

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Buhler Unified School District #313, Reno County, Buhler, Kansas
Monday, December 10, 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.

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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, Business Manager Dr. Perry McCabe and Assistant Superintendent Cindy Couchman

Administration absent:

Others present: Wendy Neill, Clerk of the Board; Kristin Borrowman, BHS; Matt Babcock, Payton DeMeyer, Brylea Teufel, Brittany Teufel, Debra Teufel, Aliyah Fredrick, Meredith Smith, Anneliese Reinert, and Alexis Hutton, BHS Tennis; Adam Willis, Andrea Pope, Chad Wahlgren, Curtis Morgan, Emma Willison, Sam Neill, Ryan Neill, Megan Miller, Kelley Whisler, Tyler Adams, Rand Lohrentz, Tanner Lindahl, Grace Whisler, Brityn Bobo, Aidyn White, Amaleigh Mattison, Colton Lohrentz and Jeremy Lindahl, BHS Cross Country; Kate McPherson, Hayley Engelland, Lauren Specht, Haley Miller and Brennan Torgerson, BHS Girls Golf; Kara Voss and Vicky Richardson, BNEA; and Lucky Kidd, KSKU.

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Invocation

Business Manager Dr. Perry McCabe gave the invocation.

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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:

8Dii – Employment of Classified Staff

8I – Substitute Pay

Motion (1) Monte Cross, (2) Marilyn Bolton to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried.

(7-0)

6.

Special Recognition

The Board recognized the following fall sports programs:

BHS Girls Tennis – Coach Matt Babcock introduced his players and assistant Coach Annie Reinert. The team had a great season, taking first place in the Regional tournament on their home courts. This was the first time in Coach Babcock's tenure that the entire team qualified for State. Also, Aliyah Fredrick placed 5th in Singles at the State Tournament. This is the highest State finish in singles since 1992. The team finished the season with 4th place at State.

BHS Girls Golf – Coach Brennan Torgerson introduced the golfers that were in attendance. He had three girls that had never played golf before this season and they ended up playing in the State tournament. He is proud of the way they all came to practice daily ready to work and improve their game. The team was 4th in the league tournament, 2nd at Regionals and 10th at State. Haley Miller led the team with an 8th place finish at State.

BHS Boys and Girls Cross Country – Coach Curtis Morgan and the boys and girls cross country teams were introduced. They had the best season in school history! Girls were Regional champions and took 3rd at State. The boys team were Regional champions and State champions. This was the first Cross Country State Championship in school history. Tanner Lindahl was the individual state champion as well. Coach Morgan earned the honor of 4A State Coach of the Year. He introduced and thanked his assistant coaches as well.

Each of the coaches took time to thank the Board and administration for their support throughout the season. They also gave thanks to Mr. Justin Seuser for his efforts in bringing a united team spirit to Buhler High School that spans all activities! The support that the teams felt from fellow students, athletes and even coaches from other sports was exceptional.

7.

Administrative Reports

A. Business Manager

* No report.

B. Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Instruction

* No report.

C. Superintendent

* Bretz Law firm and The Hutch News have partnered to honor teachers each month. In November Jesse Todd, science teacher at Prairie Hills Middle School, was recognized as teacher of the month.

* Mr. Berblinger pointed out the art work displayed in the board room. The BHS art department will rotate art throughout the year so that it is on display for people to see. It really adds to the Board Room décor.

* The district technology team has decided to move forward with an open network.

* Mr. Berblinger knows that there were some questions about the decision to have no school the Monday after Thanksgiving. The reason that we do not consider late starts is because it puts a burden on families with young children and those who need to drop kids off before they go to work.

D. Board

* Board member Vernon Goerl brought a concern from the staff about the PaperCut program being used to track printing and copying.

* Board President Laura Meyer Dick reminded the Board that the BHS band concert is this evening.

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Consent Agenda

a. Approval of minutes

It was recommended the Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 12, 2018.

b. Approval of Building Financials

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

c. Resignation of Supplemental Staff

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

- i) Katie Ellegood, BHS assistant volleyball coach.

- ii) Aaron Deitchler, BHS assistant volleyball coach.
- iii) Trevor Pauls, BHS assistant boys golf coach.

d. 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.

e. Employment of Classified Staff

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

- i) Lori Simmons, part-time paraprofessional at Plum Creek Elementary. She will work 3.25 hours per day at a wage of \$12.40 per hour. She will start on November 26, 2018.
- ii) Pamela Yoder, CARES Club aide at Union Valley Elementary. She will work 3 hours per day, Monday through Thursday at a wage of \$8.80 per hour.

f. Employment of Supplemental Staff

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

- i) Blake Warner, BHS assistant baseball coach. He will be placed on Level 1 and Column C of the supplemental salary schedule with a salary of \$2,600.
- ii) Ashley Sides, BHS assistant softball coach. She will be placed on Level 1 and Column C of the supplemental salary schedule with a salary of \$2,600.
- iii) Bethani Abbott, BHS assistant softball coach. She will be placed on Level 1 and Column C of the supplemental salary schedule with a salary of \$2,600.

g. Gifts and Grants

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

- i) \$100 from 1st American Education Finance to the District to be used to fund a Donors Choose program of our choice. Kara Warren has an open Donors Choose project that this gift will be applied to.
- ii) \$3,862 grant from the Kathy and Mike Juby Donor Advised Fund to Buhler USD 313.

h. Out of State Travel

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

- i) Baseball coaching staff (5) to the National baseball conference in Dallas, Texas, January 3-6, 2019.
- ii) BHS Percussion students (26 students) to Catoosa, Oklahoma, March 9, 2019. They will see a performance of indoor percussion ensembles.

i. AP Government Textbook Adoption/Purchase

It was recommended that the Board approve the purchase of a classroom set of textbooks for AP Government. This is necessary for the updated curriculum for AP Government.

j. Other – Substitute Pay

It was recommended that the Board increase the daily rate of pay for substitutes to \$95.00. The half day rate will be \$47.50. The increase will be effective starting January 1, 2019.

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

Motion carried. (7-0)

9. Head Start Proposal

Cindy Couchman shared the District's proposal to terminate its partnership with Head Start at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. The district will expand its public preschool program to meet the needs of families.

Motion (1) Marilyn Bolton, (2) Cliff Wray to approve the proposal to terminate its partnership with Head Start at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried. (7-0)

10. Professional Development Council (PDC) Report

It was recommended that the Board approve the Professional Development points as presented. Board member Vernon Goerl reviewed the points. Points were approved for Courtney Adkins, Kristin Borrowman, Stephen Duarte, Ashley Ediger, LaNette Estill, Lynn Obermite-Wimer, Jennifer Mencl, Tammi Graff, Sara Goerl, Emilie Penner, Andrea Pope, Joyce Raya, Olivia Rice and Brenda Smart.

Motion (1) Vernon Goerl, (2) Cliff Wray to approve the Professional Development points as presented.

Motion carried. (7-0)

11. STEAM Summer Camp Proposal

Cindy Couchman shared the STEAM Summer Camp proposal with the Board. This camp will be held at Prairie Hills Middle School during June. Two instructors will be employed to teach two sessions each. The sessions will divide the grade levels (Session A will be 4th and 5th grades, Session B will be 6th through 8th grades). The camp will only be open to current USD 313 students. The district is looking at some grants to help fund the camp and to be able to offer scholarships for students to attend.

Motion (1) Monte Cross, (2) Greg Lackey to approve the STEAM summer camp proposal as submitted.

Motion carried. (7-0)

12. IT Department Proposal

Dr. Perry McCabe shared the IT Department proposal with the Board. It was recommended that the district add a position in the IT department. This position will be shared with Sunshine Meadows (AM at Sunshine Meadows and PM at USD 313). Sunshine Meadows will pay for 0.5 salary and benefits for this position.

Motion (1) Marilyn Bolton, (2) Vernon Goerl to approve the request to add a position in the IT department.

Motion carried. (7-0)

13. 2019-2020 Draft Calendar Approval

It was recommended that the Board approve the draft calendar as submitted for the 2019-2020 school year. The IBB team will receive this calendar for negotiations.

Motion (1) Monte Cross, (2) Marilyn Bolton to approve the draft calendar as submitted for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion carried. (7-0)

14. Treasurers Report

Dr. McCabe shared the financial reports. It was noted that the bank reconciliation was off by \$0.20. He believes that was a typo but he will check with Christy Redd and make sure it is balanced.

The general fund is very low and we will not have funds coming from the State until January 20. Dr. McCabe has requested additional state aide for cash flow purposes through January.

Board President Laura Meyer Dick left the meeting at 6:52 pm.

15. Lease Approval

It was recommended that the Board approve the lease proposal from First National Bank to purchase risers for Prairie Hills Middle School.

Motion (1) Greg Lackey, (2) Matt McCabe to approve the lease proposal from First National Bank to purchase risers for Prairie Hills Middle School.
Motion carried. (6-0)

Board President Laura Meyer Dick returned to the meeting at 6:54 pm.

16. Reading and Approval of Bills

Dr. McCabe presented the following checks for approval: checks #54164 - 54309 in the total amount of \$359,437.58.

Motion (1) Greg Lackey, (2) Vernon Goerl to approve the issuance of checks #54164 - 54309 in the total amount of \$359,437.58.
Motion carried. (7-0)

17. Executive Session – Student Matters

Motion (1) Vernon Goerl, (2) Greg Lackey at 6:58 pm that the Board of Education go into executive session to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume at 7:03 pm. No binding action will be taken while in executive session and Mike Berblinger and Cindy Couchman are invited to attend.
Motion carried. (7-0)

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

18. Executive Session - Personnel

Motion (1) Cliff Wray, (2) Greg Lackey at 7:04 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 7:09 pm. No binding action will be taken while in executive session and Mike Berblinger and Cindy Couchman are invited to attend.
Motion carried. (7-0)

The Board of Education reconvened in regular session at 7:09 pm.

Motion (1) Laura Meyer Dick, (2) Greg Lackey at 7:09 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 7:14 pm. No binding action will be taken while in executive session and Mike Berblinger and Cindy Couchman are invited to attend.
Motion carried. (7-0)

Board President Laura Meyer Dick left the meeting at 7:13 pm.

The Board of Education reconvened in regular session at 7:14 pm.

19. Other

There were no other items for the Board.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.


Board Clerk


Board President