

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Buhler Unified School District #313, Reno County, Buhler, Kansas
Friday, October 16, 2020

1.

Call to Order

Board President Laura Meyer Dick called the special Board of Education meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. at the Union Valley Elementary School.

2.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Monte Cross, Laura Meyer Dick, Matt McCabe, Miranda Engelken, Todd Carr, and Tim Lackey – via phone.

Board Members absent: Greg Lackey

Administration present: Superintendent Cindy Couchman, via phone

Administration absent: Director of Finance Shane Hecox

Others present: Wendy Neill, Clerk of the Board, Lucky Kidd, Ad Astra Radio; Joyce Raya and Vicky Richardson, BNEA; Amy Conkling, Ginger Scripsick, Jarod Stubbs and Jenny Mitchell, Keep Our Kids in School parent group.

3.

Consent Agenda

a. Transfer of Classified Staff

It was recommended the Board approve the following classified staff transfers:

- i) Mamie Coldren from Office/Food Service Secretary at Union Valley to Head Secretary at Union Valley. Her new wage will be \$11.20 per hour starting November 5, 2020.
- ii) Amber Hornbeck from Kindergarten Paraprofessional at Union Valley to Office/Food Service Secretary at Union Valley. She will start her new position on November 5, 2020. Her new wage will be \$11.55 per hour.

Motion (1) Todd Carr, (2) Monte Cross to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

(6-0)

4.

Gating Criteria

Mrs. Couchman shared the most recent changes to the gating criteria. As announced today, the county is moving to the Red Zone of the gating criteria.

It was recommended the board support the current gating criteria and allow Superintendent Cindy Couchman the authority to make changes as needed per the Superintendent job description which allows for emergency action if deemed necessary.

Motion (1) Miranda Engelken, (2) Monte Cross to support the current gating criteria and allow Superintendent Cindy Couchman the authority to make changes as needed per the Superintendent job description which allows for emergency action if deemed necessary.

Motion carried.

(6-0)

5.

Transportation Update

Mrs. Couchman shared that two routes for Union Valley Elementary school will not be able to operate next week due to a lack of drivers. We are reaching a critical state where we may need to temporarily suspend the bussing of students whose residence is 2.5 miles or less from their attendance center. This is due to a lack of drivers and the need to social distance students on the busses. NO final decision has been made on that as of now but it is being considered.

6.

Special Meeting

It was recommended that the Board approve a special meeting to be held Monday, October 26, 2020 at 6:00 pm for executive session to discuss personnel.

Motion (1) Monte Cross, (2) Todd Carr to approve a special meeting to be held Monday, October 26, 2020 at 6:00 pm for executive session to discuss personnel.

Motion carried.

(6-0)

7.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.


Board Clerk


Board President