

Board of Education Minutes

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 511

Date: June 10, 2024

Time: 6:00pm

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Regular Board of Education Meeting

The board of education met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2024 and was called to order by President Brett Traffas at 6:00 pm. Members in attendance were Roger Goodman, Lynda Newberry, Heather Fly, Megan McDaniel, Blaine Blackburn and Trisha Moritz virtually. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brandie Waldschmidt, Clerk of the Board, Mandy Traffas as well as AD Scott McCartney, Cheri Ricke with Eck Agency and Caleb Good with Conrade Insurance Group.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all those in attendance.

President Traffas welcomed the guests.

Wyatt Williams entered the meeting at 6:01 pm.

Athletic Director Scotty McCartney discussed the status of the ordering of new high school volleyball jerseys, style, rough cost, and timeline as it needs to be done in June to ensure the best chance of arriving in time. The board was in agreeance to proceed with the order once artwork is agreed upon, if under \$2400, in order to keep things moving. The junior high jerseys will be ordered in July. He informed the board that the league dues will be going up from \$1750 to \$2400 for the upcoming year.

Scotty McCartney left the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Caleb Good with Conrade Insurance Group reviewed their insurance group and quote for the 24/25 school year. Cheri Ricke with Eck Agency went over their insurance quote for the upcoming school as well. She discussed that our rate decreased as a result of the square footage quoted being incorrect when compared to what the County had on file. Cheri indicated a refund for this year's policy being overcharged due to this error will be coming.

Cheri Ricke and Caleb Good left the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Goodman motioned and Fly seconded to amend the agenda to add under new business "S. Hire JH track Coach", "T. Insurance Renewal." 7-0, motion carried.

Fly motioned and McDaniel seconded to adopt the agenda. 7-0, motion carried.

Review of checks, cash summaries, and minutes of previous meetings as well as a review of how the end of year funds are looking and potential transfers that will be made. Goodman motioned and Blackburn motioned to approve the consent agenda. 7-0, motion carried.

Athletic Department - see above

Special Education - Superintendent Waldschmidt discussed that legislation approved extra money for special education for the upcoming year, but we are also looking for assessments to increase as well based on some funding cuts so the additional money it would add is not certain at this time.

Curriculum - nothing

Technology - nothing

Summer Recreation - nothing

Transportation/Maintenance - The maintenance sheet was reviewed, gave a review of the bus fleet that is in shop for repairs and which ones are going to time out for service in next few years along with increasing handicap needs. We did not get E-Bus grant and are on a waiting list. The chances are slim to receive one at this time.

PDC Meeting - nothing

SITE Council Meeting - Doing a teacher "giving tree" project over the summer for classroom needs that can be supplied by the community.

Wellness Center - none

Keystone Contract - Was approved by the state and now needs reapproval as the state approval must precede board approval. Newberry motioned and Blackburn seconded to approve the contact with Keystone Food Service to take over our food program. 7-0, motion carried.

SC KS Career Pathway MOU - Medicine Lodge did decide to pull out of the welding program, however, they will be left in the MOU for this year in case they decide differently, but will not be charged if they do not send any students to the program. Blackburn motioned and Fly seconded to approve the SC KS Pathway MOU. 7-0, motion carried.

T2C MOU - Reviewed and went over a few adjustments. Newberry motioned and Fly seconded to approve the T2C MOU. 7-0, motion carried.

Expectation/Short-Term Goals - The board went over dates that would potentially work for them to schedule the KASB Goals/Expectations with the board, new Superintendent Daugaard and Gary Sechrist with KASB. President Traffas will get with Gary and report a final date/time back to the board. He asked that everyone have goals and topics prepare for this meeting.

Hire Summer Help - Newberry motioned and Blackburn seconded to approve the hire of Monte Miller for summer help. 7-0, motion carried.

HS Asst. Volleyball Coach Resignation - McDaniel motioned and Newberry seconded to approve the resignation of Lance Vandever as high school assistant volleyball coach. 7-0, motion carried.

JH Head Girls Basketball Coach Resignation - Fly motioned and Blackburn seconded to approve the resignation of Lance Vandever as junior high girls basketball coach. 7-0, motion carried.

JH Head Track Coach Resignation - Newberry motioned and Fly seconded to approve the resignation of Lance Vandevener as junior high head track coach. 7-0, motion carried.

8th Grade Class Sponsor Resignation- Newberry motioned and Blackburn seconded to approve the resignation of Robin Ybarra as 8th grade class sponsor. 7-0, motion carried.

JH Head Volleyball Coach Resignation - Fly motioned and Newberry seconded to approve the resignation of Scotty McCartney as head junior high girls volleyball coach. 7-0, motion carried.

Hire JH Head Volleyball Coach - Goodman motioned and Newberry seconded to approve Emily Wadel as head junior high girls volleyball coach. 7-0, motion carried.

Visa Card Changes - Blackburn motioned and Fly seconded to remove Brandie Waldschmidt as an authorized business officer on the Visa accounts and add Daryl Daugaard in place of as well as cancel her card and get a new one in his name, as of July 1st, 2024. 7-0, motion carried.

Activity Checking Account Changes - Blackburn motioned and McDaniel seconded to remove Brandie Waldschmidt from the activity checking account and add new superintendent Daryl Daugaard as of 7-1. 7-0, motion carried.

Needs Assessment/State Assessment Review - Went over a detailed review of the state assessment scores and how to read the graphs. The DLT is diving deeply into this data to try to target the causes behind those that are not reaching the standards. The board requested an update each month into the research and their findings so they can see the work being done to help find a solution to this issue. Superintendent Waldschmidt reviewed the needs assessment that is ready to go for this next year.

KASB Policy Updates - 1st Read - 1st read on the new policies that will be coming out. Will plan to adopt at the July board meeting.

Staff Handbook - 1st Read - Reviewed updates being suggested to the staff handbook.

Parent/Student Handbook - 1st Read - reviewed changes suggested to the parent/student handbook.

Classified Work Agreement - Review of the work agreement form that Mandy worked with KASB attorney David Cunningham on. This form will be used as a standard for all non-certified staff. Newberry motions and Fly seconded to approve the classified work agreement form. 7-0, motion carried.

Bank Balances - Superintendent Waldschmidt reviewed with the board a spreadsheet comparing from monthly bank balances over the last 3 years.

JBCC Updated Policy - The policy was updated to reflect a June 15th deadline for applications. The board will leave it as June 30th for this school year only and will follow the June 15th deadline moving forward. Also gave an updated definition of a student in good standing and information on the appeals process. Newberry motioned and Blackburn seconded to adopt the updated JBCC policy. 7-0, motion carried.

Nonresident Student Application - Blackburn motioned and Fly seconded to approve the updated nonresident student application form. 7-0, motion carried.

Hire Junior High Track Coach - Blackburn motioned and McDaniel seconded to approve Tavia Hart as the head junior high track coach. 7-0, motion carried.

Insurance Renewal - Newberry motioned and McDaniel seconded to approve the Eck Agency/EMC Policy for our insurance for the upcoming year with the amount of coverage pending on the requested risk assessment to ensure proper coverage. 7-0, motion carried.

Items & Comments by Board Members - Asked for professional headshots for school new staff posts and for an update on coverings for mini splits.

Administrative Reports - Principal Williams stated State track was successful for our athletes. Superintendent Waldschmidt went over the following items: Asked the board about paint color for the cafeteria. It was decided it would be painted a shade of gray lighter than the beams in there. A lift will be rented from an insured business to complete that project as well as the gym ceiling cleaning. The evidentiary hearing on the previous board clerk theft case is set for July 1 at 2:00 pm at the Harper County Courthouse and is open to the public. The deed transfer is done on the sale of the lot, base aid is increasing from \$5088 to \$5378. With Medicine Lodge pulling out of the welding program they came and took 2 welders but left the rest. There are over 200 instruments that need sold. The board decided they'd like to look into an auction being done for these and not sale them individually in order to keep it fair. Athletic passes will be going up due to raised gate prices.

Cheri Ricke entered meeting 8:35 pm to further answer questions about the EMC policy coverage.

Cheri Ricke left the meeting at 8:47 pm.

Newberry motioned and Blackburn seconded to go into executive sessions for 10 minutes with Superintendent Waldschmidt and Principal Williams to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the board's representative or representatives in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position, and the public interest. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:15 pm.

Newberry motioned and Goodman seconded to extend the executive session for 10 minutes. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:26 pm.

Goodman motioned and Blackburn seconded to go into executive session for 10 minutes with Superintendent Waldschmidt and Principal Williams to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of an individual. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:42 pm.

Goodman motioned and Newberry seconded to adjourn. 7-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm.

Mandy Traffas

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mandy Traffas', written in a cursive style.

Clerk of the Board