

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

Regular Meeting
7:00 PM
September 11, 2017

Members Present: Brad Homman, President, Tallie Baetz, Todd Brungardt, Andrea McCook. Administration and Staff Present: Justin Coup, Superintendent, Shalon Worcester, Elementary Principal, Nick Owen, Secondary Principal, Dean Ann Zsamba, Clerk of the Board. Guests: Lori Brubaker, Tamara Moon, Jennifer Kinderknecht, Trish Rohleder, Brandy Gray, Shelby Noggle, Michelle and Jenni Palmgren,

President Brad Homman called the hearing to consider alternative method of delivery for construction to order at 7:00 PM. The public notice of intent to use an alternative method of deliver for construction was published in the Abilene Reflector Chronicle on August 17, 2017. President Homman asked for any comments from the audience, hearing none, the hearing was adjourned.

President Brad Homman called the regular meeting of USD #393 Board of Education to order at 7:01 PM in the high school library. Mr. Homman led the audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance and Todd Brungardt recited the district mission statement.

Tallie Baetz moved to approve the agenda as presented. Andrea McCook seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4 – 0.

Superintendent Coup introduced Jennifer Kinderknecht, Pre-School Instructor and Tamara Moon, 2nd Grade Instructor.

Trish Rohleder, Title 1 and MTSS Instructor, presented progress boards for last year's third and sixth grade classes. Discussion followed. Mrs. Rohleder advised Multi-Tier Support System testing began this week. This program challenges all levels of learners to achieve. Discussion followed. The program has added service to two grade levels in the last two years. Mrs. Rohleder and Mrs. Worcester are working together setting attainable building level benchmark goals for this year. The board thanked Mrs. Rohleder for her presentation.

The bills, vouchers and financial statements were presented. Discussion followed. The Solomon Recreation Commission water bill was pulled from the approval list to be presented Wednesday at the recreation commission meeting. Andrea McCook moved to approve all remaining bills, vouchers and financial statements as presented. Todd Brungardt seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4 – 0.

President Homman reviewed the following items in the consent agenda: Approval of August 14 and August 24, 2017 minutes; Approval of out of district student list with the addition of Aspen Zorn; Approval of FBLA request to attend regional conference in St. Louis, Mo with expenses paid by the students; Approve hiring Zoie Siler and Erin Rouse as After School Program Aides; Approve \$500 nutrition grant from Kansas State

Department Child Nutrition; Approve Alicia Baize as a route driver upon completion of her driver training and licensing.

Superintendent Coup reviewed his written report. He advised that the Champs Training provided during pre-service was time well spent. The kick off with Dr. Randy Watson, Commissioner of Education was very well received. Mr. Coup expressed his thanks to the Solomon State Bank for providing a luncheon as well as to Jim Atkisson and his Jr. High Crew for also providing a staff lunch during this week. Open house on the 28th was well attended. Superintendent Coup reviewed the reports due to KSDE this time of the year including CTE Pathway Costs; Food Service Audit; SO66; Count Day on the 20th. Discussion followed. The CKCIE assessment increased \$25,000 this year which took up a large portion of the district's new money. Discussion followed. He reported no news on the Supreme Court Finance Case, Mr. Dennis thinks it may wait until November. Superintendent Coup advised that legislators are focusing on some school district's high cash carry over. Solomon is at about 7.5% which is below the average but enough to cover a payroll if state funds were delayed. Discussion followed.

Shalon Worcester, Elementary Principal advised that character assemblies will be held monthly. The student ambassadors are helping with that project as well as providing the morning announcements with Mrs. Brubaker's help. Mrs. Worcester advised that her staff is doing a great job implementing Champs and they are already seeing some results. Discussion followed.

Nick Owen, Secondary Principal, stated that a lot of changes have already been implemented including electronic hall passes as well as the Champs Initiative. A class pride competition has been created and 75% of the entire student body was in attendance at the first home football game. Discussion followed. All juniors will take the PSAT test this year. He advised that students will not be allowed to re-enter home events as well as no one may bring outside containers into the facilities. Discussion followed. Mr. Owen left the meeting to supervise the home JV football game.

Mr. Coup reviewed the written Parents as Teachers report as well as the Technology report. Discussion followed.

President Homman advised that the Solomon Recreation Commission will meet on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7PM at the city offices.

Andrea McCook moved to accept the reports as presented. Tallie Baetz seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4 – 0.

Denise Miller entered the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Brad Homman moved to approve the alternate method of delivery for construction. Todd Brungardt seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5 – 0. Superintendent Coup advised that he has met with the speaker's committee. Stan Razak will be speaking to the local groups and Brian Heller will be manning a table at all home sporting events to answer questions and hear patron comments. Andrea McCook stated that the marketing

committee has met and shared the drawings and slogans they selected. They are also proposing a banner to be hung across highway 40 encouraging everyone to vote in favor of the project. Dean Ann Zsamba stated that the get out the vote committee has received the three lists of registered voters and will be meeting to finalize plans. Superintendent Coup reviewed the timelines for advertising, interviewing and hiring the construction management at risk. Discussion followed. The request for qualifications will be sent September 12 to those companies that have inquired.

Superintendent Coup reviewed the five-year capital improvement plan adopted by the board prior to the proposed bond project. Discussion followed. The carpet replacement will be completed during Spring break and most deferred maintenance items have been addressed. Discussion followed. The board requested additional information on possibly purchasing a used route bus and a van. Discussion followed.

David Strait, 3rd grade Instructor and Coach and Craig Wind, MS Language Arts and Coach were introduced to the board.

President Homman reviewed upcoming dates: October 6th – Homecoming, October 9th – Board of Education Meeting, October 10th and 24th – Community Meeting regarding bond project.

The board took a 10 minute break at 8:15 PM. President Brad Homman moved to go into executive session at 8:25 PM to include all members of the board and the superintendent for the purpose of discussion of an individual's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under Kansas Open Meetings Act and to return to open session at 8:50 PM. Andrea McCook seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5 – 0. The board returned to open session at 8:50 PM and with no further business to conduct, Todd Brungardt moved to adjourn the meeting. Denise Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5 – 0.

Brad Homman, President

Dean Ann Zsamba, Clerk of the Board

The next regular meeting for USD #393 Board of Education will be on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the high school library.