

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Buhler Unified School District #313, Reno County, Buhler, Kansas
Monday, March 11, 2019

1. **Call to Order**
Board President Laura Meyer Dick called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. at the Burkholder Administrative Center.

2. **Roll Call**
Board Members present: Laura Meyer Dick, Marilyn Bolton, Monte Cross, Matt McCabe, Greg Lackey, Cliff Wray and Vernon Goerl.

Board Members absent:

Administration present: Superintendent Mike Berblinger, Assistant Superintendent Cindy Couchman and Business Manager Dr. Perry McCabe

Administration absent:

Others present: Wendy Neill, Clerk of the Board; Michael Ellegood, BHS; Kara Voss and Vicky Richardson, BNEA; Todd Fredrickson, Sierra Michelstetter, Jesse Todd, Brian Wilson, Annette Van Bruggen and Jack Conkling, PHMS; Kyle McClure, BAC; Katie Van Zant, parent; James Frick, parent; and Lucky Kidd, KSKU.

3. **Invocation**
Board Member Monte Cross 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 addition of the following items for the consent agenda:
7C ii – Resignation of Licensed Staff – Chad Wahlgren
7K – Employment of Seasonal Grounds Maintenance – Aaron Deitchler

Motion (1) Marilyn Bolton, (2) Vernon Goerl to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion carried. (7-0)

6. **Administrative Reports**
 - A. Business Manager
* The KSDE audit has been completed and was finalized on Friday. The district had a loss on CTE contact hours.

 - B. Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Instruction
* The legislature is working on recommendations from the Dyslexia Taskforce. We are in line with most of the recommendations already with the training we've had and the curriculum we are using.

 - C. Superintendent
* Wellness Camp was today and went well.
* Steve Becker has asked Mr. Berblinger to attend a meeting this week for the Reno County Drug Taskforce. This taskforce is looking at the opioid abuse problem in our county. Cliff Wray will also attend as a representative of the Board.

- * Interviews for the PHMS Assistant Principal and Athletic Director position will continue this week.
- * The KTOY nominations for this year were announced last week. Our nominees are Andrea Pope, PHMS Math teacher and Nicky Schafer, UV Kindergarten teacher. Congratulations to these ladies!
- *Mr. Berblinger shared information from Schools for Fair Funding and their opposition to SB 142.

D. Board

- * Board Member Marilyn Bolton thanked the FFA for the invitation to breakfast. The breakfast was wonderful.
- * Board Member Marilyn Bolton reported that she has heard positive feedback about the Badges program implemented at PHMS. The program is under the leadership of Mrs. Annette Van Bruggen.
- * Board Member Monte Cross shared the success of the girls bowling team. They are State Champions and will be recognized at the April Board meeting.

7.

Consent Agenda

a. Approval of minutes

It was recommended the Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 13, 2019.

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) Julie Goering, Title 1 Reading teacher at Union Valley Elementary School.
- ii) Chad Wahlgren, Art and Graphic Design teacher at Buhler High School.

d. Retirement/Resignation of Classified Staff

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

- i) Patrick Samms, dishwasher at Buhler High School. His resignation is effective March 7, 2019.
- ii) Andrea (Ann) Janzen, bus driver. Her retirement is effective June 1, 2019.

e. Resignation of Supplemental Staff

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

- i) Tyler Maxwell, BHS Assistant boys soccer coach.
- ii) Scott Whitson, PHMS 8th grade assistant football coach
- iii) Kelsey McClure, PHMS 8th grade assistant volleyball coach
- iv) Kara Warren, PHMS 8th grade head volleyball coach
- v) Janea Gray, BHS assistant cheer coach

f. Employment of Classified Staff

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

- i) Addison Smiley, Preschool Para at Plum Creek Elementary School. She will work 7.5 hours per day with a wage of \$10.00 per hour.

g. Employment of Supplemental Staff

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

- i) Sam Pahls, BHS Assistant boys golf coach for 2019-2020. He will be on Level 1 and Column C with a salary of \$2,600.
- ii) Janea Gray, BHS Stuco sponsor. She will be placed on Level 1 and Column C with a salary of \$2,600.

h. Gifts and Grants

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

- i) \$2500 to the BHS FFA Chapter for an America's Farmers Grow Communities donation sponsored by the Monsanto Fund.

i. ESSDACK Interlocal Agreement

It was recommended that the Board approve the Interlocal Agreement with ESSDACK as presented.

j. Out of State Travel

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

- i) BHS football Coaches to El Paso, Texas April 9-13, 2019. They will attend football practice sessions at UTEP.
- ii) Greg Cyrier and Ryan Monaghan to Nashville, TN May 11 through May 16, 2019. They will attend the Extreme Wireless training/conference.
- iii) Six teachers to St. Charles, Missouri June 18-20, 2019 for the Beyond Consequences Trauma Informed School Conference.

k. Other – Employment of Seasonal Grounds Maintenance

It was recommended that the Board approve the employment of Aaron Deitchler for seasonal grounds maintenance. He will work 8 hours per day at \$10.00 per hour, May 17, 2019 through August 9, 2019.

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

Motion carried. (7-0)

8. Recommendation for Technology Devices

Kyle McClure presented the recommendations for technology devices for K-12. It was recommended that the Board approve the purchase of iPads for grades 3-5 and Chromebooks for grades 9-12.

Motion (1) Greg Lackey, (2) Marilyn Bolton to approve the purchase of iPads for grades 3-5 and Chromebooks for grades 9-12, giving Dr. McCabe the flexibility to finalize the details of the Apple lease.

Motion carried. (7-0)

9. Board Policy and Technology Agreements

It was recommended that the Board approve the updated Board Policy IIBG, District Technology Acceptable Use Agreement and the Parent Technology Agreement. The Parent Agreement will be signed at enrollment each year for every student.

Motion (1) Vernon Goerl, (2) Monte Cross to approve the updated Board Policy IIBG, District Technology Acceptable Use Agreement and the Parent Technology Agreement.

Motion carried. (7-0)

10. KESA (Kansas Education Systems Accreditation) Update

Mr. Berblinger and Mrs. Couchman shared an update on KESA. Our outside visitation team will be in the district on April 1, 2019. This visit will be led by our Chairperson, Darla Smith.

11.

PHMS Schedule Changes

Mr. Todd Fredrickson, PHMS Principal and Mr. Jack Conkling, PHMS Social Studies teacher, presented the proposed schedule changes to the Board. Mrs. Annette VanBruggen gave an overview of the new Badges program that is being taught in the sixth grade Enrichment classes. Two students presented their Badges projects to the Board.

12.

Additional License Position

Prairie Hills Middle School administration requests the addition of one licensed position. This position would be ½ Science and ½ Project Based Learning. This position is necessary to reduce class sizes.

Motion (1) Matt McCabe, (2) Marilyn Bolton to approve the addition of a ½ Science and ½ Project Based Learning licensed position at PHMS.
Motion carried. (7-0)

13.

Obee Daycare Center

The Board heard an update from Cindy Couchman on the proposed Obee Daycare Center. She requested permission to apply for \$250,000 in tax credits for capital improvements. In order to move forward the district will also need letters of support for the daycare center.

Motion (1) Laura Meyer Dick, (2) Vernon Goerl to grant permission to apply for \$250,000 in tax credits for capital improvements.
Motion carried. (7-0)

14.

Treasurers Report

Dr. McCabe shared the financial reports. He also shared the prioritized list of capital outlay projects. The Board asked him to contact Coonrod and Associates regarding the draining issues at Plum Creek and the ongoing audio issues in the schools.

15.

Reading and Approval of Bills

Dr. McCabe presented the following checks for approval: checks #54595 - 54752 in the total amount of \$349,341.05.

Motion (1) Greg Lackey, (2) Vernon Goerl to approve the issuance of checks #54595 - 54752 in the total amount of \$349,341.05.
Motion carried. (7-0)

16.

Executive Session - Personnel

Motion (1) Greg Lackey, (2) Laura Meyer Dick at 8:21 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 8:26 pm. No binding action will be taken while in executive session and Mike Berblinger, Cindy Couchman and Perry McCabe are invited to attend.

Motion carried. (7-0)

The Board of Education reconvened in regular session at 8:26 pm.

Motion (1) Laura Meyer Dick, (2) Monte Cross at 8:26 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 8:36 pm. No binding action will be taken while in executive session and Mike Berblinger, Cindy Couchman and Perry McCabe are invited to attend.

Motion carried. (7-0)

The Board of Education reconvened in regular session at 8:36 pm.

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Other

There were no other items for the Board.

18.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.


Board Clerk


Board President