

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR USD 251 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**April 11, 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

**SUPERINTENDENT:**

Aron Dody

**BOARD CLERK:**

Nicolette Nuessen

**GUESTS:**

Guest list attached.

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

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to approve the agenda with consent items as follows. Motion passed. (6-0)

- a. Approval of minutes from regular board meeting held on March 6, 2018
- b. Approval of minutes from special board meeting held on March 26, 2018
- c. Approval of minutes from special board meeting "Public Hearing" held on March 28, 2018
- d. Approval of minutes from special board meeting held on April 2, 2018
- e. Approval of expenditures from March 1 – 31, 2018
- f. Approval of treasurer report from February 28, 2018
- g. Approval of treasurer report from March 31, 2018

**3. COMMUNICATION TO AND FROM THE BOARD:**

- a. Report of Clerk:  
The clerk handed out mail and a certificate of achievement to Tammie Reed.
- b. Report of President:  
The President said the school year is flying by. Track, baseball and softball are off to a good start, athletes and coaches are working hard. He reminded everyone that prom is this weekend.
- c. Report of Superintendent:  
The Superintendent briefly spoke on snow day makeup, DCC meetings, and next year's pathways. He further reported that the results from Alloy Architects from the community meetings are in. A lengthy presentation about the newly approved school finance bill followed.
- d. Report of Principals:  
The Principals reported from past and future events in their buildings.

Mitchell Maxfield is now present and voting. (7:04 p.m.)

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Reading school:  
A very lengthy discussion of options for Reading school, the possibility of becoming a Charter school, the savings of a closure, the possible loss of students, the cost of getting Americus school ready for the move, the cost of the move itself, and the fact that the district still has to cut a minimum of \$104,000 from next year's budget.

Tim Burton (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to approve the following resolution. Motion passed. (4-2 Reed ., Maxfield M)

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 72-1431 authorizes the board of education of any unified school district to close any school building by majority vote of the board; and

WHEREAS, Unified School district No. 251, Lyon County, Kansas, timely published notice of and held a public hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018, to hear and consider testimony and evidence on the proposed building closure; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 251, Lyon County, Kansas, in a regular meeting lawfully assembled this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018, that the Reading School building shall be closed at the end of the 2017-18 school year.

ADOPTED by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 251, Lyon County, Kansas, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

b. Board vacancy:

Wendy Linsey and Nichole Kuhn applied for the vacant board position. The President asked the public if anyone else was interested as well. No others were interested. After a brief interview of each candidate the following motions were made;

Tammie Reed (Mitchell Maxfield) moved to appoint Nichole Kuhn for the vacant board position. Motion failed. (2-4 Horton M, Anderson A, Burton T, Goldsmith D)

Angela Anderson (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to appoint Wendy Linsey for the vacant board position. Motion passed. (4-2 Reed T, Maxfield M)

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Snow day makeup:

1,116 student contact hours per school year are required by the state. We had 4.54 snow days (30.63 hours) built into the academic calendar for 2017-18. The district used 5 snow days. The shortage of 3.12 hours will be made up by changing the last day for teachers from a half work day to an Inservice day.

Tim Burton (Angela Anderson) moved to approve the change. Motion passed. (6-0)

b. KASB legal contract:

David Goldsmith Jr (Angela Anderson) moved to approve the 2018-19 KASB legal contract. Motion passed. (6-0)

**7. PERSONNEL/STUDENTS:**

a. Executive Session:

Angela Anderson (Matt Horton) 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 to discuss an employee contract pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:02 p.m. Motion passed. (6-0)

The board left the room at 8:47 p.m.

At 9:02 p.m. the board returned to open session.

b. Recommendations:

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to offer a contract to Mike Mathes as Superintendent of Schools, for the 2018-19 school year. Motion passed. (6-0)

c. Resignations:

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

**8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Tammie Reed said they agreed, they agreed on something.

David Goldsmith Jr didn't enjoy either vote tonight.

Angela Anderson dittoed David Goldsmith Jr. She is looking forward to prom.

Tim Burton said that no one ever wants to close a school. It's a very sad day.

Matt Horton dittoed all previous board member comments. He feels that there should be more discussion on helping students with dyslexia. He continued to say, the board of education has to do what's best for the kids and the district. The only way the district can move ahead is with positive staff, parent, and patron involvement. "Stay positive"!

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Tim Burton (Angela Anderson) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. (6-0)

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "N. Nuessen", written over a horizontal line.

Nicolette Nuessen, Board Clerk

"These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next meeting."



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**Please sign in!**

**Print Name:**

**Signature:**

**Time:**

<u>Gail Watkins</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>6:39</u>
<u>Bob &amp; Kathy Reust</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	
<u>Nancy Wells</u>	<u>Nancy Wells</u>	<u>6:35</u>
<u>Janie Kingst</u>	<u>Janie Kingst</u>	<u>6:41</u>
<u>Mary Ann Needton</u>		<u>6:41</u>
<u>Terry DeDonder</u>	<u>Terry DeDonder</u>	<u>6:42</u>
<u>Bill Neffler</u>	<u>Bill Neffler</u>	<u>6:43</u>
<u>Jana Smart</u>	<u>Jana Smart</u>	<u>6:43</u>
<u>Cory Wiltz</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>6:43</u>
<u>Wendy Lusey</u>	<u>Wendy Lusey</u>	<u>6:45</u>
<u>Roger Ferguson</u>	<u>Roger Ferguson</u>	<u>6:45</u>
<u>Todd Hensley</u>	<u>Todd Hensley</u>	<u>6:50</u>
<u>Corrie Hensley</u>	<u>Cori Hensley</u>	<u>6:50</u>
<u>Michelle Buster</u>	<u>Michelle Buster</u>	<u>6:50</u>
<u>Nichole Kuhn</u> ←	<u>Nichole Kuhn</u>	<u>6:52</u>
<u>Sherry Edmiston</u>	<u>Sherry Edmiston</u>	<u>6:55</u>
<u>Danica Harris</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>6:55</u>
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<u>Amy Crawford</u>	<u>Amy Crawford</u>	<u>6:58</u>

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Shari Beatty

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6:45

Sherry Ferguson

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Ram Brooks

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6:30

Olly Frenn

Olly Frenn

6:50

Perri / Brittany Petersen

Perri / Brittany Petersen

6:50

GREG FREMER

GREG FREMER

6:51

Aun Birney

Aun Birney

6:55

Shari Horton

Shari Horton

6:58

John Maxfield

John Maxfield

7:03

Angie Schreiber

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7:03

## RESOLUTION FOR CLOSING SCHOOL BUILDING OR BUILDINGS

Mr. President, I move the adoption of the following resolution:

### RESOLUTION

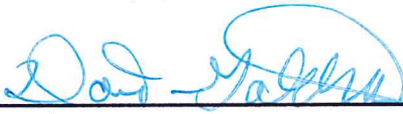
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By:

  
Member

  
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Attest:   
Clerk, Board of Education