

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Buhler Unified School District #313, Reno County, Buhler, Kansas
Monday, November 12, 2018

- 1. Call to Order**
Board President Laura Meyer Dick called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at the Burkholder Administrative Center.
- 2. Roll Call**
Board Members present: Laura Meyer Dick, Marilyn Bolton, Monte Cross, Matt McCabe, Greg Lackey, Vernon Goerl and Cliff Wray.

Board Members absent:

Administration present: Superintendent Mike Berblinger and Assistant Superintendent Cindy Couchman

Administration absent: Business Manager Dr. Perry McCabe

Others present: Wendy Neill, Clerk of the Board; Kara Voss and Vicky Richardson, BNEA; Michael Ellegood, Aaron Deitchler, Trish Unruh and Jeff Comer, BHS; Clayton Nisly, Noah Johnson, Luke Winters, Eli Deviney, Kayden Polk, Cooper and Cade Taylor, Blake Petersen, Carter Engelken, Camrin Engelken, Neil Case, Tyler Westfall, Ethan Fluck, Collin Severud, Kaden Quint, and Tyler Maxwell, BHS Soccer; and Paul Erickson, UV.
- 3. Invocation**
Board Member Marilyn Bolton gave the invocation.
- 4. Statements from the Audience**
There were no statements from the audience.
- 5. Approval of the Agenda**
It was recommended that the Board approve the agenda with the following additions:
8Giii – Transfer of Classified Staff
8Kiii – Employment of Supplemental Staff

Motion (1) Marilyn Bolton, (2) Vernon Goerl to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion carried. (7-0)
- 6. Special Recognition**
The Board recognized the 2018 Buhler High School boys soccer team. They ended their season as the 4A State runner up and a record of 16-3-2. This was a historical year with many school records broken. Assistant Coach Tyler Maxwell (2013 graduate) was presented with a certificate of excellence for the team and the team was introduced. Head Coach Bransyn Felty (2013 Graduate) was not present but was recognized for his work with the team and his honor of receiving the 4A State Coach of the Year award.
- 7. Administrative Reports**
A. Business Manager
* No report.

B. Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Instruction

* Mrs. Couchman shared that 14 of our teachers went to the ECET2 (Elevating and Celebrating Effective Teaching and Teachers) Conference over the weekend. Many of our staff were presenters and part of the planning team. It was a great celebration of the profession.

C. Superintendent

* The Buhler Business Spotlight will be held at the BAC this Friday, November 16 from 8:30-9:30 am. All are invited to attend.

* A new draft of the 2019-2020 calendar was shared with the Board. We continue to receive input from the staff. The goal will be approval at the December board meeting.

* Randy Watson, Commissioner of Education has been working on a recognition program for schools called Kansas Can Star Recognition. The program was set to launch this year but is now on hold until 2019.

* Lois Schroeder has written a book called Buhler Legacy. Mr. Berblinger has a copy if anyone is interested. It has great information on the history of the town of Buhler.

* Interfaith Housing has asked the district to use some of our facilities in the summer of 2020 to house a group of volunteers. The volunteers will be in the community helping with projects for those in need.

D. Board

* Many Board members commented about the great talent that our students have shown this Fall. They not only work hard during the season but they are seen working hard behind the scenes and in the off seasons.

* Board member Vernon Goerl said that in the last 18 years that he has served on the Board of Education Buhler has had a state championship in at least one sport 14 of those years. Incredible talent and work ethic.

* Board President Laura Meyer Dick updated the board on Obee school building and the property.

8.

Consent Agenda

a. **Approval of minutes**

It was recommended the Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 8, 2018.

b. **Approval of Building Financials**

It was recommended that the Board approve the financial statements from each building.

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

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

- i) John Knapp, BHS ELA teacher. His retirement will be effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.
- ii) Chris Sillin, PHMS ELA teacher. Her resignation will be effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

d. **Resignation of Classified Staff**

It was recommended that the Board accept the resignation of the following Classified Staff:

- i) Teresa Daines, bus driver, effective October 12, 2018.
- ii) Mike Hoffman, head custodian at Plum Creek Elementary School, effective October 26, 2018.

e. Resignation of Supplemental Staff

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

- i) Tiffany Garretson, BHS softball assistant coach.
- ii) Amanda Stambaugh, PHMS 7th grade volleyball assistant coach.

f. Termination of Classified Staff

It was recommended that the Board approve the termination of Briana Couch, PHMS evening custodian based on attendance and work issues. This was effective November 5, 2018.

g. Transfer of Classified Staff

It was recommended that the Board approve the transfer of the following Classified Staff:

- i) Karen Phillips from Plum Creek Preschool paraprofessional to Plum Creek regular ed paraprofessional. This is a transfer only and her wage is not affected. The transfer is effective Monday, October 15, 2018.
- ii) Chris Poyner from mid-day custodian at Plum Creek to Head Custodian at Plum Creek. This transfer will result in a new wage of \$11.19, effective November 5, 2018.
- iii) Lane Archer from evening custodian at Plum Creek to mid-day custodian at Plum Creek. This is a transfer only and his wage will not be affected. The transfer will be effective once a replacement is found.

h. Classified Staff Addition

It was recommended that the Board approve the addition of a part time CARES Club Aide at both Union Valley and Plum Creek Elementary schools. The position will be 12 hours per week.

i. Supplemental Staff Addition

It was recommended that the Board approve the addition of the following supplemental positions:

- i) Additional wrestling coach at PHMS due to the high number of participants
- ii) Assistant Scholars Bowl coach at BHS due to the high number of participants

j. Employment of Classified Staff

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

- i) Noah Webster, CARES Club Aide at Union Valley. He will work three hours per day at \$8.50 per hour.
- ii) Jessica Koster, District health aide. She will work 3 days a week, seven hours per day at a wage of \$13.00 per hour. She will begin work on Tuesday, October 16.
- iii) Ericka Fischer, preschool paraprofessional at Plum Creek Elementary. She will work 7.5 hours per day at \$10.50 per hour. She will begin work on Monday, October 29.

k. Employment of Supplemental Staff

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

- i) Ethan Mandeville, PHMS 8th grade assistant boys basketball coach. He will be placed on Level 1 and Column D of the supplemental salary schedule with a salary of \$1,820.
- ii) Jeff Voss, PHMS wrestling assistant coach. He will be placed on Level 1 and Column D of the supplemental salary schedule with a salary of \$1,820.

- iii) Annie Reinert, BHS assistant Scholars Bowl coach. She will be placed on Level 1 and Column D of the supplemental salary schedule with a salary of \$1,113 (this is a prorated amount for the remainder of the season)

I. Increased Credit Limit

It was recommended that the Board approve an increased spending limit on Paul Erickson's credit card. This is necessary for the work he does with the District Wellness Program. The limit will be set at \$2500.

m. Gifts and Grants

It was recommended that the Board accept the following gifts and grants:

- i) \$380 from Buhler Community Foundation to Buhler Grade School to be used to purchase books for Storybook STEM.
- ii) \$5000 from Buhler Community Foundation to Buhler Grade School to be used for the STEAM Room, a new classroom.
- iii) \$100 from Delta Kappa Gamma to Courtney Klassen at PHMS to be used to purchase STEM materials and supplies.
- iv) The Kansas Honey Producers Association grant to Victor Wilkinson at PHMS. This grant will purchase supplies and equipment for beekeeping at PHMS. The dollar amount will be approximately \$2000.
- v) \$5,200 from Herman, Esther & Henry Stallman Foundation to USD 313 to be used for the Summer Reading Intervention Training targeted at dyslexia.

n. Out of State Travel

It was recommended that the Board approve the following out of state travel requests:

- i) Buhler Singers to New York City, March 23-27, 2019.
- ii) Joe Kaufman to Atlanta, Georgia, December 6-7, 2018 for a Positive Discipline Association workshop. He will pay travel expenses and the district will pay his registration fee.

o. Interlocal Agreement

It was recommended that the Board approve the renewal of the Interlocal agreement for the Smoky Hill/Central Kansas Education Service Center – Interlocal 629. This agreement is effective July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2024.

p. Other

There were no other items for the consent agenda.

Motion (1) Marilyn Bolton, (2) Greg Lackey to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Motion carried. (7-0)

9.

Curriculum Changes

BHS Social Studies Department teachers, Jeff Comer, Aaron Deitchler and Trish Unruh, presented the proposal for curriculum changes in their department. The required courses would remain the same but there would be expanded elective options. It was recommended that the Board approve this proposal.

Motion (1) Monte Cross, (2) Marilyn Bolton to approve the proposal for curriculum changes in the BHS Social Studies department as presented.

Motion carried. (7-0)

10.

ACT Report

Mr. Ellegood, Mrs. Couchman and Mr. Berblinger shared the data from the most recent ACT Report. Our overall composite scores went up and we are now higher than the state average. We will continue to work to improve in all areas of the ACT.

11.

Professional Development Council (PDC) Report

It was recommended that the Board approve the Professional Development points as presented. Board President Laura Meyer Dick reviewed the points. Points were approved for Peggy Neufeld, Trisha Burgey, Liz Schmidt, Kara Warren, Vicky Richardson, Rachel Harder, Paul Erickson, Melissa Newcome, Jill Goertzen, Stephen Duarte, Emilie Penner and Courtney Klassen. The reflection points from the August 14 Professional Development day were also reviewed by Board Member Greg Lackey.

Motion (1) Greg Lackey, (2) Laura Meyer Dick to approve the Professional Development points as presented.
Motion carried. (7-0)

12.

Treasurers Report

Superintendent Mike Berblinger shared the reports.

13.

Reading and Approval of Bills

Superintendent Mike Berblinger presented the following checks for approval: checks #53981 - 54163 in the total amount of \$1,466,611.98.

Motion (1) Monte Cross, (2) Cliff Wray to approve the issuance of checks #53981 - 54163 in the total amount of \$1,466,611.98.
Motion carried. (7-0)

14.

Executive Session - Personnel

Motion (1) Monte Cross, (2) Cliff Wray at 7:07 pm that the Board of Education go into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume at 7:12 pm. No binding action will be taken while in executive session and Mike Berblinger and Cindy Couchman is invited to attend.

Motion carried. (7-0)

The Board of Education reconvened in regular session at 7:12 pm.

15.

Other

There were no other items for the Board.

16.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.


Board Clerk


Board President