

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Buhler Unified School District #313, Reno County, Buhler, Kansas  
**Wednesday, June 2, 2021**

**1. Call to Order**

Board President Laura Meyer Dick called the special Board of Education meeting to order at 5:15 pm at the Burkholder Administrative Center.

**2. Roll Call**

Board Members present: Laura Meyer Dick, Miranda Engelken, Todd Carr (via phone), Monte Cross and Matt McCabe

Board Members absent: Tim Lackey and Greg Lackey

Administration present: Superintendent Cindy Couchman and Director of Finance Shane Hecox – both via phone

Administration absent:

Others present: Wendy Neill, Clerk of the Board; Lucky Kidd, Ad Astra Radio.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**a. Resignation/Retirement of Licensed Staff**

It was recommended that the Board accept the resignation/retirement of the following licensed staff:

- i) Ethan Wagoner, instrumental music teacher. His resignation is effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- ii) Allen Bugner, CAD and Woodworking teacher at Buhler high School. His retirement is effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- iii) Jack Conkling, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teacher. His resignation is effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

**b. Resignation/Retirement of Classified Staff**

It was recommended that the Board accept the resignation/retirement of the following classified staff:

- i) Sarah Bornholdt, food service at Buhler High School. Her resignation is effective May 27, 2021.
- ii) Molly Kumorowski, food service cashier at Prairie Hills Middle School. Her resignation is effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- iii) Tammy Lind, food service secretary and Shining Stars aide at Buhler Grade School. Her retirement is effective November 1, 2021 but will not return for the 2021-2022 school year.
- iv) Jerri Corkins, bookkeeper at Buhler High School. Her retirement is effective July 1, 2021.
- v) Emma Dillon, CARES Club aide at Plum Creek Elementary School. Her resignation is effective May 27, 2021.
- vi) Blair Hollenbeck, CARES Club aide at Plum Creek Elementary School. Her resignation is effective May 27, 2021.
- vii) Pepper Unruh, CARES Club aide at Plum Creek Elementary School. Her resignation is effective May 27, 2021.
- viii) Kaleb Stoughton, bus driver. His resignation is effective May 26, 2021.

**c. Resignation of Supplemental Staff**

It was recommended that the Board accept the resignation of the following supplemental staff:

- i) Jana Moler, mentor director.
- ii) Jennifer Goering, 7<sup>th</sup> grade assistant volleyball coach, Prairie Hills Middle School.
- iii) Jacob Fredrickson, 8<sup>th</sup> grade assistant football coach, Prairie Hills Middle School.
- iv) Veronica Brandt, assistant track and field coach, Prairie Hills Middle School.
- v) Jack Conkling, 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach and assistant track and field coach, Prairie Hills Middle School.

**d. Status Change for Classified Staff**

It was recommended that the Board approve the following staff status changes:

- i) Elimination of one CARES Club aide position at Buhler Grade School
- ii) Elimination of Shining Stars Assistant at Buhler Grade School.
- iii) Sondra Hutchison, Cook's assistant at Plum Creek Elementary will move from 3.5 hours per day to 7.5 hours per day. She will take the baker position and also fulfill her duties as cook's assistant.

**e. Transfer of Staff**

It was recommended that the Board approve the transfer of Priscilla Krehbiel from Regular Education Paraprofessional at Union Valley to Title I Paraprofessional. Her hours and wage will not change.

**f. Employment of Licensed Staff**

It was recommended that the Board approve the employment of the following licensed staff:

- i) Chelsea Clough, fourth grade teacher at Union Valley Elementary School. She will be placed on Step 3 in the MA column with a salary of \$45,161.
- ii) Joel Montes, assistant band director. He will be placed on Step 1 in the BA+15 Column with a salary of \$38,746. He will also get 20 additional

contract days (\$4,270) and supplementals of Pep Band (Fall) at BHS (\$3,080) and Assistant BHS Band (\$3,080).

**g. Employment of Classified Staff**

It was recommended that the Board approve the employment of the following classified staff:

- i) Kyle Sides, Pony driver. He will work 3.5 hours per day at a wage of \$11 per hour.
- ii) Tadan Reed, temporary tech help. He will work as needed to set up new technology. He will be paid \$9.00 per hour.
- iii) Elizabeth (Annie) Thompson, Regular Ed Paraprofessional at Union Valley Elementary School. She will work 7.5 hours per day at a wage of \$11.80 per hour.
- iv) Molly Kumorowski, Title I paraprofessional at Union Valley Elementary School. She will be paid \$10.95 per hour.

**h. Employment of Supplemental Staff**

It was recommended that the Board approve the employment of the following supplemental staff:

- i) Sam Pahls, summer weights for 3 sessions per week. He will be in Column E, Level 3 with a prorated salary of \$1,008.
- ii) Jamar Crable, summer weights for 2 sessions per week. He will be in Column E, Level 1 with a prorated salary of \$560.
- iii) Keith Price, assistant girls basketball coach at Buhler High School. He will be placed in Column B and Level 1 with a salary of \$3,640.
- iv) Colt Beshears, 7<sup>th</sup> grade head football coach at Prairie Hills Middle School. He will be placed in Column C and Level 1 with a salary of \$2,800.
- v) Alex Holmes, 7<sup>th</sup> grade assistant football coach at Prairie Hills Middle School. He will be placed in Column D and Level 1 with a salary of \$1,960.

**i. Updated Job Description**

It was recommended that the Board approve the following updated job descriptions:

- i) CARES Club Director – Buhler Grade School
- ii) Shining Stars Director – Buhler Grade School
- iii) Learning Lab Paraprofessional

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

Motion carried.

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**4. UV HVAC System**

It was recommended that the Board approve the quote from Building Controls and Services to complete the work on the CARES Club HVAC units at Union Valley Elementary School. Our portion of the cost will be \$30,219.

Motion (1) Todd Carr, (2) Monte Cross to approve the quote from Building Controls and Services to complete the work on the CARES Club HVAC units at Union Valley Elementary School.

Motion carried.

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## 5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 pm.

  
Board Clerk

  
Board President