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**MONDAY, June 8, 2020
6:30 PM**

Call to Order: President Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

I. Roll Call

Board Member	In Person	via Phone	via Zoom	ABSENT
Abell, Justin	X			
Labes, Dr. Bruce	X			
Nelson, Brigitte	X			
Parks, Jason	X			
Shanks, Tammy	X			
Shupe, Richard	X			
Travis, Becki			X	

Others Present: Superintendent, Chris Vignery, Board Clerk, Kim Shafer. Principals: Patricia Anderson, Terry Moeckel, Ryan Mortimer. Patrons: Justin Reed (Zoom)

II. Additions to and Adoption of the Agenda

Justin Abell moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Bruce Labes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

III. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented made by Jason Parks, seconded by Tammy Shanks. **Motion carried 7-0.**

IV. Reports and Comments of Principals, Committees, and Visitors

Pat Anderson had submitted her written report for board review. Mrs. Anderson added that she had met with grade level teams, Special Ed and Title teachers to discuss summer learning packets, summer maintenance, and professional development.

Terry Moeckel had submitted his written report. Mr. Moeckel highlighted on the continuous learning plan, proposed accelerated paths for math, ELA, and Science, summer school, and driver's ed. Handbook changes are mostly complete; however, he would like to readdress this matter at the July meeting.

Dr. Labes stepped out of the meeting at 6:55 pm, returning at 6:56 pm.

Ryan Mortimer reported that he has met with the coaches trying to formulate a plan. Practices started last week -- coaches are keeping things split up for precautionary reasons but are seeing about 100 kids per day. Looking at orders for 20-21, and the activities calendar.

V. Report of Superintendent

- Nurse's End of Year Report. A copy of the report was provided to the board for their review.
- State Funds. We should receive \$200,000 into our general fund, but about 30% will go to the COOP next year for assessment fee.
- Kansas Legislation. The state Board of Education will be the entity who chooses whether or not schools will be in session. The Governor may give her recommendations, but it will take a majority vote to shut schools down.

VI. Old Business

- a. Synthetic Turf Update. Superintendent Vignery stated that the contract has been received from the contractor. Member Shupe asked about plans for potential turf replacement in 10-15 years, insurance to cover the field, etc. Mr. Vignery addressed the questions with potential future funds being set aside in capital outlay and renewal of our insurance in the fall. Mr. Vignery indicated that, due to Mr. Bateman's hard work and affinity to his alum, we will be getting a Division 1 level, top notch product for our field. Mr. Vignery asked for a motion to approve the contract, as the allotment had already received board approval. Motion to approve the Synthetic Turf Agreement made by Justin Abell seconded by Jason Parks. **Motion carried 7-0.**
- b. Curriculum Update. A few more descriptions have been added and were part of the board packet. A discussion ensued regarding continuity of format – some have descriptions, some don't; some have standards, some don't; some show a reference to a specific textbook chapter, but in the event of a publisher change, what would be the result. Also discussed was letter grades vs. standard based grading, which would take more than a year to address it with staff, if the district decides to move that way.

Dr. Labes exited the meeting at 7:16 pm, returning at 7:18 pm.

VII. New Business

- a. 2019-2020 Budget Close Out Motion. Brigitte Nelson moved that the Superintendent of Schools be allowed to expend the 2019-2020 legal maximum general fund budget and the 2019-2020 legal maximum local option budget. The Superintendent is directed to transfer dollars as available to the appropriate funds and to make necessary purchases for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with the available funds. Motion seconded by Dr. Bruce Labes. **Motion carried 7-0.**
- b. Handbook Changes. Discussion was held on the proposed changes for 2020-2021, which were summarized and provided to the board in board packets. Member Shupe suggested that the names of some of the board members need to be changed, and member Nelson indicated the meeting time of the board be corrected, all on page 4. Motion to approve the Minneapolis Grade School handbook with changes to page 4 as noted, the balance as presented. Motion made by Jason Parks, seconded by Tammy Shanks. **Motion carried 7-0.** Changes to the Minneapolis Jr-Sr High School handbook were highlighted with junior high eligibility to be discussed next month. No action taken.
- c. 2020-2021 Enrollment Fees. Fees presented are the same as last year. Motion to approve the 2020-2021 enrollment fees as presented made by Tammy Shanks, seconded by Jason Parks. **Motion carried 7-0.**
- d. Executive Session: Negotiations. At 7:30 pm, Tammy Shanks made the following motion: Madame President, I move that we go into executive session, to include Superintendent Vignery, to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract, and that we return to open session in this room at 7:46 pm. Dr. Bruce Labes seconded the motion. **Motion carried 7-0.** Principals

were excused. Superintendent Vignery announces to Justin Reed, via Zoom, that the board was entering executive session and broadcasting was to be temporarily suspended.

The board returned to open session at 7:46 pm.

At 7:46 pm, Tammy Shanks made the following motion: Madame President, I move that we go into executive session, to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract, and that we return to open session in this room at 8:00 pm. Jason Parks seconded the motion. **Motion carried 7-0.** Superintendent Vignery remained in executive session, and announced to Justin Reed to suspend broadcasting until the board returns to open session.

Dr. Bruce Labes exited executive session and the meeting at 7:48 pm.

The board returned to open session at 8:00 pm.

At 8:00 pm, Tammy Shanks moved to continue executive session for negotiations until 8:15 pm, seconded by Rick Shupe. **Motion carried 6-0.** Superintendent Vignery announces to Justin Reed to again suspend broadcasting. Principal Anderson was excused from the meeting.

The board returned to open session at 8:15 pm, with no action taken.

- e. Executive Session: Non-Elected Personnel. None
- f. Employee Resignation(s). None.
- g. Employee Confirmation(s). Superintendent Vignery announced that we have an employee confirmation to approve and added that he had agreed to be a junior high assistant football coach and a junior high track assistant, which can be with one motion. Member Shupe asked if he was the best candidate. At that time Mr. Vignery interrupted and announced discussion of personnel called for executive session.

At 8:15 pm, Rick Shupe made the following motion: Madame President, I move that we go into executive session, to include Superintendent Vignery, to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed under KOMA, and that we return to open session in this room at 8:30 pm. Justin Abell seconded the motion. **Motion carried 6-0.** Superintendent Vignery announces to Justin Reed that the board was entering executive session and broadcasting was to be temporarily suspended.

The board returned to open session at 8:30 pm. President Nelson announced that a motion for employee confirmation was needed. Motion to approve Garrett Galanski as Minneapolis Grade School K-6 PE/Health teacher, as well as, Assistant JH Track and Assistant JH Football Coach. Tammy Shanks seconded the motion. **Motion carried 6-0.**

- h. July 13, 2020 Agenda Items.

Superintendent Vignery asked the board if they felt the need to continue with Zoom meetings. If so, perhaps purchasing the necessary equipment was in order. Member Parks suggested the cost be looked at and perhaps a survey to find out the public's response. Mr. Vignery will report.

Mr. Vignery indicated that classified and admin salary considerations would be addressed at the July meeting. Member Parks expressed his desire to look at other boards' 1, 3 and 5-year plans. Mr. Vignery will gather the information and will report to the board.

Superintendent Vignery advised the board that there are several items taken care of at the July organizational meeting – newspaper gets approved, attorney, etc.

Member Shupe interjected that he will be writing a letter to the governor and others with regard to the Ruman panic, sending also to KASB, that come Thanksgiving he doesn't want to expect the schools to close for any reason. Mr. Shupe asked if the school board would make a decision and sign onto or do a letter to the KASB from the school board.

July 13 Agenda Items:

- MJSHS 2020-2021 Handbook
- Budget Close Out Motion
- Pre-School

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:38 pm, Jason Parks moved that the meeting be adjourned. Tammy Shanks seconded the motion.
Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Kim Shafer, USD 239 Board Clerk

Brigitte Nelson, USD 239 Board President