

REGULAR MEETING – April 10, 2023

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The Board of Education of USD #511 met in regular session on Monday April 10th, 2023 and was called to order by President Jolene Peterson at 6:00pm. Members present included Brett Traffas, Rogena Grigsby, Roger Goodman, Megan McDaniel, Blaine Blackburn, and Heather Fly. Guests present were Mike Loreg, Ginger Carlisle, Gaten Wood, and Amber Wood. Also present was Superintendent Brandie Waldschmidt, Principal Trisha Moritz, and Clerk of the Board Amie Loreg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

President Jolene Peterson recognized guests.

Ginger Carlisle met with the board to discuss Ag and the importance of the FFA program to the district. She mentioned the opportunities and education received from an FFA chapter. Ginger stated that she was told there was a lack of interest and students were not taking advantage of the Ag class offered, which is necessary to be in an FFA chapter. She disagrees that there is lack of interest and would like to see scheduling for Ag classes during noncore class times as the class offered this year interfered with a core class, making it impossible for some students to take. If nothing else, she is asking the school find out if the students can coop with a neighboring district. Ginger left the meeting at 6:20pm.

Mike Loreg met with the board to discuss the "I Love You Guys" program. The program is for standard response protocol and is a nationally vetted program that can be used by school districts as part of the Crisis Plan. The program is free to districts. It allows for texts, emails, and calls to be generated to staff and parents. Waldschmidt stated that it will help create a universal language for staff to know the level of emergency as well as can alert the public when necessary. Mike left the meeting at 6:38pm.

Something Good: Waldschmidt - good progress is being made toward the updated Crisis Plan.
Grigsby – The play was well attended and performance good.

McDaniel – NHS has 10 inductees, Donkey Basketball games were fun, Jaxon Baird broke a school track record, and Easton Wood placed in the top 30 at the Spelling Bee.

Trisha – Career spotlights are being attended well.

Goodman made a motion and Blackburn seconded to amend the agenda to include g. Resignation Susan Gammill, h. Keystone contract, i. Resignation Kaitlyn West all as Action Items. 7-0, motion carried.

Fly made a motion and McDaniel seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. 7-0, motion carried.

Traffas made a motion and Blackburn seconded to approve the consent agenda. 7-0, motion carried.

Athletic Department: Scotty McCartney, AD, is gathering uniform pricing. Chaparral has asked if there was any interest in Wrestling. Students were polled and the results were: 5 females and 2 males showed interest, 6 of whom will be in high school next year.

Special Education: Goodman spoke about SCKSEC's audit being finished up.

Curriculum: Elementary teachers are piloting ELA curriculums.

Technology: Tech report reviewed.

Summer Recreation: Football uniforms have been purchased with a grant from HCCF. Discussion about rec committees moving away from soccer and adding track programs.

Transportation/Maintenance: Report reviewed. The Coach bus should be live shortly on Purple Wave for bidding. Lights in the Wellness Center storage area have been fixed.

PDC Meeting: Minutes reviewed.

SITE Council: Moritz reported that Site Council is hosting a Family BINGO Night on April 17 and discussed plans the SITE council has made to do for staff appreciation week.

Wellness Center: The gym floor is installed. The LVT flooring is completed in the kitchen and the rubber flooring for the weight room is expected by May1st.

Unfinished Business

Goodman moved and Blackburn seconded to approve the one page calendar 2023/24. 7-0, motion carried.

New Business

Traffas moved and Fly seconded to approve signing the MOU for the "I Love You Guys" to enter into a program agreement. 7-0, motion carried.

Goodman moved and Blackburn seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Mrs. Waldschmidt, Mrs. Moritz and the board. 7-0, motion carried.

Blackburn moved and Grigsby seconded to approve Wyatt Williams for hire as the 2023/24 6-12 Principal. 7-0, motion carried.

Goodman moved and Traffas seconded to approve Cristina Davis for hire as the Counselor for the 2024/24 school year. 7-0, motion carried.

Traffas moved and McDaniel seconded to accept the resignation of Brenda Loreg as Cook effective immediately. 7-0, motion carried. The board extended their gratitude for Mrs. Loreg's years of service.

McDaniel moved and Fly seconded to approve the presented KASB membership and legal fund dues for the 2023/24 school year. 7-0, motion carried.

Foundation Report: Mike Demel looked at the Wellness Center foundation and suggests rerouting down spouts. He reports that adding boots to the drains will move the water far enough away from the building.

Blackburn moved and McDaniel seconded to accept the resignation of Susan Gammill as Cook effective at the conclusion of the school year and summer custodial help effective August 1st. 7-0, motion carried. Gammill expressed continued interest in driving a bus and custodial help if needed.

Keystone Contract: Tabled for more information.

Goodman moved and Fly seconded to accept the resignation of Katlyn West as School Nurse, effective May 8th. 7-0, motion carried.

Items & Comments by Board: McDaniel asked the board about hosting a staff breakfast. She stated that she feels it is important for the board to be seen by staff. All members agreed. Peterson mentioned an email she received about board and budget training if anyone would like to attend. She asked about the web site and calendar updates and how changes are pushed out to parents. There was an issue with a change in track meet times and parents not realizing and showing up after their child's event.

Administration: Moritz reported that May 9th will be the seniors last day and May 15th the 8th graders last day. She is working on the end of year reports for FastBridge to show district growth, mentioned an Art show for Attica senior pieces being held at Larkrise coffee shop, and discussed the Harper police department working with schools for a mental health assistance invitation.

Waldschmidt reported on the FFA. She stated that various Ag classes have been offered but these are dependent on the welding program schedule. She stated that district Ag classes and FFA programs work in conjunction with one another, and our Ag pathways for next year were denied due to lack of students and courses. Waldschmidt says in her research the classes cannot be virtual or college level. She can look at going to a neighboring district however, that could take those hours away from our FTE as the students will be enrolled elsewhere for that/those hours. She will ask about joining another program and survey the students for interest. Waldschmidt discussed a student release day on May 11th due to league track creating a lack of staff; teachers will still report to work on that day. She supplied the board with quotes for paint work from Cooper Traffas through a college summer program. Discussion was held about the shop classes being able to do the exterior work. Ultimately, it was decided to hire C. Traffas' crew to paint the crow's nest, scoreboard and goal posts at the football field, Waldschmidt will contact him. She notified the board of an email she received from Argonia's superintendent, Rustin Clark, asking if there would be any interest in cooping junior high volleyball. After discussion and surveying the board it was decided there was not interest.

Traffas moved and Goodman seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Mrs. Waldschmidt, Mrs. Moritz and the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:39pm. Goodman moved and Blackburn seconded to extend the session for 5 minutes. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:44pm.

Goodman moved and McDaniel seconded to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Mrs. Waldschmidt, Mrs. Moritz, Gaten and Amber Wood and the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:07pm. Traffas moved and Goodman seconded to extend the session for 10 minutes. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:17pm.

Blackburn moved and McDaniel seconded to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Mrs. Waldschmidt, Mrs. Moritz and the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:43pm.

Goodman moved and Blackburn seconded to go into executive session for 20 minutes to consult with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship to protect attorney-client privilege and the public interest with Mrs. Waldschmidt, Mrs. Moritz, KASB Attorney Ashley Rohleder-Webb, and the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 10:05pm.

Goodman moved and Blackburn seconded to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Mrs. Waldschmidt, Mrs. Moritz, Gaten and Amber Wood and the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 10:22pm. McDaniel moved and Goodman seconded to extend the session for 5 minutes. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 10:30pm.

Traffas moved and Blackburn 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 Mrs. Waldschmidt, Mrs. Moritz and the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 10:30pm.

Goodman moved and Traffas seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss student matters exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Mrs. Waldschmidt, Mrs. Moritz and the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 10:36pm.

Goodman moved and Traffas seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable

individual with Mrs. Waldschmidt, Mrs. Moritz and the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 10:45pm.

Traffas moved and Fly seconded to adjourn. 7-0, motion carried. 10:45pm

Meeting adjourned,

Amie Loreg
Clerk of the Board of Education 511