

The Hartshorne Board of Education met in regular session Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Harold Latham Media Center, 520 S. 5th Street, Hartshorne, OK.

Board Members present were: Randy Wilcox, president; Todd Barrier, vice-president; Thomas Grippando, clerk; Ira Brinlee, assistant clerk; and Michael O'Kelley, member.

Others present were: Superintendent Jason Lindley, Jan Cowen and Debbie Ott.

Following the flag salute, President Wilcox read the open meeting law statement and took roll call.

During new business, Superintendent Lindley stated he received a request that afternoon from the City of Hartshorne representative to use a school facility for their upcoming council meeting due to their building undergoing mold removal and the temporary facility not being adequate size for a larger gathering.

Motion by Wilcox, second by O'Kelley, to approve the City of Hartshorne to use a school facility for their council meeting. Vote: Barrier, yes; Brinlee, yes; Grippando, yes; O'Kelley, yes; Wilcox, yes.

Motion by Wilcox, second by O'Kelley to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 2, 2020. Vote: Barrier, yes; Brinlee, yes; Grippando, yes; O'Kelley, yes; Wilcox, yes.

Fundraiser presented for approval was from Michael Martin for the softball team to sell from Fan Cloth website to raise funds for softball equipment and supplies.

Motion by Barrier, second by Brinlee to approve the fundraiser as submitted for the softball team. Vote: Barrier, yes; Brinlee, yes; Grippando, yes; O'Kelley, yes; Wilcox, yes.

There were no building requests scheduled for approval at time of posting of agenda.

Superintendent Lindley and Jan Cowen presented the operating budgets for all funds.

Motion by Wilcox, second by O'Kelley, to approve the Operating Budgets for general fund, building fund, bond fund and sinking fund for 2020-2021 school year. Vote: Barrier, yes; Brinlee, yes; Grippando, yes; O'Kelley, yes; Wilcox, yes.

Motion by Barrier, second by Brinlee to approve the resignation of Kathryn Jennings as District Treasurer effective February 26, 2021. Vote: Barrier, yes; Brinlee, yes; Grippando, yes; O'Kelley, yes; Wilcox, yes.

Superintendent Lindley recommended the employment of Rhonda McCullar as District Treasurer to replace Jennings who has resigned.

Motion by O'Kelley, second by Brinlee to approve Rhonda McCullar as District Treasurer. She will be sworn in at the January 2021 board meeting. Vote: Barrier, yes; Brinlee, yes; Grippando, yes; O'Kelley, yes; Wilcox, yes.

Superintendent Lindley informed the board Covid-19 leave would expire December 31, 2020, as would the 10 days Emergency Leave the Board had approved for Covid-19. He also stated that as of today there was no new legislation to address Covid-19 leave for 2021. A discussion followed.

Motion by Wilcox, second by O'Kelley to add 10 days additional Covid-19 Emergency Leave to the District employees to finish out 2020. Vote: Barrier, yes; Brinlee, yes; Grippando, yes; O'Kelley, yes; Wilcox, yes.

Motion by O'Kelley, second by Grippando, to table the discussion and vote regarding Covid-19 emergency leave days for 2021. Vote: Barrier, yes; Brinlee, yes; Grippando, yes; O'Kelley, yes; Wilcox, yes.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS ON SCHOOL RELATED ITEMS:

O'Kelley asked Ott about a Christmas program/play for the elementary students this year. Ott informed the board she, along with staff, was planning to surprise parents with a video/virtual Christmas program from the students. She assured the program was in the works but they would not be able to have it face-to-face this year.

Lindley addressed the band and vocal program problems.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Lindley informed the board the Covid rule for basketball players, Semester tests, as well as answered members' concerns.

Motion by O'Kelley, second by Grippando to approve the October Treasurer's Report. Vote: Barrier, yes; Brinlee, yes; Grippando, yes; O'Kelley, yes; Wilcox, yes.

Motion by Wilcox, second by O'Kelley to approve the October Activity Fund Report. Vote: Barrier, yes; Brinlee, yes; Grippando, yes; O'Kelley, yes; Wilcox, yes.

Motion by Barrier, second by Brinlee to approve purchase orders #1 through #278 in the amount of \$34,000.57 from the general fund and purchase orders #1 through #26 in the amount of \$7,033.63 from the building fund. Vote: Barrier, yes; Brinlee, yes; Grippando, yes; O'Kelley, yes; Wilcox, yes.

Motion by Grippando, second by Barrier to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Barrier, yes; Brinlee, yes; Grippando, yes; O'Kelley, yes; Wilcox, yes.

Randy Wilcox-President

Jan Cowen-Minutes Clerk

Todd Barrier-Vice-President

Thomas Grippando-Clerk

Ira Brinlee-Assistant Clerk

Michael O'Kelley-Member