**REGULAR MEETING – September 12, 2022**

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The Board of Education of USD #511 met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2022 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. 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.

Fly made a motion and Goodman seconded to approve the agenda as presented. 7-0, motion carried.

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

Special Education: Goodman stated that new administration and staff at SCKSEC are working to correct errors.

Curriculum: Mrs. Moritz is helping elementary staff to review new ELA curriculum as the current curriculum times out at the end of this school year.

Jack Deviney, Transportation and Maintenance Head, entered the meeting at 6:13pm.

Deviney met with the board to present quotes and discuss necessary parking lot repairs. He also stated that bus inspections were completed, the AC in the Wellness Center had been repaired, the door repair at the Wellness Center was complete, a leak at the baseball field had been fixed, and reported that the coach bus does not have working AC and he can take it to Wichita for repair. Deviney left the meeting a 6:27pm.

Technology: A tech report was reviewed. Waldschmidt stated that 20 Chromebooks and 20 iPads had been ordered with EFC Grant funding, the main router and cloud key were recently replaced, and bandwidth was increased. Waldschmidt also reported that the NFHS camera on the football field is not able to keep up with games because of a pole that obstructs the cameras ability to follow the play. She asked about not keeping that camera as this has been an ongoing issue. The board asked to see if the cameras can be moved, preferred to not do away with.

Summer Recreation: The rec members asked if the school had any available storage space for rec equipment. After discussion it was determined that the school doesn’t have a lot of extra room and that would require giving facility keys out to non-staff members. McDaniel mentioned them looking in a pod container for storage, stating that other towns have them and they work well.

Transportation: Nothing at this time.

Budget Summary of Funds: Nothing at this time.

Wellness Center: Waldschmidt reported that the AC units at the WC might need replaced due to age. After discussion it was determined that they are not as old as the repair company thought.

Unfinished Business

Parking lots: The quotes were discussed. Waldschmidt mentioned also that with this repair, the parking lot is not ADA compliant and needs to be updated. A walkway of some sort needs to be laid from the school to the Wellness Center. She will gather data and prices for the project. The BOE agreed to purchase millings to repair the holes and then spread over with existing rock to take care of repairs until they can figure out the sidewalk portion for ADA compliance.

Split Units/Windows: Waldschmidt showed the board photos of what another district is using for splits. The project would be allowable through ESSER. She also mentioned the cafeteria being so hot and seeing if something similar could be done in there.

Covid Mitigation: Reviewed the most recently approved policy. McDaniel moved and Traffas seconded to keep the policy with the following change: PCR tests will not be administered at the school. If you want to return with a negative PCR it is your responsibility to get and produce the results to the school. 7-0, motion carried.

Custodian: Tabled

Countertop Bids: After discussion it was decided to hold off on the project for now.

Supplemental Positions: Fly moved and McDaniel seconded to approve the list as updated. 7-0, motion carried. The remaining positions are JH Assistant Girls Basketball, Forensics, High School Football, and Powerlifting. A discussion was held about Powerlifting as several kids participate but there is no supplemental pay tied to the position so it’s hard to find a coach. The board agreed to pay a stipend of $250 to generate interest in the open position this year.

New Business

Traffas moved and Fly seconded to approve for hire Claire Jordan as Food Service Director. 7-0, motion carried.

Blackburn moved and Fly seconded to approve for hire Chelsea Casper as a custodial helper until the full time position is filled. 7-0, motion carried.

Blackburn moved and Fly seconded to approve for hire Katlyn West as School Nurse on a part time basis. 7-0, motion carried.

Needs Assessment Review: Waldschmidt presented the Needs Assessment for the BOE to review.

School Sanitary Inspections: Waldschmidt was contacted by the county Health Department about a school sanitary inspection they will need to conduct this year. This is new for the county and district. The Health Department will contact the school when they have more information.

PDC Handbook: First Read

Fly moved and Goodman seconded to approve the 2022/23 Substitute List as presented. 7-0, motion carried.

Items & Comments by Board: Fly mentioned receiving complaints about the removal of the salad bar option in elementary. Mrs. Waldschmidt stated the salad bar was brought back and the removal was a lack in understanding of how the food was invoiced. When she removed the bar it was because a rep from Keystone, the food supplier, mentioned the cost of the waste. After discovering that the district is invoiced by meal counts and not individual items she reinstated the salad bar. Goodman asked if the coolers in the kitchen are staying cool enough as years past there have issues with them getting too hot in the room they are in. Mrs. Waldschmidt said she will look into the temperatures and see if there is a way to cool the room by plumbing air from the classroom on the same wall. Blackburn asked about selling the small lot to the east of the practice field. It was decided to advertise for sale by sealed bids.

Administration: Mrs. Waldschmidt stated that she was contacted by Kiowa to ask interest in a football cooperative. The board was uninterested as we are in a cooperative agreement with Argonia. She mentioned that one student is running cross country with Chaparral’s team, $200 classroom budgets for next year, school bus titles, and ran some ESSER funding ideas by the board including: Split units, automatic doors, ADA compliant sidewalk, and intercom system as well as possible salaries that could be supported with the funds.

Mrs. Moritz presented the board with some of the things she has been working on with the school theme “Change Makers”, stated that NHS is starting a hat fundraiser to help with the improvements that the city is doing at the small ball diamond. She mentioned some teachers and community members who are implementing ideas this year for student: Art teacher, Bonny Giesen is starting a Pep Club that will also allow students to play instruments. Third grade teacher, Kristina Bramwell will be having a “Kindness Club” again this year, Eck Agency is giving a weekly Eck-cellence award that is teacher/coach nominated and will rotate on a weekly basis for students in high school, junior high school, elementary, and athletics/activities.

Mrs. Waldschmidt reminded the board that on Monday, September 19th there is Special Meeting for the Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing.

Mrs. Waldschmidt also wanted to address something she forgot in her previous report. There was discussion of allowing hats on campus and she decided that since the no hat rule was in the student handbook and it had been approved previously, the discussion could be revisited for next year’s handbook, but this year the decision has been made. Mrs. Moritz spoke up that she asked the JH and HS staff their opinions on the subject because she was the only one making them remove their hats. She reported that two teachers were not in favor of allowing hats while others had no issue with it. The board asked about teachers wearing hats in the building when the students aren’t allowed to. Mrs. Waldschmidt stated that not allowing anyone to would keep her from having to fight the issue. A discussion was held about who should be enforcing the dress code rules. It was determined that enforcement of rules should be done by any staff member who sees rules being violated. Mrs. Moritz stated that her feeling like she was only one enforcing the rule was what started the conversation. McDaniel spoke up that an email that was sent pertaining this issue, was not received well by staff, stating that she had received several calls from staff upset.

Fly moved and Blackburn seconded to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss specific persons pursuant to the 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 8.18pm. Fly moved and Grigsby seconded to extend the session for 20 minutes. Meeting to resume at 8:38pm.

McDaniel moved and Goodman 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 confidentially of its negotiation position and the public interest with Mrs. Waldschmidt, Mrs. Moritz and the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:47pm.

Traffas moved and Goodman seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss specific student(s) pursuant to the 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 8.53pm.

Goodman moved and Blackburn seconded to adjourn. 7-0, motion carried. 9:04pm

Meeting adjourned,

Amie Loreg Clerk of the Board of Education 511