

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Buhler Unified School District #313, Reno County, Buhler, Kansas

Monday, January 14, 2019

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, and Vernon Goerl.

Board Members absent: Cliff Wray

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; Michael Ellegood, BHS; Kara Voss and Vicky Richardson, BNEA; JC Petitjean, Leadership Reno County; and Lucky Kidd, KSKU.
3. **Invocation**
Board Member Matt McCabe 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 as presented.

Motion (1) Vernon Goerl, (2) Marilyn Bolton to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried. (6-0)
6. **Administrative Reports**
 - A. Business Manager
* No report.
 - B. Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Instruction
* Mrs. Couchman has been following the outcomes of the Dyslexia task force. The recommendations will now go to the legislature for action. USD 313 is already on track with many of the recommendations of the task force.
* A group from the State Department of Health and the Reno County Health Department took a tour of Obee. They are looking at the possibility of licensing rooms to be used for day care. The fire marshal was not able to be present for the tour.
* All junior and senior students will take the Work Keys test in February. The ACT will be offered to any juniors who want to take it and any senior who has not already tested. The State of Kansas is providing funding for these tests.
* The district will have mentor and mentee meetings this month.

C. Superintendent

* Mr. Berblinger shared the Legislative Priorities from USA-Kansas (United School Administrators of Kansas). Those priorities include School Funding, School Efficiency, KPERS, and Educational Governance.

* January is School Board appreciation month. Mr. Berblinger thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication to the staff, students and patrons of USD 313. The Board will receive public recognition at the January 29, 2019 BHS basketball games.

D. Board

* Board Member Monte Cross gave an update on the BHS bowling team. Both the boys and girls teams are undefeated this season. They will host a regional prep tournament this Saturday at the Alley in Hutchinson. The tournament will start at 8:00 am.

* Board President Laura Meyer Dick announced that a fund raiser for the Play Haven Memorial Park will be held on February 14, 2019. There is a link on the Buhler Education Foundation website to order tickets.

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Consent Agenda

a. Approval of minutes

It was recommended the Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 10, 2018 and the special meeting on January 4, 2019.

b. Approval of Building Financials

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

c. Resignation of Classified Staff

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

- i) Noah Webster, CARES Club aide at Union Valley Elementary School. This is effective January 9, 2019.
- ii) Pamela Yoder, CARES Club aide at Union Valley Elementary School. Pamela accepted the job in December but did not ever start due to health issues.

d. Resignation of Supplemental Staff

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

- i) Patricia Unruh, Student Council sponsor at Buhler High School, effective May 31, 2019.
- ii) Tara Goans, BHS assistant volleyball coach.

e. Employment of Classified Staff

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

- i) Amber Seachrist, CARES Club aide at Plum Creek. She will work 3 hours per day, 4 days per week. Her wage will be \$8.50 per hour.
- ii) Lucas Eidson, Evening custodian at PHMS. He will work 8 hours per day at a wage of \$9.00 per hour. He will start work on January 14, 2019.

f. Employment of Supplemental Staff

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

- i) Kara Warren, Assistant volleyball coach at BHS for the 2019-2020 school year. She will be placed on Level 6 of Column C with a salary of \$3,250.

g. Gifts and Grants

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

- i) \$1150 to Plum Creek Elementary from John R. and Bethene S. Rimmer Fund for Early Childhood Education and Enrichment of the Hutchinson Community Foundation.
- ii) \$650 to Buhler Grade School from John R. and Bethene S. Rimmer Fund for Early Childhood Education and Enrichment of the Hutchinson Community Foundation.
- iii) \$250 to Buhler High School (Brennan Torgerson) for the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge event.
- iv) \$1250 to Union Valley Elementary School from John R. and Bethene S. Rimmer Fund for Early Childhood Education and Enrichment of the Hutchinson Community Foundation.

h. Out of State Travel

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

- i) Sierra Michelstetter and Jesse Todd to Phoenix, AZ for the Get Your Teach On conference, January 21-22, 2019.

i. Classified Handbook Update

The Board asked to remove this item from the consent agenda and bring back to the February meeting as an action item. The Board would like to see new wording for vacation leave and the vacation time effective on the employee's anniversary date.

j. Schedule Change

It was recommended that the Board approve the request for NO SCHOOL for Buhler High School students on April 10, 2019. Buhler High School is hosting the State Large Group Music Festival on that day.

k. Other

There were no other items for the consent agenda.

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

Motion carried. (6-0)

8. Professional Development Council (PDC) Report

It was recommended that the Board approve the Professional Development points as presented. Board member Greg Lackey reviewed the points. Points were approved for Kristy Adams.

Motion (1) Greg Lackey, (2) Monte Cross to approve the Professional Development points as presented.

Motion carried. (6-0)

9. Treasurers Report

Mr. Berblinger shared the treasurer's report. It was nice to have some money in the contingency fund to move around for cash flow purposes.

10. Reading and Approval of Bills

Mr. Berblinger presented the following checks for approval: checks #54310 - 54422 in the total amount of \$886,545.62.

Motion (1) Monte Cross, (2) Marilyn Bolton to approve the issuance of checks #54310 - 54422 in the total amount of \$886,545.62.

Motion carried. (6-0)

11. February Board Meeting

It was recommended that the Board approve the February regular board meeting be moved from Monday, February 11 to Monday, February 25 at

6:00 pm. After discussion of alternate dates, the Board recommended Wednesday, February 13 at 6:00 pm.

Motion (1) Greg Lackey, (2) Monte Cross to move the February regular board meeting from Monday, February 11 to Wednesday, February 13 at 6:00 pm.

Motion carried. (6-0)

The Board took a five-minute recess at 6:41 pm.

12. Executive Session - Personnel

Motion (1) Laura Meyer Dick, (2) Greg Lackey at 6:49 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.

Motion carried. (6-0)

At 6:56 pm Mike Berblinger was invited to join the meeting.

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

Motion (1) Laura Meyer Dick, (2) Monte Cross 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 is invited to attend.

Motion carried. (6-0)

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

13. Superintendent Contract

The Board recommended that Mike Berblinger's two-year contract be extended through the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion (1) Marilyn Bolton, (2) Vernon Goerl to approve the extension of Mike Berblinger's two-year contract.

Motion carried. (6-0)

14. Other

There were no other items for the Board.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.


Board Clerk


Board President