

Board of Education Minutes

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 511

Date: November 13, 2023

Time: 6:00pm

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Regular Board of Education Meeting

The board of education met in regular session on Monday, November 13, 2023 and was called to order by President Brett Traffas at 6:01pm. Members in attendance were Roger Goodman, Christy Mans, Heather Fly, Megan McDaniel, and Blaine Blackburn. Board members absent were Rogena Grigsby. Also in attendance was Superintendent Brandie Waldschmidt and clerk of the board, Mandy Traffas. Guests present were transportation director Jack Deviney and Brian Ewing and Jordan Smith with INA Alert.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

President Traffas welcomed all the guests.

Brian Ewing and Jordan Smith from INA Alert were present to summarize the plan for the installation of the purposed intercom system. Superintendent Waldschmidt discussed that all but a small amount of the funds have been received in grants for this system. She is awaiting word on one final grant that was applied for.

Jordan and Brian left meeting at 6:12pm.

Transportation/Maintenance-Jack Deviney summarized the busy month catching up on maintenance around the building now that mowing and extra bus driving has calmed.

Jack Deviney left meeting at 6:22pm.

Something Good discussion including the commencement or successful fall sport seasons and staff Fastbridge training.

Goodman motioned and McDaniel seconded to amend the agenda to add k-kansas teacher retention survey and l-vehicle information, to new business. 6-0, motion carried. Blackburn motioned and Fly seconded to approve the updated agenda. 6-0, motion carried.

Mans motioned and Fly seconded to approve the consent agenda. 6-0 motion carried.

Athletic Department - no updates

Special Education - no updates

Curriculum - The new elementary ELA curriculum has been ordered. Next year, we will update 3-5 Science, Woods, Spanish, Health, and Personal Finance resources. This is on our curriculum rotation.

Technology - no updates

Summer Recreation - no updates

Transportation/Maintenance - (see above prior to Jack Deviney leaving the meeting)

PDC Meeting - Superintendent Waldschmidt stated with a new coordinator it is a work in progress but things are moving along.

SITE Council Meeting - They received a 2,000 grant from the Harper County Community Foundation which was much appreciated. They will hold their family fun night tomorrow night in the gym.

Wellness Center - mirrors have been hung back up and some adjustments need to be made in order to make them look better.

Wyatt Williams entered the meeting at 6:34pm.

Unfinished Business - Further discussion ensued about the need for the board to be involved in staff interviews as they were in the past. No definite decision was reached.

New Business - Superintendent Waldschmidt discussed further the INA Alert system and her desire to go forward with the installation of it since the majority of the funds have been received. McDaniel motioned and Blackburn seconded to proceed with the installation and give permission to use capital outlay if the remaining small amount was not grant covered. 6-0, motion carried.

Mentor Training - Kaitlin Tatro has completed her mentor training and can now be a mentor to our new teachers. The hope is to get a secondary teacher to do the same program so they can be a mentor to our new secondary teachers who may need one.

JBCC Nonresident Enrollment - 1st Read - Reviewed the non-resident enrollment policy that came directly from KASB, that has been altered to fit our specific district. There be be a public hearing held prior to the next regular scheduled board meeting, with a notice published 2 weeks in row. At this hearing the board will vote to adobe this policy. This hearing will take place at 5:50pm on December 11.

Scrubber Quote - the old scrubber in the wellness center cannot be repaired after all without a cost greater than purchasing a new one. The board reviewed a used quote as well as a new one. The board suggested we share the one we have and not purchase a new one.

Kansas STAR Recognition - From the KSDE Star Recognition Program, we were awarded a gold award for our graduation rate and a bronze for post secondary effectiveness, and a commissioners award for our post secondary effective rate. Superintendent Waldshmidt was pleased with these awards and stated it indicates we are making strides in the right direction.

Resignations - McDaniel motioned and Fly seconded to accept the resignation of Vanessa Keeler. 6-0, motion carried.

Hires - Mans motioned and Blackburn seconded to hire Carla Davis as a cook. 6-0, motion carried.

Destruction of Records After 7 Years - Superintendent recommend the destruction of a large number or records in our storage that are well beyond the destroy date. Mans motioned and Blackburn seconded to arrange for the destruction of old records that are able to be destroyed. 6-0, motion carried.

Staff Handbook - 1st Read - Reviewed and made some revisions on the staff handbook. This was created from the finding of an old version and updating it. Will be put back on the agenda for approval once the revisions have been made.

Superintendent Contract - Goodman motioned and Fly seconded to approve the superintendent's contract. 6-0, motion carried.

Educate Kansas Techer Retention Survey - This will be sent out to teaching staff for the data to be reviewed by the Educate Kansas Staff and then forwarded to Mrs. Waldschmidt for district review.

Vehicle Information - some leasing and purchasing options were discussed for a district suburban. Will look into some other options on leasing and come back with more numbers and options. The need is great to have another district vehicle by the time track season has reached us.

Items & Comments by Board Members - Discussed KASB doing a policy review as well as establishing short and long term goals before it's time to do the budget each year in order to try to to accomplish those things more efficiently. The fixing of the trophy case doors in the wellness center is still being looked into by a new contractor. Another contactor has been out about encasing the mini split units on the backside of the building and we are awaiting a bid. The new Zenda route seems to working out well and wrestling with Chaparral is moving forward with a few kids involved this year.

Administrative Reports - Wyatt Williams gave an update on the search for Ag teacher and recruiting from colleges. Superintendent Waldschmidt discussed the non resident hearing will be next month, information on bus and building leases was given, MTSS is scheduled to roll out in the secondary end during second semester. An update that JH/HS volleyball is scheduled for new uniforms next school year. KESA requirements have changed and as long as we stay up on our goals and progress, we will remain accredited. An update on our audit and what to expect from it keeping in mind that these audits are on past practives and not the ones that have already been implemented for this year and that will still need put into place.

Wyatt Williams left at 7:49pm.

Executive Sessions - Personnel Matters - Blackburn moved and Fly seconded to go into executive session for 5 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. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 7:55pm.

At 7:58pm Goodman motioned and Mans seconded to extend executive session to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Superintendent Waldschmidt and the board. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:23p.m. Fly motioned and Blackburn seconded to adjourn the meeting. 6-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourn at 8:27pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mandy Traffas', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Mandy Traffas
Clerk of the Board