

USD #393 Board of Education  
Solomon High School Library  
Solomon, Ks. 67480

Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM  
April 12, 2021

Members Present: Andrea McCook, President, Brad Homman, Vice President, Todd Brungardt, Dustin Dooley, Denise Miller, Wade Walker, Justin Zerbe Administration & Staff Present: Justin Coup, Superintendent, Dennis McCall, Prek-8 Principal, Nick Owen, 9-12 Principal, Dean Ann Zsamba, Clerk of the Board Guests: Shelby Noggle, Liz Krause, Ashley Kohman, Mike Richards

Andrea McCook, President called the regular meeting to order at 7 PM in the high school library. President McCook led the audience in the pledge of allegiance and recited the district mission statement. President McCook added to the consent agenda – Approval of bus for After Prom and to the regular agenda – New Hires Delaney Hamel, Susanne Anderson and Sydney Walker; Resignations – Nate Seidl, Counselor. Brad Homman approved the additions to the agenda. Todd Brungardt seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

The bills, claims and financial reports were presented. Superintendent Coup advised the reconciliation and general ledger reports were reviewed and there are no variances. Mr. Coup also reviewed the Synergy Gas bill and advised that the bill was about 7 times higher than expected. As a member of K-Jump, the district will join legal action to investigate and negotiate a possible reduction of the costs. Discussion followed. More information will be available at a later meeting. Todd Brungardt moved to approve the bills, claims and financial reports as presented and discussed. Dustin Dooley seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

President McCook reviewed the items in the consent agenda: Minutes from March 8 and special meeting March 29 and request for bus by the After Prom Committee. Justin Zerbe moved to approve the consent agenda. Brad Homman seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Superintendent Coup reviewed the latest legislative information. There are no proposed cuts to education at this time. He advised the Facebook Live with Liz Krause and Anna Befort went well as they showcased the proposed Gorilla Camp. The information will go live on Tuesday for camp sign ups. He advised that he has met with several contractors as well as the architects HTK & Associates and McGowan-Gordon to gather cost information as we proceed with facility planning. Discussion followed. Friday the administrative team interviewed 9 candidates for various positions. Discussion followed.

Dennis McCall, PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade Principal advised the Prek-4<sup>th</sup> grade field trips are scheduled. Track meets are off to a good start. Shout out to Trish Rohleder and Robyn Pekarek for leading the in-service on April 5 and introducing Really Great Reading. The 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Award Assembly will be on May 18 at the track followed by a dance. Preschool screening and Kindergarten Round UP is May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Principal Nick Owen reported that JH & HS track as well as HS golf are off to a good start. Kudos to Mrs. Austin and the volunteers for hosting the League MS Quiz Bowl Tournament. Congratulations to Patrick Crippen for a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at league

forensics in Solo Acting. Art students completed at a virtual competition for league. Scholarships are being announced and Rachel Hagen received the Rudd Scholarship which pays 100% of her four years at WSU. Kudos to Dr. Guy and staff members that helped Rachel prepare for this honor. Mr. Davidson and the FFA students held a petting zoo this month. The Social Studies department and ELA department have compiled a protected reading list. The last month of school teachers are going to observe another teachers each week to gain some PD from other teaching styles. Great opportunity to learn from each other. Upcoming events are the all school play Clue on Friday and Saturday and prom on April 24. Student of the month is Shalynn Steele.

Parents as Teachers and Technology reports were reviewed. Marc Schardein has recommended an internet phone system which will have significant savings to the district. More information will be available following the upcoming trial period by the offices. Liz Krause advised that coaches meetings for baseball and softball were held tonight and soccer was canceled due to weather last Saturday. Brad Homman moved to approve the reports as presented and discussed. Justin Zerbe seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Ashley Kohman and Mike Richards represented the facilities planning committee. Superintendent Coup, Wade Walker, Board member along with Ashley, Mike and Leenita Heller traveled to Little River, Windom, Goessel, and Fairfield to visit their newly completed facilities. Ashley reviewed the pictures taken while on the tour. These districts are similar in size to Solomon. Discussion followed. Many similarities were observed – each district built a new elementary building, new lunchroom and kitchen and new shop with expanded offerings. One district added a gym another an auditorium and one offers on site daycare. The committee observed strong community partnerships as well as a huge sense of pride from all three communities. Committee members related that even though these were new facilities, Solomon facilities are cleaner and neater in appearance. Discussion followed. Mike thanked the board and Mr. Coup for the opportunity to see these facilities. Wade also thanked the schools for welcoming them and showing off their new buildings and programs. The facility planning group along with board members and Greenbush will meet on April 19 to finalize the new 5-year strategic plan. Discussion followed. May 3 the group will meet with the architects and construction managers and then make a recommendation to the board at the May 10 meeting. Todd thanked everyone for their time and effort on this project.

Superintendent Coup presented options to replace the current football scoreboard, varsity gym scoreboard and move the current varsity gym boards to the middle school gym. Discussion followed. Todd Brungardt moved to purchase scoreboards as discussed from the state bidders list for up to \$40,000. Denise Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

President McCook reviewed upcoming events: Strategic Planning Meeting, April 19 – 6:30PM HS Foyer, April 24 – Prom, May 10<sup>th</sup> regular Board of Education Meeting – 7PM HS Library.

Brad Homman moved to go into executive session at 8:15 PM to discuss individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for a duration of 25 minutes and to include the Board of Education and the

Superintendent. The open meeting in the board room will resume at 8:40 PM. Justin Zerbe seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7– 0. The board returned to general session at 8:40 PM.

The board returned to general session and Brad Homman moved to hire Delaney Hammel, Susanne Anderson and Sydney Walker for the 21-22 school year per the current Professional Negotiated Agreement and to accept the resignation of Nate Seidl, Counselor. Denise Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

With no further business to conduct, Todd Brungardt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Wade Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7– 0.

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Andrea McCook, President

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Dean Ann Zsamba, Clerk of the Board

The next meeting of USD #393 Board of Education will be May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the high school library.



