

## **REGULAR MEETING – April 12, 2021**

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The Board of Education of USD #511 met in regular session on Monday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and was called to order by President Brett Traffas at 6:00pm. Members present included Jolene Peterson, Tye McDaniel, Shirley Barrett, and Roger Goodman. Guests present were Jack Deviney. 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.

Jack Deviney met with the board to update them on the Transit Van. He reported that 2021 Transit Vans are no longer being manufactured so a new bid process will have to occur next year's models. He also gave updates on the services received at Mark's Repair on the bus and noted that the fleet has been serviced. Jack left the meeting at 6:07pm.

Goodman moved and Barrett seconded to amend the agenda to include 9g. Resignation of Sheryl Grigsby as an Action Item. 5-0, motion carried.

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

Barrett moved and McDaniel seconded to approve the consent agenda. 5-0, motion carried.

Special Education: Mr. Sanders reported that he will attend the Superintendents meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Curriculum: Mr. Sanders stated that the elementary teachers are requesting to replace Pathways to Reading only and not Wonders as previously thought. He will discuss this with them further.

PDC: It was reported that staff were given a survey for PDC for next year and results are being reviewed. On April 19<sup>th</sup> Elementary teachers will travel to Pratt and South Barber to observe MTSS structure within their buildings. Junior High and High School teachers will stay in the building and have a technology training put on by high school teacher Carey McFann and Differentiated Instruction by Essdack consultant Ginger Lewman.

Technology: The district has \$11,930 remaining in their 2021 REAP funds grant that has to be obligated by September. Mr. Sanders discussed possible purchases that could be made with the funds. REAP funds are a federal grant for technology related items that must impact the student body.

Summer Rec: Soccer is starting and plans have been made to hang business banners at the ball field.

Transportation: Discussed previously

Budget Summary: Reviewed

Wellness Center: Mr. Sanders reported an issue with a door that will be repaired over the summer. A discussion was held about creating a contract for the schools wellness center custodial position.

Unfinished Business

Utility Bills Update: The schools gas bill from Symmetry, the Natural Gas Delivery Company used through KASB's KJump program, was \$12,714.94. KASB has been holding weekly meetings with superintendents concerning the large increase in gas prices during February's extreme cold spell. KASB presented boards with 3 options of how to handle these bills:

Option 1: Engage in repayment with Symmetry Energy - Districts can pay in full on or before the due date of May 15 and receive a 5% discount. Districts can repay in full over the next 6 months if they pay before the due date.

Option 2: Districts can pay the statutory maximum of \$4.57 per BTU and join in legal action represented by Smithyman & Zackoura.

Option 3: You can pay your bill in full to Symmetry Energy AND join the legal group represented by Smithyman & Zackoura.

After discussion, the board opted for Option 2.

Request for Proposal: Transit Van: Nothing

ESSER II Spending Plan: Mr. Sanders will compile a spending plan with options for the board to review.

Food Service: Mr. Sanders reported that Keystone has created a plan and it will be reviewed by the evaluation team at a meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>. He will report back to the board in May.

LOB Resolution: The resolution has been published.

New Business

Fall Board Elections: The deadline to file is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Summer Maintenance Help: Mr. Sanders reported that a couple of students showed interest in a summer job at the school. Labor laws for age requirements were reviewed and there are no age restrictions that would not allow hiring. Tabled for executive session.

McDaniel moved and Goodman seconded to accept the resignation of Steve Duarte as High School English Teacher effective the end of the school year. 5-0, motion carried.

Supplemental Positions: Reviewed

KASB Annual Dues: Reviewed.

American Farmers Grow Grant: A grant for \$2500 was received on behalf of Clay McDaniel for applying for the school. The grant is earmarked for the nursing program.

McDaniel moved and Peterson seconded to accept the resignation of Sheryl Grigsby as 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher effective at the end of the year. 5-0, motion carried.

Board Comments: McDaniel questioned the urinals in the elementary boys bathroom not working. Mr. Sanders stated that Jack Deviney had been working on them. Goodman asked about adding lighting at the auto shop building. Mr. Sanders reported that Deviney was working on this as well.

Administration Reports: Mrs. Waldschmidt reported that Tanner Balsters, Business Teacher, will be teaching some CTE classes through WSU Tech next year that will generate a kick back for the district. Enrollment numbers will not be known until pre-enrollment is completed. She also reported that Cowley County Community College has an online Ag program that can keep our pathway going. After calculating for missed days it was determined that the seniors last day would be May 12<sup>th</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders May 18<sup>th</sup>. The annual awards banquet was discussed and through discussion it was decided to leave as is. Mrs. Waldschmidt gave board members handouts from other districts on weighted grading that were reviewed and discussed. She also supplied our current policy on dual credits as well as information from other districts and discussed developing a policy for withdrawal from college classes.

Mr. Sanders reported that Wray roofing fixed some leaks on the roof and reminded everyone that the Alumni Banquet will be held in the High School Gym on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

McDaniel moved and Barrett seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss negotiations pursuant to the negotiations matter exception, to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiation position and the public interest with Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Waldschmidt, and the board. 5-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 7:32pm.

Goodman moved and McDaniel seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss specific employee(s) 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 7:48pm. Goodman moved and Barrett seconded to extend the executive session for 45 minutes. Meeting to resume at 8:18pm.

Goodman moved and McDaniel seconded to adjourn. 6-0, motion carried. 8:22pm

Meeting adjourned,

Amie Loreg  
Clerk of the Board of Education 511