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April 9, 2018

Wabaunsee USD 329

District Office

7:00 pm

Kelly Oliver, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board Members were present except Tony Conrad. Conrad arrived at 7:02

Kelly Oliver moved to approve the following changes to the agenda: Personnel-Add #4 Resignation-Ashley Weber, WHS FACS Teacher/FCCLA Sponsor; Employment-Add #5 Jess Rutledge, WHS Head Football Coach; Move Personnel to after Special Reports. Justin Frank seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Sue Yocum, Elementary Vocal Music teacher introduced the ten 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students who were selected members of the All-State Choir. Out of 800 applicants, 160 students are selected for this choir, and 10 of these 160 students were from USD 329. Two of our ten selected students, Rhett Parry and Caden Frank, have been selected three years in a row. After introductions, the choir performed for the board.

Ashley Weber, WHS FACS Teacher/FCCLA Sponsor updated the board on upcoming events. Jessica Vanstory was recognized for her Battle Buddy Kits for Military Families project that was aired on WIBW. Mrs. Weber recognized Hadley Schreiner for receiving 4 scholarships and for being chosen as State-Wide member of the year. Mrs. Weber was nominated by her students and chosen as State Advisor of the year. In addition, Kinsey Stuewe, Kassidi Huff, and Hadley Schreiner gave presentations on the projects they are taking to State Competition.

Tanner Imthurn, on behalf of the 2017-18 WHS basketball team, read a letter of appreciation in support of coach Skyler Suther and supplied Board Members with additional information on coaching records over the past several years.

At 7:35 pm, Oliver moved to 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 8:05 pm. Don Frank seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Starnes and Principal Stuewe were included in the session. The Board reconvened at 8:05 pm.

At 8:05 pm, Murray moved to 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 8:25 pm. Hajny seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Starnes and Principal Stuewe were included in the session. The Board reconvened at 8:25 pm.

At 8:25 pm, Oliver moved to 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 8:55 pm. Conrad seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Starnes and Principal Stuewe were included in the session. The Board reconvened at 8:55 pm.

At 8:55 pm, Oliver moved to 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 9:00 pm. Hajny seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Starnes and Principal Stuewe were included in the session. The Board reconvened at 9:00.

Murray moved to approve the WHS Winter Coaching recommendations, with the exception of boys head basketball. Conrad seconded. Motion carried 4-3 with Don Frank, Oliver, and Hess voting no.

Justin Frank moved to approve the Teacher/Licensed Staff rehire lists as submitted from Wabaunsee High School, Alma Elementary School, Maple Hill Elementary School, Wabaunsee Junior High School, and Paxico Middle School. Hajny seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Conrad moved to regretfully approve the retirement/resignation of Sue Yocum, Elementary Vocal Music and resignation of Ashley Weber, WHS FACS Teacher/FCCLA Sponsor. Murray seconded. Motion carried 7-0. The Board thanked Mrs. Yocum for her years of dedication and service to the students of Wabaunsee USD 329, and thanked Mrs. Weber for the wonderful job she has done during her time at WHS.

Hajny moved to approve the employment of Alicia Stott as Assistant JH Cross Country Coach, Jess Rutledge as Head WHS Football Coach, and Amanda Kolbek as WHS Head Volleyball Coach. Murray seconded. Motion carried 7-0

There were written reports submitted from the Principals. Mrs. Hutley reported on a WHS Leadership Challenge trip to Washburn University where high school students participated in a leadership simulation on Hazing. Mr. Stuewe thanked Mrs. Hutley for taking the students to Washburn for the Leadership trip. In addition, he invited all Board members to WHS Graduation on Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 pm. He requested Board members please let him know if they are not going to be able to attend. Mr. Oliver reported Luke Wertzberger, 6th grader at PMS, who represented the school very well at the State Geography Bee competition. He also reported they are down one student on their enrollment.

Technology Director Austin Lawrence and Maintenance/Transportation Director Fred Johnson also submitted written reports. Food Service Director Kathy Mickey and Assistant Food Service Director Debbie Westhoff did not submit a report.

Conrad moved to approve the consent agenda. Don Frank seconded. Motion carried 7-0

There were continued curriculum discussions. Mr. Starnes asked the Board for their thoughts on moving 5th grade back to the elementary buildings and 6th grade to the junior high building. He asked that the Board provide him with a direction on whether to pursue this or not. Board member Oliver shared she feels we need to do what is best for the kids. After internal discussions have been made, if it is decided to pursue this option, she feels it would be important to develop a plan, gather feedback from administration and staff, and have community outreach as well as continued communication as the process progresses. Justin Frank feels we need to explore this option to see if it is something that would be in the best interest of the kids. Murray asked for the principal's feelings on moving 5th to the elementary buildings and 6th to the junior high building.

Austin Lawrence spoke to the possibility of changing the high school schedule from block to a modified block/blended schedule, and the changes that would need to occur within Skyward in order for this to happen. Due to the fact students have already started pre-enrollment for next year, at this time in the school year it is not feasible. This change will require additional time for staff to work during the summer to set the system up for this change. If a change is going to be made on the high school schedule, it is his recommendation to have a decision no later than December 2018 with implementation set for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mr. Starnes reported on budgeting/long range planning, OPAA!, The Leader in Me BOE Visitation Day, KESA-Outside Visitation Team, and the Risk Assessment that was performed by members of Wabaunsee County Law Enforcement. He reviewed what is currently happening with the legislature

on the finance bill, necessary roof replacements at WHS and PMS at a cost of approximately \$170,000, HVAC systems that need replaced, replacement of busses that need taken out of the fleet, OPAA! Food Service Contract, and negotiations. In regards to OPAA!, he has asked to board for a recommendation as to whether we will continue our contract with them or not. The company projected saving our district \$30,000 over 2 years and our costs have increased significantly. Mr. Starnes has contacted the OPAA! representative for an explanation for the increase. Mr. Starnes shared it would be his hope we might find a place to meet in the middle where we could provide better quality, variety, and have increased participation. More information will be shared at the May meeting. Mr. Starnes would like to set a date for Board members to visit each school to see how The Leader in Me has influenced our students and the positive impact it is having on them.

Oliver thanked Mrs. Cassell for shirts that were given to the Board members. The shirts were designed and made by the screen-printing class. She also reported on several items that have taken place at the Board of Regents with K-12 and Higher Education to integrate college and work force initiatives and concurrent enrollment.

Justin Frank reported he had been contacted by Nexgen about a fundraising opportunity. The group would select the fund money would go to, select a date, then 10% of all proceeds on that day would go to that fund. If we are interested in doing this, he needs to let them know the date that would work best.

Conrad moved to adjourn. Don Frank seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 pm.

Submitted by Cheryl Zeller
Clerk