

MINUTES
REGULAR USD 251 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

February 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

1. OPENING ITEMS:

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Matt Horton in the BOE meeting room in Americus.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Horton, Angela Anderson, David Goldsmith Jr, Tim Burton, and Tammie Reed.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mitchell Maxfield, Earl Lyddane (deceased)

SUPERINTENDENT:

Aron Dody

BOARD CLERK:

Nicolette Nuessen

GUESTS:

Guest list attached.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA WITH CONSENT ITEMS AS FOLLOWS:

Angela Anderson (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to approve the agenda with consent items as follows. Motion passed. (5-0)

- a. Approval of minutes from regular board meeting held on January 17, 2018
- b. Approval of minutes from special board meetings held on February 1 and 12, 2018
- c. Approval of expenditures from January 1 – 31, 2018
- d. Approval of treasurer report from January 31, 2018
- e. Approval of free textbook applications #71-72

3. COMMUNICATION TO AND FROM THE BOARD:

- a. Report of Clerk:
The clerk handed out mail.
- b. Report of President:
The President spoke valuable board member Earl Lyddane and asked for a moment of silence. He briefly talked about guns in schools. Further he explained that we need to respect each other. "Be a WE instead of ME!"
- c. Report of Superintendent:
The Superintendent reported from the bus accident in the morning, the district is blessed that no student or staff were hurt and hopes that the driver of the car will be ok. He read his letter of resignation to the board.
- d. Report of Principals:
The Principals reported from past and future events in their buildings.

Mitchell Maxfield is now present and voting. (7:17 p.m.)

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Trinity Case explained to the board why she feels students don't come to our district. Part of it is travel time, the condition of the buildings, and learning opportunities. She said that 251 has great teachers, but the district needs better facilities. The high schools location is not good and security is an issue, renovating it would only put a band aid on it. She further said, "There has to be a school in North Lyon County, no getting around it!"

Gary Heine informed the board about skills USA for high school interviews.

Charolette Lowder suggested cutting all community meals and activities to save money. Tailgate and senior citizen dinner, just to name a few.

Rusty Heins thanked Mr. Dody for all he has done for the district. He further said that voting no on the previous bonds was a vote to slowly ruin our district.

Kylee Sull gave a petition to the board with lots of signatures and some suggestions to save the district. Jacqueline Leffler talked about a legislative dinner she attended with Mr. Longbine and Mr. Schreiber present. She said that there is a bill on the table to disband districts. She suggested to make phone calls and/or send emails to legislators.

Nancy Wells thanked Trinity Case for her comments. She further said that she had spoken to people how they felt about the failed bonds. Families with students in the district mostly voted yes, because they know what our buildings are like. No voters need to listen, need to look at what's good for the entire district.

DJ Dragonas thanked Mr. Dody. He further said that as a law enforcement officer he can see that the security of our students is at risk.

Mr. Dody read a letter to the board from Kennedy Dragonas about how important it is to keep activities and opportunities for students in 251.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. 2018-19 Budget

There was a lengthy discussion about the 2 study sessions held on February 1st and 12th. With a heavy heart, Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) motioned to close Reading school. This will allow Mr. Dody to start the process according to Kansas Statute 72-8213b. Motion passed. (4:2, Maxfield M., Reed T.)

b. RFQ and RFP

Mr. Dody shared the RFQ sent by P1 Group. He will ask P1 Group for a cost proposal of a performance grade audit.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. KSDE audit report:

Mr. Dody shared the results of the KSDE audit. There was a loss of 1.6 FTE, which is something the district was already aware of.

b. Intent to negotiate letter:

Tim Burton (Tammie Reed) moved to appoint Angela Anderson and Matt Horton as negotiators for the board. Motion passed. (6-0)

7. PERSONNEL/STUDENTS:

a. Executive Session:

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to go into executive session, inviting Mr. Dody, to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA, and the meeting will resume in the board room at 8:37 p.m. Motion passed. (6-0)

The Board left the room at 8:27 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:37 p.m.

b. Recommendations:

None

c. Resignations:

Tim Burton (Angela Anderson) moved to accept the resignation from Amber Kesler, as cheer and dance sponsor at NHHS, for the end of the 2017-18 school year. Motion passed. (6-0)

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to accept the resignation from Amanda Merring as softball coach at NHHS for the 2018 spring season. Motion passed. (6-0)

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to accept the resignation from Jami Mott as teacher at Americus for the end of the 2017-18 school year, with many thanks and gratitude. Motion passed. (6-0)

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to accept the resignation from Aron Dody as superintendent of schools for the end of the 2017-18 school year, with a heavy, but thankful heart. The care, the leadership, the bright light will be missed. Motion passed. (6-0)

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Angela Anderson said that the comments from the public hit on her points. We need to remember that in the rural areas, the school district is a main employer. By not supporting the district, people are just hurting themselves. She further stated that people from other districts questioned what is wrong with 251. Shame on patrons who voted no for not talking to parents, shame on patrons who voted yes for not talking to the no voters. Now the district is losing a very good man in Aron!

Tim Burton said that Aron will be missed and shamed everyone who had threatened him.

Tammie Reed announced Earl Lyddane's funeral details. She also said, "There is no gain when we shame." Everyone is important. We need to listen to the children. Said to Aron that they had their differences, but wished him all the best in the world.

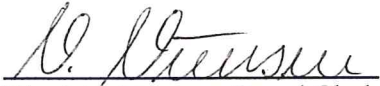
David Goldsmith Jr stated that Aron's decision was based on the immoral acts of patrons in the district. We're losing an incredible person, an incredible friend.

Mitchell Maxfield had no comments.

Matt Horton announced that the last high school basketball game will be on the following day. He said that the teams are full of a great group of kids. He congratulated Mrs. Beatty on the STEM grant for Reading school, which she did most legwork for. Further he said that as the board put up options for possible cuts, he wanted to remind everyone how priceless athletics and activities are. He thanked the students who came and spoke during public comments.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

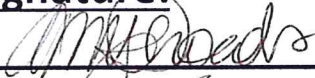




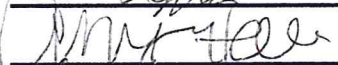

Tim Burton (Angela Anderson) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. (6-0)
The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.


Nicolette Nuessen, Board Clerk

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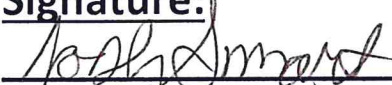
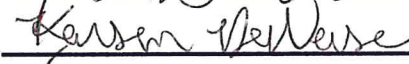


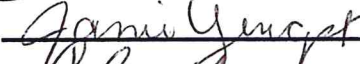
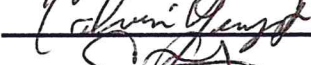
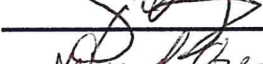

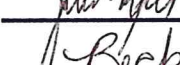
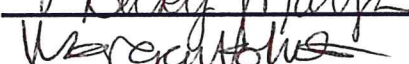
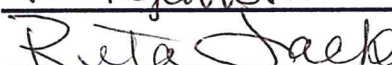

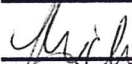


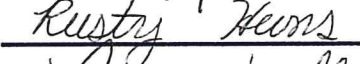
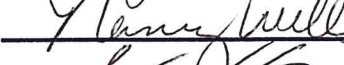

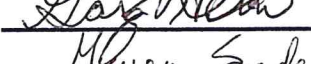
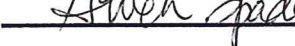

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Kerry Rhoads		6:33
Karen Heins	Karen Heins	6:34
Trinity Case	Trinity Case	6:36
Thomas Cushing		6:36
Peggy Fort	Peggy Fort	6:36
Lizzy Murray		6:39
Mansa Murray	Mansa Murray	6:39
Ginger Dody	Ginger Dody	6:39
Jacqueline Lettler		6:41
Bill Lettler	Bill Lettler	6:42
Amy Blahn		6:42
Charolite Louden	Charolite Louden	6:42
Tyler Floyd	Tyler Floyd	6:43
Jessica Woodrow	Jessica Woodrow	6:43
Sherry Ferguson	Sherry Ferguson	6:44
Roger Ferguson	Roger Ferguson	6:44
Holly French	Holly French	6:45
Shari Beatty	Shari Beatty	6:45
Jana Smart	Jana Smart	6:46
Dodie Douda		6:47

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Karsen DeWeese		6:48
Kylee Sull		6:49
Staci Sull		6:49
Jamie Yingst		6:50
Calvin Yingst		6:50
Corey Wiltz		6:50
David Orear		6:51
John Maxfield		6:51
Becky Mayes		6:52
Dillon Morgan Horton		6:52
Peta Jackson		6:58
Darwin Sweetman		6:59
Michael Ian Frath		6:59
Christy Dragano		6:59
Kennedy Dragano		6:59
Rusty Heins		7:00
Nancy Wells		7:00
Shane T. Gier		7:00
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Gwen Spade		7:00

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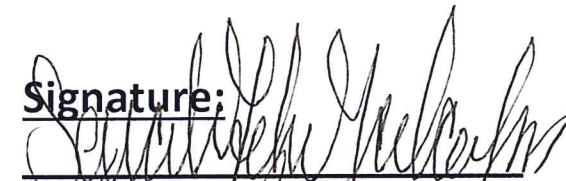
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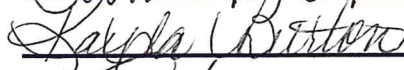
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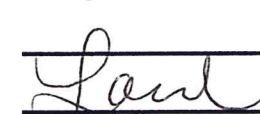
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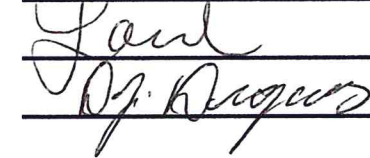
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Lauren Rust



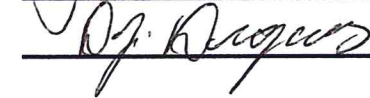
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D.J. DRAGONAS



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