

## **REGULAR MEETING – March 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, March 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Guests present were Andrea McDaniel, Payton Waldschmidt, and 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, Head of Transportation reviewed with the board an example of a “Request for Proposal” that will be used for vehicle purchasing. He reported that he and two board members, McDaniel and Traffas, drove to Peabody to look at a bus comparable to what is being discussed for purchase. Deviney also reported to the board that the recent water line break at the concession building was being discussed with the city as the line was requested to be shut off in November for the winter. Deviney will be attending a training that will allow him to sign off on vehicle inspections. Deviney left the meeting at 6:16pm.

Payton Waldschmidt, AHS Junior, met with the board to present her Student Led Conference material so they could see the process. Payton left the meeting at 6:29pm.

Andrea McDaniel, School Nurse, met with the board to ask they reevaluate mitigation procedures. She shared supporting graphs and documentation showing COVID19 case numbers trending down for Harper County. Andrea also touched on the mental health aspects on our student body and staff members. Mr. Sanders also spoke about the original mitigation procedures our school policy followed from KSDE was based on case numbers/percentages.

Goodman moved and McDaniel seconded to amend the agenda to include under New Business f. Fire Marshal as an Informational Item and g. Kansas Bus Purchase Program as an Action Item. 6-0, motion carried.

McDaniel moved and Barrett seconded to accept the agenda as amended. 6-0, motion carried.

McDaniel moved and Peterson seconded to approve the consent agenda. 6-0, motion carried.

Special Education: It was reported that a fire inspection of the building in Medicine Lodge that will house the Life Skills program is being set up.

Curriculum: Mr. Sanders reported that the elementary staff is requesting to update the Wonders and Pathways curriculum. The board asked what content area was next in the most recent curriculum rotation. Nothing was decided at this time.

PDC: The board reviewed the meeting minutes and Mr. Sanders led a discussion about the most recent Professional Learning Day activities.

Technology: Mr. Sanders reported receiving information that this year’s projected REAP Grant allocation will be approximately \$14,000. This grant is applied for yearly in the spring.

Summer Rec: Soccer will be starting soon.

Transportation: Discussed previously with Jack Deviney.

Budget Summary: Reviewed

Wellness Center: The water filling station was installed. Brandie Waldschmidt reported asking for additional sets of keys be made for specific staff members who need access to the various parts of the building. She stated that Cindy Brown, Wellness Center Staff said she would get them made for her.

#### Unfinished Business

Goodman moved and Grigsby seconded to approve the 2021/2022 Calendar as presented by Mr. Sanders. 6-0, motion carried.

McDaniel moved and Peterson seconded to approve the recommended KASB policy updates. 6-0, motion carried. Policies approved were EDDB, GAR, JBE, JGCA, JGCC, JHCAA.

21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Grant Application: Mr. Sanders reported completing and mailing the application.

ESSER II Spending Plan: Mr. Sanders reported that the school is expecting to receive \$90,310 for its portion of the ESSER II funding. This money has very specific criteria how it can be spent and all expenditures are reviewed by a government task force. The funds have to be spent by September 2023.

Food Service Update: Mr. Sanders reported that through the procurement process two food management companies have shown interest, Keystone and Lunchtime Solutions. He discussed the timeline used to select a company with the board.

McDaniel moved and Grigsby seconded to approve the LOB resolution following KSDE recommendations as permanent. 6-0, motion carried.

#### New Business

Goodman moved and McDaniel seconded to approve Jack (Lance) Vandever as an activity driver. 6-0, motion carried.

KSDE Exemplar District: The board reviewed a letter from the state congratulating Attica and Chaparral as Exemplar Districts for their collaboration of the Transition to Career Program.

Lexia Reading Scores: Mr. Sanders reviewed the most recent Lexia scores with the board.

Utility Bills: Mr. Sanders discussed March bills in comparison to last year's bills for electric and gas. He stated that the rise in prices, because of the extreme cold spell in February, is predicted to show on April's bill.

McDaniel moved and Goodman seconded to remove all mitigation procedures effective immediately. 6-0, motion carried.

Fire Marshal: Mr. Sanders presented a letter from the Kansas State Fire Marshal stating that they have approved all plan of corrections.

McDaniel moved and Grigsby seconded to approve the purchase of a 71 passenger conventional school bus from Kansas Truck Equipment for \$89,202 using the Kansas Bus Purchasing Program through Kanza Bank, who offered the lowest interest rate. 6-0, motion carried.

Andrea McDaniel left the meeting at 7:52pm.

Board Comments: McDaniel asked about the change of Valedictorian/Salutatorian Honors. The wording was added to the previously approved change "to sunset with the class of 2024", reinstating the USD's previous policy for these honors.

Administration Reports - Mr. Sanders asked the board to consider including classified staff in the two "Self Care Days" that certified staff receives. A discussion was held. He reported on sending out communication to families and posting on the school Facebook page about the south street, where buses park, being changed to a One Way street from 7:30am to 4:00pm for safety of students. Signs are being ordered and the change is expected to happen after spring break. Mrs. Waldschmidt reported preliminary spring sport numbers – Golf 3 or 4, Junior High Track 21, and High School Track 25. She showed the board a proposed schedule for next year, pointing out the Welding Program will be all day with the exception of one Ag hour and the Auto program will offer Automotive I and Automotive II Programs. A discussion was held about adding Drivers Education to the schedule. Mrs. Waldschmidt reviewed with the board the current policy for Prom/Event/Dance dates as it reads "dates are not to exceed 20 years". She asked the boards opinion of changing the wording after this year to "one year out of high school", the board agreed. Mrs. Waldschmidt reviewed with the board all documentation being sent with seniors that must be completed and returned for them to go their senior trip. Discussions were held about CTE classes and Craft/Carpentry and Nursing Pathways.

McDaniel moved and Peterson 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. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:43pm.

McDaniel moved and Barrett seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss specific individuals 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. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:59pm.

McDaniel moved and Peterson seconded to adjourn. 6-0, motion carried. 9:00pm

Meeting adjourned,

Amie Loreg  
Clerk of the Board of Education 511