not using the building in the mornings like they had been because classes held in the building are too loud. Administration stated that the elementary has PE in the gym at the Wellness Center but it's the only on days they cannot be outside and there is nowhere else available to have this. Otherwise, the first class that uses the building is at 10:00am or when the building is closed to public.

Unfinished Business

LOB Resolution – A discussion was held. The board would like to revisit this at a future meeting.

New Business

Ad Valorem Rebate: Goodman moved and Peterson seconded to accept the county proposal as presented. 5-0, motion carried.

Senior Trip: Goodman moved and Peterson seconded to approve the trip as presented pending legal advice from KASB on liability of travel and COVID-19. 5-0, motion carried.

Open House: The Welding Program & Auto Shop programs are hosting an open house on February 24th. The welding shop will be open at 6pm followed by the Auto Shop at 6:45pm.

21st CCLC Grant: If received the grant will fund a after school enrichment program and a career internship program for students. The program was submitted as B.A.R.K. Building Achievement Right for Kids, an acronym created by 1st Grade teacher Sara Polson.

2021/22 Calendar: First look – will revisit at a later meeting.

Classified Salaries: Tabled

ESSER II Spending Plan: Mr. Sanders went over a proposal for the funds with the board.

Remote Learning: Mr. Sanders explained the decision of having remote learning days during the previous week's bad weather. The district is short on "snow days" so to not use them all the alternative was to remote learn. With the weather forecast showing more snow and bitter cold conditions he asked the boards opinion of announcing Monday as a remote learn day as well to give people time to prepare. After discussion the board asked that the "snow days" be used first and then, if necessary, remote learn and to make the decision one day at a time because of the unpredictability of the weather.

Board Comments: Peterson asked about the icy condition of the sidewalks on Tuesday the 9th. It was determined that they were not cleared because Monday the 8th was a staff "self care" day after the weather that came in over the weekend. Also, a question was relayed as to why the

door at the bus barn was left open during cold weather? Mr. Sanders said he would ask Deviney if there was a specific reason.

Administration: Mr. Sanders reported that Alan Allenbach contacted him to let him know that the bank would be administering the Heartland Tri-State Bank Scholarship.

Peterson moved and Barrett seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss specific employees pursuant to the non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Waldschmidt, and the board. 5-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:04pm.

Peterson moved and Grigsby seconded to approve raises for classified staff, excluding new hires for the 2020/21 school year and the School Nurse, at 1.5%. 5-0, motion carried.

Peterson moved and Barrett seconded to adjourn. 5-0, motion carried. 8:06pm

Meeting adjourned,

Amie Loreg
Clerk of the Board of Education 511