

Board of Education Minutes

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 511

Date: February 12, 2025

Time: 6:00pm

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Regular Board of Education Meeting

The board of education met in regular session on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 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, and Blaine Blackburn. Also in attendance were Superintendent Daryl Daugaard, Clerk of the Board Mandy Traffas, Principal Wyatt Williams, AD Scotty McCartney, and Transportation Director Jack Deviney.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Transportation/Maintenance - Jack Deviney updated that the cables have been run and the cameras are up in the wellness center and ready to be connected. The glass rollers have been repaired on the trophy case at the wellness center as well and the glass piece put back in. The Purple Wave auction closes on the 18th for the charter bus and the high school gym floor repair is on schedule for spring break. The two mini split outdoor covers just arrived this week for the new hallway mini splits, which do seem to be helping combat the cold in the elementary hallways pretty well.

Jack left the meeting at 6:02 pm.

Athletic Department - Scotty McCartney reviewed the football uniform quote with the board as well as information about the pole vault coach interest. He reviewed the potential of hosting some post-season basketball games and discussed some variables for the State tournament which is in Colby this year.

Scotty left the meeting at 6:06 pm.

Something Good - Items mentioned were the mini cheerleaders performance at the home game this week-great job to the high school cheerleaders and coach for putting that on, Kevin Alexander coming to speak to the 3rd grade about managing money and how a bank works, and the Kindess Club learning how to write a thank you card.

Amend/Adopt Agenda - Blackburn motioned and Fly seconded to adopt the agenda. 6-0, motion carried.

Approve Consent Agenda - Review of cash summaries, checks and the previous minutes. Goodman motioned and Blackburn seconded to approve the consent agenda. 6-0, motion carried.

Special Education - Nothing new to report.

Curriculum - Nothing new to report.

Technology - Nothing new to report.

Summer Recreation/Wellness Center - The new switches have yet to be installed in wellness center in bathrooms and for the gym. Awaiting Eck Services to complete this so that once the cameras are functioning card members using the bathroom and gym will not have issues with lighting being left on/off.

PDC Meeting - Meeting next week.

SITE Council Meeting - Nothing new to report.

District Leadership Team (DLT) - The team recently went to training where they reviewed our KESA plan and the focus remains this year on curriculum alignment and the expectations for our staff as we work towards that.

2025-2026 School Calendar - Superintendent Daugaard reviewed the two calendar options and informed the board of the one that received the most votes from staff, after getting their input. McDaniel motioned and Newberry seconded to approve option #1 as the 2025-2026 district calendar. 6-0, motion carried.

Pole Vault Coach - After discussion, the board decided at this time they do not see need to add an extra position for a pole vault track coach.

State Basketball Lodging - The logistics of this will be left to the coaches and administration to handle and decide on.

HS Football Uniforms - The board reviewed and discussed the football uniform mock up. Fly motioned and Newberry seconded to approve the purchase of the uniforms, excluding the red pants. 6-0, motion carried.

Crisis Response Plan - Mr. Daugaard recently met with Mike Loreg to discuss getting back on track with updating our Crisis Response Plan as well as put a crisis response team back together and get some more focus on crisis drills. Will be using an upcoming PD day to discuss crisis drills and some training on more of this into the next school year as well.

Playground Usage by Daycare - Discussion about the new daycare across the street's inquiring to use the school playground. Newberry motioned and Blackburn seconded to approve the use of our playground by the daycare during non-school hours only. 6-0, motion carried.

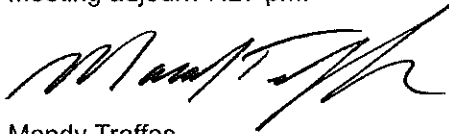
JH/HS daily Schedule - Mr. Williams discussed the staff inquiring about the changing our bell schedule back to 3 minute passing periods. Will table at this time.

Items & Comments by Board Members - President Traffas gave an update about the situation with the company who was handling the instrument sale "disappearing" and attempts to reach them by Mr. Daugaard and himself have failed. Will soon be filing a theft report with local authorities. He also discussed the resignation of school board member Trisha Moritz and conversation about getting the seat advertised as open. Mr. Daugaard will get it advertised for handling at a future board meeting.

Administrative Reports - Mr. Williams discussed several items. Senior Carter Swingle was selected to play in 8-M Man All Star Game which will be on June 7th. DLT is discussing ways to motivate secondary kids to work hard to perform well on their state assessments. We had two new paras start in the past week, and recently in the sped meeting para pay was a topic of conversation as a factor in the difficulty in the retention of paras. The junior high boys will play in the league championship game tomorrow evening and he wanted to praise our fan behavior this season. He stated they have been trying new ways to get students motivated each morning and have been playing music over the PA prior to morning announcements and pledge, and thanked STUCO and sponsors for putting on another successful Homecoming Tailgate day. He indicated they are working on the master schedule and hope to have that completed preliminarily by spring break with pre-enrollment to follow not long after that. Mr. Dugaard stated the elementary teaching position is open but at this time no interviews have been scheduled. He also stated that the junior high math position would be relisted pending the outcome of an upcoming praxis test. He indicated he is planning to attend a teacher fair in March at Emporia State as well. Teacher evaluations and observations are almost done and will be working on classified evaluations before year is up, for full-time classified staff.

Goodman motioned and Newberry seconded to adjourn. 6-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourn 7:27 pm.

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

Mandy Traffas
Clerk of the Board