

February 17th, 2021 BOE Minutes

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, USD 289

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education held Wednesday, February 17th, 2021, at 6:30 PM. President Beth Watson called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Board members present Beth Watson, Gavin Fouts, Jeremi Thompson, Todd Wilmarth, Shane Pruitt via zoom, Amanda Donovan

USD #289 STAFF PRESENT

Ryan Bradbury, Supt., Jennifer Eiche, Board Clerk via zoom, Gwendolyn Jacobs, Curr. Dir. GUESTS HTK Architects, Inc. (Scott Hazelitt) Heather Heath, Josh Walker, Dave Katzer, Kathy Katzer, Lauren Kepler, Tyler Ellsworth via zoom, Kutak Rock, David Arteberry via zoom, Stifel (formerly George K Baum).

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Jeremi Thompson moved to adopt and add Vai6 to the agenda: the appointment of Deputy Clerk to Gwendolyn Jacobs. Gavin Fouts seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no public comments.

V. ACTION ITEMS

a. BUSINESS BY CONSENT

i. APPROVAL OF

1. MONTHLY BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

2. JANUARY REGULAR AND FEBRUARY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

3. REPORTS

a. ECKCE MINUTES

b. WJRC

4. DECLARATION OF SURPLUS ITEMS

a. Bus 7

5. DONATIONS

a. Rod Larsen and Family - \$2664.30 - School Lunch Balances

b. Craig Adams Memorial - \$145.00 - Athletics

c. Casey's - \$5.40 - Elementary

d. Mid Am Bank - \$100.00 Sr Banners

6. APPOINTMENT OF GWENDOLYN JACOBS AS DEPUTY BOARD CLERK

Jeremi Thompson moved to approve Business by Consent items V.a. as presented with the WJRC Financial Reports pulled for review. Amanda Donovan seconded. The motion carried 6-0. The board discussed and Todd Wilmarth will reach out directly to the WJRC. Gavin Fouts moved to approve the receipt of the WJRC Financials as presented. Jeremi Thompson seconded. The motion carried 5-1 (Yay's: Beth Watson, Gavin Fouts, Jeremi Thompson, Amanda Donovan, Shane Pruitt. Nay's: Todd Wilmarth)

b. FACILITIES PLANNING

i. BOND RESOLUTION

ii. BOND QUESTIONS

The board and Mr. Bradbury reviewed and discussed the bond resolution and bond questions. Tyler Ellsworth and David Arterberry were available for questions that the board had.

Dawn Whalen provided a written statement due to her absence.

On Tue, Feb 16, 2021 at 9:31 PM Whalen, Dawn <dwhalen@usd289.org> wrote:

I am submitting my written statement in support of the USD 289 Bond Resolution and questions. While I cannot be there in person tonight, I want to make it clearly known that I support the resolution and questions. I would be voting yes if I was there in person this evening. Our stakeholders and board of education have worked tirelessly to create options that maximize taxpayers' investment into the district while limiting the individual tax increase. This is a big item on our strategic plan and is necessary for our district to improve and develop.

Sincerely,

Dawn Whalen

Jeremi Thompson moved to approve resolution 2021, which is a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BOND ELECTION IN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 289, FRANKLIN COUNTY, STATE OF KANSAS (WELLSVILLE), FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT THE QUESTIONS OF ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT AND FOR GIVING OF NOTICE OF THE BOND ELECTION. Gavin Fouts seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Jeremi Thompson moved to accept the Bond questions as presented. Amanda Donovan seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

c. 2020-2021 CALENDAR

Mr. Bradbury presented the amended 2020-2021 calendar as proposed by the district calendar committee. The board reviewed and discussed. Mr. Bradbury provided an update regarding the current standing toward the required 1,116 hours. The board discussed and is in favor of having future snow days be remote learning days if feasible versus making up time later in the

year. The district has the technology (1:1 Chromebook) to support this option. The board also discussed utilizing a late start on severe weather days if applicable beginning next year. Additional information will be sent out to parents/stakeholders over the summer.

Shane Pruitt left the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Jeremi Thompson moved to approve the changes to the 2020-2021 calendar as presented. Gavin Fouts seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

d. 6-12 COURSE GUIDES 2021-2020 (SG 5)

Mr. Bradbury presented the 6-12 course guides for 2021-2022. The board reviewed and discussed. Jeremi Thompson moved to approve the 2021-2022 6th-12th grade course guides as presented. Amanda Donovan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

e. KASB BOARD POLICY UPDATES (SG 5)

The board and Mr. Bradbury discussed the KASB Board Policy updates that were reviewed last meeting. Gavin Fouts moved to approve the revisions/deletions to USD 289 Board Policies as presented. Jeremi Thompson seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

f. COVID-19 UPDATES (IF NEEDED) (SG 5)

Mr. Bradbury provided a positive update on the district's current COVID-19 status.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrative reports were provided electronically

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. NEGOTIATIONS

None

b. PERSONNEL

Beth Watson moved that the board and superintendent, recess into executive session to discuss employee resignations, applicants for classified and supplemental openings, and to review an individual employees performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:08 pm in the High School Cafeteria. Gavin Fouts seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

b. STUDENT MATTERS (if needed)

There were no student matters.

VIII. PERSONNEL

a. RESIGNATIONS

None

b. CONTRACTS TO OFFER

Jeremi Thompson moved to offer the following Certified Contract; Samantha Crabbs-Elementary Teacher. Todd Wilmarth seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Jennifer Eiche, Clerk of the Board / Gwendolyn Jacobs, Deputy Clerk