

REGULAR MEETING – October 13, 2020

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The Board of Education of USD #511 met in regular session on Tuesday October 13, 2020 and was called to order by President Brett Traffas at 6:00pm. Members present included Jolene Peterson, Tye McDaniel, Rogena Grigsby, Shirley Barrett, and Roger Goodman. Also present was Superintendent Mike Sanders and Clerk of the Board Amie Loreg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Goodman moved and Peterson seconded to adopt the agenda. 6-0, motion carried.

Grigsby moved and Peterson seconded to adopt the consent agenda. 6-0, motion carried.

Special Education: Mr. Sanders reported superintendents who experienced larger increases questioned assessments during the superintendents meeting.

Curriculum, Professional Development, and Technology: Nothing at this time.

Summer Rec: Tackle football is done for the season. Flag football is going on still.

Transportation Log: BOE reviewed the report.

Budget Summary: BOE reviewed the report. Mr. Sanders spoke about this year's report in comparison to last years at the same time.

Wellness Center: Mr. Sanders stated that Michael Hodson is waiting on materials to complete the entry way repair.

Old Business - **Bond Update:** Mr. Sanders shared information about the bond company's reputation for long-term transactions (ranking #1 for amounts in 2019 and over a 10 year period) and stated that through his research they have been in business for over 100 years. He also presented the board with information on the base state aid per pupil and how it has affected the district over the last several years. He will have this information available at the bond meeting. A bond marketing meeting will be held October 14th with the bond companies and local bond committee. Goodman moved and Barrett seconded to approve the supplemental list as presented. 6-0, motion carried.

New Business - **Custodial Hours:** McDaniel moved and Barrett seconded to approve changing Tami Black's custodial hours to a late shift from 1:00pm- 9:00pm. 6-0, motion carried.

Resolution: McDaniel moved and Peterson seconded to adopt a resolution to name the football field Vandever Field, after long time coach Lance Vandever. 6-0, motion carried.

Titan Co-op Softball/Baseball: Nothing to report

MOU Coronavirus Relief Fund: Peterson moved and Goodman seconded to approve the signing of the presented MOU. 6-0, motion carried.

Board Comments: Traffas questioned the handbook change regarding Valedictorian/ Salutatorian. He has been asked about negative effects relating to the change like scholarships. After discussion it was decided to add this as an agenda item to November's meeting for further discussion.

Administration: Mr. Sanders discussed weekly meetings he has established with Director of Operations, Jack Deviney, and 6-12 Principal, Brandie Waldschmidt. These meetings are meant to help with building communication and additional support/mentorship. He mentioned that he plans to establish monthly meetings with the PDC team as well to approve college credits, discuss

KESA, etc. Mr. Sanders asked the BOE if they were still interested in adding a Nursing Pathway and explained that it was about 2 years out at this point. The board is interested in perusing the pathway. A discussion was held about the upcoming drop date of October 15th on Governor Kelly's executive order for mitigation procedures. KSDE is recommending that schools continue wearing masks regardless. KSHSAA has also come forward requiring masks for all KSHSAA playoff events, even outdoor. After discussion it was decided to continue on with what we currently have in place, knowing that it can be revisited at any time. Mr. Sanders reported that the HOPL superintendents had a meeting recently about mitigation procedures but nothing was decided. They are scheduled to meet again tomorrow, October 14th. He also shared that Fairfield has reached out stating that their county will be considered "red" when we are scheduled to play them in high school football next week. Reno County allows no spectators to events when they are considered "red."

McDaniel moved and Goodman seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss a specific employee pursuant to the non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Mr. Sanders and the board. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:06. McDaniel moved and Peterson seconded to extend the executive session for 5 minutes. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:11pm.

Principal's Report: Mr. Sanders reported on behalf of Brandie Waldschmidt: Mrs. Waldschmidt asked the board for clarification on the open lunch policy, a discussion was held. She also, along with Amber Hilger, Counselor, request a student be allowed to test out of Algebra 1 for no credit. The student will be able to move up in math classes but will have get 3 earned credits through high level courses. A statement on how AR was being ran this year was read.

McDaniel moved and Grigsby seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss a specific student pursuant to the student matters exception, to protect the privacy rights of a student who is identifiable with Mr. Sanders and the board. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:30pm.

Grigsby moved and Goodman seconded to adjourn. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:31pm.

Meeting adjourned,

Amie Loreg
Clerk of the Board of Education 511