

# Board of Education Minutes

## UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 511

Date: October 9, 2023

Time: 6:00pm

LIBRARY - 718 N. MAIN ATTICA, KS 67009

### Regular Board of Education Meeting

The board of education met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 2023 and was called to order by President Brett Traffas at 6:00pm. Members in attendance were Rogena Grigsby, Roger Goodman, Christy Mans, Heather Fly, Megan McDaniel, Blaine Blackburn. Also in attendance was Superintendent Brandie Waldschmidt, Clerk of the Board Mandy Traffas and Principal Wyatt Williams. Guests present were Kari O'Riley, Deb Packard, Emily Wadel, Emily and Austin Thompkinson, Kala Westerman, Elizabeth Swingle

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

President Traffas welcomed all the guests.

Elizabeth Swingle and Kala Westerman read aloud letters regarding transportation on the Zenda route. Emily Thompkinson, Deb Packard and Kari O'Riley presented some information to the board regarding some grant money that their daycare coalition was awarded for daycare needs in our county as well as 2 others. These funds were awarded earlier this year but due to recent circumstances they are needing to present a new plan to the state in order to keep the funds. They are hoping to work in conjunction with the school and the Harper County Commissioners to be able to match funds and keep the grant money as daycare is a big need in the community.

Emily & Austin Thompkinson, Deb Packard, and Kari O'Riley exited the meeting at 6:24pm.

Something Good discussion included continued success of the athletic teams, a big thank you to the FACS class for providing over 400 cookies for the site council grandparents day, which was a huge success. There have been many compliments on the meals lately and the turnout for the high school volleyball pink out benefit was once again successful and supported a great cause.

Goodman motioned and Blackburn seconded to amend the agenda. 7-0 motion carried to add F to the agenda for daycare. Fly motioned and Blackburn seconded to adopt the updated agenda. 7-0 motion carried.

McDaniel motioned and Fly seconded to approve the consent agenda. 7-0 motion carried.

Athletic Department-Scotty McCartney reviewed a draft of the new basketball uniforms. Said the players had been helpful in creating and giving opinions on them. They will be trying on for sizes and ordering soon.

Special Education-nothing new to report.

Curriculum - getting ready to order the new reading curriculum for K-5. Currently working to remove items from it that would not be utilized and get a final cost.

Technology - Ray's report updated on the fixing of audio issues in the Wellness Center and the need to update access points throughout the building to correct bouncing internet.

Summer Recreation - haven't met yet.

Transportation/Maintenance - Jack Deviney gave an update on the bus fleet status, grounds upkeep, and reviewed the new proposed Zenda route map.

Jack Deviney and Emily Wadel exited the meeting at 6:40pm.

PDC Meeting - scheduled for this week.

SITE Council Meeting - Grandparents days were a huge success, lots of upcoming events scheduled and still working to get more parent involvement.

Wellness Center - the old scrubber will be repaired for use on the gym floor there and have not gotten a quote back yet on new trophy case doors.

Unfinished Business - Superintendent Waldschmidt revisited the Dream First option of to set up and use "Dash Cards" to be able to use and track grant expenditures as well as eliminate the use of the difficult credit card processes by using our own funds. McDaniel Motioned and Goodman seconded to approve the use of Dash Cards for purchasing purposes. 7-0 motion carried.

New Business - Discussion with the board and the the guests presents regarding the out of district north Zenda route resulted in a compromise for the remainder of the school year in regards to pick up and drop off. It was decided that effective beginning next week through the rest of the year, the morning route will stay the same with a central pick up location, but the afternoon route will drop each student at their individual residences as requested. This will be reviewed at the end of the year to determine how next year will go.

Elizabeth Swingle and Kala Westerman left the meeting at 7:24pm.

Purchase Van - After discussion the board decided not to purchase the older model van that had been looked at. They discussed other options for purchasing added fleet that is needed and has been discussed in the previous years. Brett Traffas and Superintendent will work on specs for a bid sheet for the next meeting to try to get something in the near future.

Custodial Wages - discussed during executive session

Supplementals - The 3rd track position that was occupied by Gordon Heath will be closed as it is no longer needed. The assistant girls junior high basketball position is still open and Mr. McCartney and Mr. Williams will work with input from the coaches to make the decisions on assistant coaches. There was discussion about having board representation at staff interviews as they have been in the past.

School Sanitary Inspection - There were no violations on the school sanitary inspection and the fire marshal report was good with only minor changes that were made the day of.

Attica Daycare Project - After a discussion regarding the daycare grant and presentation from the coalition, it was decided without a business plan in place and more time, it was not something the school could feasibly commit to financially. The hope is that the county commissioners will be able to work with the coalition to keep the grant funds here to provide this much needed service.

Items & Comments by Board Members - The negotiated agreement is signed and on the website and some needs for the ground's maintenance were discussed.

Administrative Reports - Mr. Williams reported fast bridge testing had been completed, manufacturing day was a success, athletics and activities are keeping things busy, and the wrestling cooperative with Chaparral has been given the green light by KSHSAA. KSHSAA is giving us an extension to get the necessary paperwork turned in. Superintendent Waldschmidt stated that licensure did away with PLT test requirement. There was a brief discussion about how ACH's are going to be recorded in the accounting system from now on as well as how petty cash account is handled. There was an update on the date theft insurance was added to the school's policy. Rooms for state volleyball will be booked just in case and was re clarified the district will pay for rooms and food but not for a coach bus. Any donations for such things are always accepted but there is no budget for added transportation.

Mr. Williams left meeting at 8:27pm.

Executive Sessions - Personnel Matters - Goodman moved and Blackburn seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Superintendent Waldschmidt and the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:43 p.m.

At 8:43pm Goodman motioned, Fly seconded to extend executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of an indenfiable individual with Superintendent Waldschmidt and the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:48pm.

Mans motioned and Fly seconded to adjourn the meeting. 7-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjouirn at 8:51p.m.



Mandy Traffas  
Clerk of the Board of Education