

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Buhler Unified School District #313, Reno County, Buhler, Kansas  
**Monday, May 13, 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, Matt McCabe, Monte Cross, Greg Lackey, Vernon Goerl, and Cliff Wray.  
  
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; Trenton Hopkins, Ryan Neill, and Ian Stubbs, BHS Personal Finance Team; Shane Hecox, BHS Math Department; John Clark, Ryan Klam, Doug Hanen, Ann Hanen, and Jacob Hanen, CTE Scholars recognition; Rachel Thomson, BHS Student – Drama; Vicky Richardson and Kara Voss, BNEA.
- 3. Invocation**  
Board President Laura Meyer Dick 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:  
Delete Item 8G – this was accidentally left on the agenda from the April meeting.  
  
Add Item 18 – Addition of Math Position  
  
Motion (1) Marilyn Bolton, (2) Cliff Wray to approve the agenda as amended.  
Motion carried. (7-0)
- 6. Special Recognition**  
The Board recognized several students for their accomplishments this Spring.  
i) The 2019 CTE Scholars are Cale McCabe, Lauren Goertzen, Jacob Hanen and Ryan Klamm. In order to qualify as a CTE Scholar a student must have a 3.5 GPA, 100 hours of community service, 80 hours of workplace learning and show great leadership. Congratulations to these students for achieving this great honor.  
ii) Buhler had the state runner up team in the Personal Finance Challenge Quiz Bowl. Team members were Ian Stubbs, Trenton Hopkins, Ryan Neill and Seth Manche.  
iii) Jester award winners Rachel Thomson and Josh Duran were recognized. Rachel earned her Jester award for choreography and Josh received his Jester for his cameo role as the Teen Angel

Congratulations to all of these students who have represented Buhler well!

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### **Budget Hearing**

Dr. McCabe shared the amended budget. There were no questions.

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### **Approval of Amended 2018-2019 Budget**

It was recommended that the Board approve the Amended 2018-2019 budget.

Motion (1) Greg Lackey, (2) Cliff Wray to approve the amended 2018-2019 budget as presented.

Motion carried.

(7-0)

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### **Administrative Reports**

#### A. Business Manager

\* Dr. McCabe had no reports.

#### B. Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Instruction

\* The district celebrated the retirees on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the professional development day. Brooke Stover presented about self-care and it was a great day of learning.

\* The New Teacher Celebration was great tonight. Thank you to Jan Wray and Jana Moler for their leadership in the mentor program.

\* The mentor program will be revised through this summer as we prepare to add a second year mentor program as required by the state.

\* Mrs. Couchman is looking into online learning platforms and options as the subscription costs have doubled for renewal this year. She is looking for something that will continue to meet our needs as well as our budget constraints.

#### C. Superintendent

\* Mr. Berblinger shared his thoughts on the recent flooding and how it affected our transportation department. Each situation is unique and careful consideration is taken when determining whether school should be canceled. The student's safety is our greatest concern.

\* The KESA outside visitation team visit went well. The report should be back to the district so that it can be shared at the June board meeting.

\* The school finance is now in the hands of the courts. They should have a decision by the end of June.

\* The Buhler City Commission invited Mr. Berblinger and Dr. McCabe to attend the last meeting. They are concerned about the water usage at Wheatland Park.

\* Ted Cunningham was awarded the Dale Dennis Distinguished Service Award at the Spring KASBO meeting. We are thankful for his service to the district and his profession.

\* Many spring sports activities are having success. The BHS boys golf team qualified for State, the baseball team hosts regionals on Wednesday, BHS Softball is playing tonight and girls soccer will host regionals on Thursday. BHS Track will travel to Abilene on Friday for their regional meet. PHMS Track and Field brought home the League Championship in all four divisions today.

\* The proposed calendar changes were shared. The proposal will go to the teachers for a vote soon.

#### D. Board

\* Board Vice President Marilyn Bolton asked for a report on the random drug testing that was done at the high school this year.

\* Congratulations to the Class of 2019! Graduation went well. Thank you to the Buhler Singers for their outstanding performance. Marilyn Bolton attended her 39<sup>th</sup> straight BHS graduation!

\* Congratulations to the BHS boys tennis team on their success at the 4A state tournament. The doubles team of Carter and Camrin Engelken won the championship. Luke Ingalls took eighth and Drake Dick placed ninth in singles. The doubles team of Cale McCabe and Neil Case did not place. The team was third place overall.

\* Board Member Matt McCabe gave a recap of the tennis teams success. He said the team had a graduation ceremony for the three seniors at the tennis meet. He thanked the administration and staff for a wonderful education provided for Cale.

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### **Consent Agenda**

#### **a. Approval of minutes**

It was recommended the Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 8, 2019 and the special meeting on May 1, 2019.

#### **b. Approval of Building Financials**

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

#### **c. Resignation/Retirement of Classified Staff**

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

- i) Tara Urban, Instructional paraprofessional at Plum Creek Elementary, effective May 16, 2019.
- ii) Lora Rawlins, Preschool paraprofessional at Buhler Grade School, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.
- iii) Rayma Keesling, bus driver, retirement effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.
- iv) Amy Gilbert, secretary at Union Valley elementary, effective at the end of the school year.
- v) Tammy Devine, bus driver, effective April 30, 2019.
- vi) Stacy Bain, CARES Club Director at Union Valley Elementary, effective at the end of the school year.

#### **d. Resignation of Supplemental Staff**

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

- i) Scott Whitson, Assistant wrestling coach at Buhler High School.
- ii) William (Jim) Preston, Head 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach at Prairie Hills Middle School.
- iii) Courtney Klassen, Head boys and girls tennis coach at Prairie Hills Middle School.
- iv) Randy Heidel, Assistant 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys football coach at Prairie Hills Middle School.

#### **e. Employment of Licensed Staff**

It is recommended that the Board approve the employment of Josh Freking as math teacher at Buhler High School. He will be placed in the Masters column and Level 2 with a salary of \$42,097.

#### **f. Employment of Supplemental Staff**

It was recommended that the Board approve the employment of Lindsay Wray, Dance team sponsor at Buhler High School. She will be placed on the Supplemental Salary schedule in Column E and Level 8 with a salary of \$2,210.

#### **g. Employment of Seasonal Staff**

This item was a duplicate from April.

**h. Gifts and Grants**

It was recommended that the Board accept the gift of \$250 from the Buhler Kiwanis Club to Buhler Grade School. This gift is to be used by the media center to purchase William Allen White Nominee books.

**i. Parents As Teachers MOU and Grant**

It was recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding and the Grant with Parents as Teachers. Our matching portion of the grant for the 2019-2020 school year is \$20,475.

**j. Other**

There were no additional items for the consent agenda.

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

Motion carried. (7-0)

**11. Professional Development Council (PDC) Report**

It was recommended that the Board approve the Professional Development points as presented. The points were reviewed by Board Members Vernon Goerl, Greg Lackey and Marilyn Bolton.

Motion (1) Marilyn Bolton, (2) Matt McCabe to approve the Professional Development points as presented.

Motion carried. (7-0)

**12. Drama Class**

Buhler High School junior Rachel Thomson shared her research on adding a drama class at Buhler High School. Many students would benefit from this class.

**13. Vacation Policy Update**

It was recommended that the Board approve the updated Leave and Vacation Policies as submitted.

Motion (1) Vernon Goerl, (2) Greg Lackey to approve the updated Leave and Vacation Policies as submitted.

Motion carried. (7-0)

**14. Treasurers Report**

Dr. McCabe shared the financial reports.

**15. Reading and Approval of Bills**

Dr. McCabe presented the following checks for approval: checks #54911 - 54977 in the total amount of \$173,341.21.

Motion (1) Monte Cross, (2) Greg Lackey to approve the issuance of checks #54911 - 54977 in the total amount of \$173,341.21.

Motion carried. (7-0)

**16. Other – Addition of Math Position**

It was recommended that the Board approve the request to add 3/7<sup>th</sup> math position at Buhler High School for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion (1) Monte Cross, (2) Vernon Goerl to approve the request to add 3/7<sup>th</sup> math position at Buhler High School for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion carried. (7-0)

The Board took a 5-minute recess at 7:40 pm.

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**Executive Session – Student Matters**

Motion (1) Greg Lackey, (2) Vernon Goerl at 7:45 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 until KOMA and the open meeting will resume at 7:55 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 7:55 pm.

Motion (1) Matt McCabe, (2) Greg Lackey at 7:55 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 until KOMA and the open meeting will resume at 8:00 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 8:00 pm.

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**Executive Session - Negotiations**

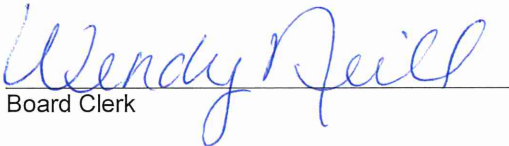
Motion (1) Cliff Wray, (2) Monte Cross at 8:01 pm that the Board of Education go into executive session to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and the open meeting will resume at 8:06 pm. No binding action will be taken while in executive session and Mike Berblinger, Shane Hecox and Perry McCabe are invited to attend.  
Motion carried. (7-0)

The Board of Education reconvened in regular session at 8:06 pm.

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**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

  
Board Clerk

  
Board President