

**REPUBLIC COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #109
BOARD OF EDUCATION UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**

MONDAY, April 10, 2017
Administration Office

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Republic County Unified School District No. 109 was held at the administration office on April 10, 2017. Board members present: Clay Siemsen, Brian McCartney, Chris Pachta, Loisann Brown, Daryl Rieke, Clay Aurand and Kevin Milner. Also present were Board Clerk Darice Wilkinson, Superintendent Mike Couch, Principals Alan Sheets and Katie Struebing, Guests present as registered.

The meeting was called to order by Clay Siemsen at 7:30 p.m. with seven (7) board members present.

Additions/Adoption of Agenda. Additions: Consent Agenda D3: Accept \$7500 donation from Kathleen Schwarz for six \$1250 scholarships to be presented at May senior awards night.
Consent Agenda D4: Accept \$25 Paul Haase Memorial from David Black

Motion was made by Daryl Rieke and seconded by Chris Pachta to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0..

Approval of Payment of Claims. Mike Couch went over the list of checks for payment to be approved.

A motion was made by Brian McCartney and seconded by Clay Aurand to approve the payment of claims for \$184,109.32 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Consent Agenda.

Motion was made Daryl Rieke and seconded by Loisann Brown to approve the consent agenda items as amended:

1. Approved Regular BOE Minutes of March 13 and the Special BOE Minutes of March 27th and 28th, 2017
2. Acknowledged Thank You from David Kadavy
3. Accepted \$7500 Donation from Kathleen Schwarz for six \$1250 scholarships to be presented at May senior awards night
4. Accepted \$25 Paul Haase Memorial from David Black

Motion carried 7-0.

Comments of Republic County U.S.D. #109 Patrons. There were no comments from patrons.

Student Council Report. Grant White and Brittany MacLean gave the student council report. Grant White and Jaycee Blazek were elected to be the 2017-2018 Student Council President and Vice President.

Administrative Reports:

Technology Director, Mike Chaput. Written report provided. In addition to the report, Mike Chaput noted the following items:

- 10th Grade has been added to 1:1 initiative and tech committee will consider adding the 9th grade
- Phased out Lenovo laptops to chromebooks which are cheaper and easier to maintain
- Added 5 iPads each for grades K-2
- Added 24 chromebooks in a cart at East Elementary – using for testing

- Using eRate funds for upgrading tech equipment such as switches, access points, and wireless bridges – eRate will pay 80% of the cost
- Considering switching content filter July 1 – testing alternative through April 21
- Upgrading 48 computers in the Jr. Sr. High School Library and DLN Labs
- Republic County Schools app for iPhones/smartphones
- eNotes app for teachers to send reminders on assignments

Elementary Principal Katie Struebing. Written report presented at meeting. Katie Struebing noted the following:

- enrollment was up 10 from previous year at the same time
- 2017-2018 Kindergarten numbers are around 38 at present time

RCJSHS Principal, Alan Sheets. Written report provided. Mr. Sheets praised the staff for “stepping up” and covering for each other and taking on extra duties during what has been a difficult year for many.

Activities Director, Brad Couture. Brad Couture provided the board members with a written report which gave updates on the spring sports and the 2A State Powerlifting meet.

Superintendent, Mike Couch. Written report provided. Mr. Couch discussed the following in addition to written report:

- Social Studies Textbook Adoption
- State testing
- Also praised staff for making it a successful year in spite of difficulties

Board Member Items.

Legislative Update. Clay Aurand provided the board with the legislative update noting that the funding formula for schools may not be as much as proposed if a tax package is not also passed.

Business Items and Reports:

1. **Disposal of Wrestling Mat.** Mr. Couch stated that he has listed a wrestling mat for sale on the superintendent’s listserv and may list it for sale in other media.

Daryl Rieke made a motion to approve the disposal of a wrestling mat at the superintendent’s discretion. Kevin Milner seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

2. **Republishing Budget.** Mr. Couch explained that the district needs to republish the budget due to an unforeseen virtual student so no monies were budgeted to the virtual fund. The state auditor will be in the district the week of April 17th, so the notice for republishing will be published once the audit is completed to ensure no other changes will be needed.

Chis Pachta made the motion to republish the budget as presented and to amend if needed, motion seconded by Brian McCartney. Motion carried 7-0.

3. **KASB 2017-2018 Dues and Legal Fund Assistance.** The KASB season pass for conferences and workshops was discussed. Mr. Couch recommended that the board approve the season pass for the 2017-2018 school year and the dues for KASB membership and legal assistance fund.

Daryl Rieke made a motion to approve the 2017-18 KASB Dues, season pass, and legal fund assistance fee as presented. Loisann Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

4. **Summer Projects.** Craig Allen presented the board with a list of proposed summer projects. The number one project will be removing the dividing wall in the East Elementary classrooms. Craig is in the process of getting bids and quotes for various proposed projects.
5. **Bond Projects Discussion.** The April 10th meeting with McCownGordon representatives, the architect, educational consultant, administrators, and the board facilities committee was discussed. Several meetings have been scheduled for the coming weeks. Mr. Couch stated that it may be the end of June before the community committee is brought together to help finalize the scope of the bond projects.
6. **Executive Session for the Discussion of Negotiations.**
Brian McCartney made a motion to go into executive session for five (5) minutes for the discussion of negotiations to protect the district's right to confidentiality of its negotiating position. Motion was seconded by Chris Pachta. Motion carried 7-0.

9:30 p.m. The board members and Superintendent Couch entered the executive session

9:35 p.m. The board members and Superintendent Couch returned to open session

7. **Executive Session for the Discussion of Non-elected Personnel.**
Chris Pachta made a motion to enter executive session for ten (10) minutes for the discussion of Non-Elected Personnel to protect the privacy interests of individual(s) discussed. Motion was seconded by Loisann Brown. Motion carried 7-0.

9:36 p.m. The board members, Superintendent Couch, and Alan Sheets entered executive session

9:46 p.m. The board members, Superintendent Couch, and Alan Sheets returned to open session

A motion was made by Chris Pachta to accept the resignation, with regrets, from Mike Samples effective immediately as Vocal director and accompanist. Motion seconded 7-0. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Loisann Brown to accept, with regrets, the resignation from Brady Stindt as Junior High Basketball coach. Motion seconded by Kevin Milner. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment:

Chris Pachta made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kevin Milner. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

USD 109 Board Clerk

Date

USD 109 Board President