

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LINCOLN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 298
LINCOLN, KANSAS

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Board Members:

D. Bell
M. Breneman
TJ Jonsson
P. Winters
R. Wright
D. Zachgo

Others:

Kathy Robertson, Supt.
Greta Obermueller, Clerk
Stephen Koch, LES Principal
Christi Walter
Brenda White
Shari Pittenger
Anne Grace
Dennis Pittenger

Jessica King
Tom Cavalli
Krista Biggs
Jessica Clay
John Baetz

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Monty Breneman.
2. Motion by David Bell, seconded by Patti Winters, to adopt the agenda.
Aye-6 No-0

7:03 p.m. Kellie Larson arrived.
3. Tom Cavalli expressed appreciation on behalf of Jessica King and himself to the Board of Education for their support in implementing All Day Kindergarten in the district this past school year. The transition went well and students are making giant strides academically. Mrs. King shared that teaching procedures to Kindergarten students takes a great deal of time. This year, there is more time for academics and for teachers to truly get to know and understand their students. This in turn leads to student growth and easier gain of skills and attainment of curriculum. Comparisons of student work from last year at this time versus this year were viewed by board members.
4. Motion by Patti Winters, seconded by Debora Zachgo, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 6, 2017, the Special Meeting on March 7, 2017, and the Special Meeting on March 10, 2017. Aye-6 No-0
5. Motion by Rhonda Wright, seconded by TJ Jonsson, to accept the Treasurer's Report and Clerk's Report. Aye-6 No-0

6. Motion by TJ Jonsson, seconded by Rhonda Wright, to accept the bills for payments. Aye-6 No-0
7. Krista Biggs, serving as the Parents as Teacher's Coordinator for USD #298 Lincoln and USD #299 Sylvan, gave a presentation to the Board of Education. She was selected for this position when Sharon Markley announced her retirement last year. Krista shared information regarding her program: PAT provides in home personal visits once a month, a group connections is held in each community monthly, developmental screenings are performed on 0-3 month babies, as a means of teaching, parents are encouraged to get down on the floor and play with their children, a car seat safety presentation was held at the Lincoln Jr./Sr. High that was open to the public. In the past involvement in PAT was welcome to anyone in the district with children birth to three years old. That changed last year when TANF funding was implemented. Criteria may change back for the upcoming year so Krista will keep the board informed.
8. Renewal of U.S.D. #298 Board of Education membership and legal assistance in Kansas Association of School Board (KASB) for the upcoming year was discussed. This renewal will be acted on at the May meeting with the board members noting that their services are utilized often by district administration.
9. Kathy Robertson gave board members an update on the Mettner Field Fundraiser and Facilities. There will be a meeting on Wednesday evening for the Mettner Field Committee. Mrs. Robertson had a couple of the steel markers on display for board members to view. All markers have been completed by the Ellsworth Correctional Facility and inspected. The amount of the VIP grant is still unknown at this time. Devon Walter has volunteered to plant and water the trees that have been ordered through the Kansas Forest Service. They should be arriving within a week and will be planted on the north end of Mettner Field.
10. Under the Principal's Report, Mr. Koch stated that the Fifth and Sixth graders had gone to Sylvan Unified to perform in the Music Festival. The Sixth grade choir received a 1+ rating on their selections; the Fifth and Sixth Grade Choir received a 1++, both groups represented Lincoln Elementary School very well. Lincoln Elementary School received the grant check for \$5,494 for Mystery Science from Post Rock Community Foundation. This grant will be extremely helpful as LES continues to create more hands-on, project based lessons. Mr. Koch expressed thanks to Post Rock Community Foundation. Attendance percentages were given for Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences. Lincoln Elementary School Book Fair was a big success with the Elementary Library receiving \$1,675.42 of new books

from Scholastic at no charge. Special thanks go out to Debbie Breneman. Post Rock Community Foundation awarded Lincoln Elementary School a \$20,000 grant for playground equipment in November of 2016. The equipment was received before Christmas and installed over spring break. Thanks to Travis Schwerdtfager for the use of his equipment and time and to all of the volunteers who helped with this project. Kathy Robertson gave the Lincoln Jr./Sr. High School Principal's report as follows: the student led conferences for the Frosh./Soph. classes were very successful this spring; Prom was held last Saturday and was great. The juniors did a great job decorating and the DJ did a wonderful job with prom goers dancing for four hours straight; NPL Forensics was held at the LJSHS this afternoon beginning at 2:00 p.m.; JH track was cancelled this last week as well as HS track and softball and baseball games due to the recent rains; Paw Prints continues to be a success; numbers for spring sports are 22 out for baseball, 11 out for softball and 15 out for track; and Mrs. Robertson asked that everyone mark their calendars for Bike Across Kansas on Tuesday, June 13. There will be approximately 700-800 people coming through Lincoln on their trek across Kansas.

11. Debora Zachgo, board member representing Lincoln County Recreation, stated that soccer season is underway but the first games were pushed back one week due to rain. The same schedule will be followed, just one week behind. The Easter Egg Hunt is April 15, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. on the Courthouse lawn. Jessica Clay, Director, is in the process of organizing a self-defense class for girls ages 15-18.
12. Fire Alarm Specialists has looked at the present systems that are in place in both Lincoln Elementary School and Lincoln Jr./Sr. High School. The alarms are going off randomly in district buildings which contact the sheriff's office. Fire Alarm Specialists has a proposal to replace three dialers and install an actual fire alarm system in the new Kindergarten room for a package price of \$14,268.90.
13. A letter of interest was received from Jeana Eckhart to fill the vacancy created when Chad Walter resigned his board position.
14. Brenda White presented information to board members on student laptop leases and warranty information. Two different chromebooks were passed around for board members to examine. This item will be brought back next month for further discussion.

15. Activity routes were discussed and figures provided for board member consideration. This past fall, there were three riders on a consistent basis. During winter months there were two and one during wrestling season. It was suggested that the coaches attend the May meeting for input from them.
16. David Bell reported that there was no news this month to report under the Beef Donations to USD 298 Lincoln Food Service portion of the meeting. This will be brought back next month for further discussion.
17. Board members had a chance to review the Athletic Job Description prepared by Mrs. Robertson and agreed it was acceptable. This will be brought back for approval.
18. Board members had a chance to review the Counselor Job Description prepared by Mrs. Robertson and agreed it was acceptable. This will be brought back for approval.
19. Mrs. Robertson gave a 2017 Kansas Legislature Update and covered potential budget cuts. Legislators have adjourned and will return May 1 for the wrap up session. Under House Bill 2410, \$150 million has been added to the school budget. Under HB 2395, there is flat income tax proposed, and a repeal of the exemption for an LLC.
20. Dennis Pittenger gave a Facilities Report listing items that he has just completed work on; LES faucet repaired in the kitchen, the mop sink repaired, water fountain replaced, two water hydrants replaced outside. The State Fire Marshal was here and Mr. Pittenger reported that he was quickly educated on many areas. Tar was running from the ceiling in the Lincoln Jr./Sr. High School locker room hallway after rains so Geisler Roofing was contacted for more roof repairs (Mrs. Robertson had one of the tar covered ceiling tiles for display), power recently blew fuses so Mr. Koch and Mr. Pittenger replaced a breaker to prohibit further outages from blown fuses.
21. Under the Bond Report, Mrs. Robertson reported that the ballots have been mailed out on March 22, 2017, and are due back in the County Clerk's Office by April 11, 2017, at noon. Ballots will be canvassed by the Commissioners the following Monday. Mrs. Robertson asked if board members had a preference for a date for a special meeting. April 19, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. was selected.

22. Motion by Patti Winters, seconded by Rhonda Wright, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education go into executive session at 8:40 p.m. for 15 minutes with the Superintendent for the purpose of discussing matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency; and that the board return to open meeting at 8:55 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Aye-6 No-0

8:55 p.m. The Board returned to open meeting.

23. Motion by TJ Jonsson, seconded by David Bell, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education approve disposing of broken, antiquated equipment as outlined in Addendum #1. Aye-6 No-0
24. Motion by Patti Winters, seconded by Rhonda Wright, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education table the request of Lincoln County Recreation Commission to also use the Lincoln Jr./Sr. High School for practices and games beginning in the fall of 2017. Aye-6 No-0
25. Motion by Debora Zachgo, seconded by TJ Jonsson, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education accept the proposed 2018-2019 calendar for the upcoming year. Vote: Aye-6 No-0
26. Motion by David Bell, seconded by Debora Zachgo, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education accept the \$14,268.90 bid from Fire Alarm Specialists to replace the two dialers that are in need of updating and an additional dialer for the new Kindergarten building. These expenditures will come from Capital Outlay. Vote: Aye-6 No-0
27. Motion by David Bell, seconded by Rhonda Wright, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education go into executive session at 9:05 p.m. for 30 minutes with the Superintendent for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the Board return to open meeting at 9:35 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individual(s). Vote: Aye-6 No-0

9:05 p.m. Mr. Koch remained in executive session.

9:15 p.m. Mrs. Walter joined executive session.

9:25 p.m. Mr. Koch left executive session.

9:35 p.m. The Board returned to open meeting.

28. Motion by David Bell, seconded by Patti Winters, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education go back into executive session at 9:35 p.m. for 20 minutes with the Superintendent for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the Board return to open meeting at 9:55 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individual(s). Aye-6 No-0

9:35 p.m. Mrs. Walter joined executive session.

9:42 p.m. Mrs. Walter left executive session.

9:55 p.m. The Board returned to open meeting.

29. Motion by Patti Winters, seconded by Rhonda Wright, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education approve hiring Janeen Feil to fill the K-12 Counselor position for the 2017-18 school year. Aye-6 No-0
30. Motion by Patti Winters, seconded by David Bell, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education approve hiring Jenelle Borst to fill the 7-12 LJSMS Math position for the 2017-18 school year. Aye-6 No-0
31. Motion by TJ Jonsson, seconded by David Bell, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education approve hiring Nate Naasz to fill the 7-12 Science position for the 2017-18 school year. Aye-6 No-0

There were no Board Information Requests from board members.

32. Motion by David Bell, seconded by Debora Zachgo, that the meeting be adjourned. Aye-6 No-0

Time: 10:05 p.m.

Greta Obermueller, Clerk

Approved:

Monty Breneman, President