

MINUTES  
SCHOOLBOARD MEETING  
October 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Akron School District R-1 began with a work session at 6:05 p.m. Board members present were: Jessica Filla, vice president; Tony Claflin, secretary; and Nathan Quick, treasurer; Andy Molt, director; Megan Bower and Fred Raish, future board members.

**1. Administrator/Director Reports**

Counselors, Britney Weers and Shae Smith, were present to discuss the counseling department's goals for the school year as well as the curriculum and programming being used school wide. They gave a brief presentation on Kelso's Choice and WhyTry curriculum and how often they are going into classrooms. Individualized counseling sessions and TeleHealth are being utilized by our students as well.

Athletic Director (Mr. Pickens) – Tyler Pickens highlighted the topics discussed at the latest league AD meeting, which include recent changes to classification numbers in football for the next cycle, using a shot clock for high school basketball, CHSAA wants to use a consistent format for state basketball across all classifications thus getting rid of districts, and concerns around utilizing the coaches' poll when ranking teams. He reported the 2022-2023 football schedule is complete and volleyball is almost finalized, two seats have become available on the CHSAA legislative council and Tyler will be filling one of those seats representing rural schools, the league band and choir dates have been set, and state volleyball this year will be held at the Broadmoor Arena in Colorado Springs for all classifications.

Technology (Mr. Clarkson) – Greg Clarkson reported it has been a slow month technology wise, the marquee out front is down again and should be fixed by the weekend, two additional security cameras will be installed soon, he has been working with Cody Jones on some tech repairs at the transportation facility, some of the older Chromebooks have been rotated out, and the doors and bells are on the same system now. Greg then presented the district's safety and response guide to the board giving them a brief overview of the district's procedures for responding to emergencies.

Elementary Principal (Mrs. Anderson) – Kendra Anderson reiterated the wonderful supports the District has available for students through our counselors. The elementary student enrollment is 240 Pk-5<sup>th</sup> grade. The Traits Writing implementation continues to go extremely well and the teachers received high compliments from trainer, Sharon Vorce. Other items Kendra noted were the new math curriculum implementation is going very smoothly, the first DAC meeting of the year was held and was well attended, and Family Literacy Night was a great success. She closed with providing a brief overview of Class DoJo, which is utilized by the elementary teachers to communicate with the parents.

Bill Dorrenbacher led prayer. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Junior High/High Principal (Mr. Randel) – Shawn Randel reported the attendance rate for middle and high school is very good and we currently have 182 students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. There have been numerous activities taking place as the school year gets going, AOL (Additional Opportunity to Learn) is offered again this year after school, he reviewed the MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support) process for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students and how we are helping those students, parent-teacher conferences went well but he will be looking at ways to increase participation at the junior high/high school level, PBIS awards continue for both students and staff, and Homecoming will be held next week with numerous activities planned as well as Community Pride Day.

Superintendent (Mr. Christensen) – Brian Christensen noted our students are more supported now than they ever have been and he thanked the board for allowing the district to hire an additional counselor. He then noted in the director's reports: Transportation-the fuel and mileage report was included in the packet, and bus #6 has been out of service due to repairs recently but is back in operation. Maintenance-numerous events have been taking place, the HVAC system requires daily adjustments, daily cleaning and disinfecting continues, and the lights in the overflow parking lot were installed this week. In his

report, Brian noted a lot of activities are taking place daily, the updated board manual is in the board packet, he has been attending the BEST Health Board meetings virtually, he is on the S-CAP board and our site review will be held November 1st, the HVAC committee met and he will be following up with the companies, he has been planning for the next Northern Superintendent's meeting which he is the chair of, and the auditor was here the last few days. He noted, it is a busy time!

## **2. Questions About Board Meeting Agenda Items – None**

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. in the Akron School elementary music room by vice president Jessica Filla. Members present were; Jessica Filla, vice president; Tony Claflin, secretary; Nathan Quick, treasurer; and Andy Molt, director. KORY KESSINGER WAS ABSENT.

**2. Approval of Agenda** – A motion was made by Nathan Quick to amend the agenda by adding Kiara Guy and Samantha Crumley as high school volleyball volunteers to consent agenda item 3f and add the return of tax overpayment to Washington County Treasurer as discussion item 6e. Tony seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Claflin, aye; Filla, aye; Molt, aye; Quick, aye. Motion passed. A motion was made by Andy Molt to approve the agenda. Tony Claflin seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Claflin, aye; Filla, aye; Molt, aye; Quick, aye. Motion passed.

## **3. Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

- a. Minutes from September 14, 2021 Work Session and Regular Board Meeting and Minutes from October 6, 2021 Work Session
- b. September Bills
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Approve Hiring: Vanessa Zimmerman, Part-time SPED Paraprofessional and Griselda Carmona Mendoza, ELL Paraprofessional
- e. Approve: Payton Swedlund, Substitute Teacher; Evan Alvarez, Substitute Teacher; and Kylea Bohall, Kitchen Substitute
- f. Approve: Marion Dracon, J.H. & H.S. Volunteer Basketball Coach; Kiara Guy, Volunteer H.S. Volleyball Coach; Samantha Crumley, Volunteer H.S. Volleyball Coach

A motion was made by Andy Molt to approve the consent agenda items. Nathan Quick seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Claflin, aye; Filla, aye; Molt, aye; Quick, aye. Motion passed.

## **4. Public Participation**

- a. None

## **5. Board Reports**

- a. BOCES: September Board Meeting Recap – Jessica Filla reported she and Brian Christensen attended the meeting via Zoom. The majority of the discussion centered around the budget and they each reiterated the value of services the district receives from being a BOCES member.
- b. CASB: Fall Conference & Delegate Assembly – Nathan Quick reported he will be attending the fall conference next week.
- c. Other: None

## **6. Discussion Items**

- a. School Illness Mitigation Plan Update – Brian Christensen reported our county's COVID numbers have increased, but things continue to run very smoothly at the school. He also attends the weekly conference calls with the Northeast Colorado Health Department where he receives updates.
- b. Review Board Reorganization Process – Brian Christensen reviewed the process for the reorganizational meeting which will be held next month, and he tasked the current members to review board positions as well.
- c. HVAC Update – Brian Christensen reported three engineering companies visited the school to review the current HVAC system. Two of those companies presented proposals to the HVAC committee last week, and Brian will be gathering additional information needed from the companies to take back to the committee at a later date.

- d. BEST Matching Money Bond Amending of Interest Rate – Kelli McCaffrey updated the board on the process for refinancing the matching money bond associated with the BEST grant through the state treasurer’s office. The preliminary interest rate looks very favorable and she will continue to keep the board up to date as she receives information.
- e. Return of Tax Overpayment to Washington County Treasurer – Kelli McCaffrey reported the school district received a letter from the treasurer’s office stating there was an error with the 2020 tax roll, which resulted in the an overcollection of tax revenue paid to the district in the amount of \$41,943.90. This amount will need to be remitted to the treasurer’s office via check from the General Fund. The board agreed by consensus to move this to action item 7a.

**7. Action Items**

- a. Approve Return of Tax Overpayment to Washington County Treasurer – A motion was made by Andy Molt to approve the payment of \$41,943.90 to the Washington County Treasurer’s Office for tax overpayment. Tony Claflin seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Claflin, aye; Filla, aye; Molt, aye; Quick, aye. Motion passed.

**8. Policy Approval**

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Revised Policies, Regulation, and Exhibits due to changes in federal law, state law, federal guidance, best practices, and/or purposes of clarity:** CBD-E (Superintendent Contract), GBGG/GBGJ (Staff Leave), GCA-E-3 (Principal Contract), and GCD/GDD (Professional and Support Staff Vacation and Holidays). – A motion was made by Nathan Quick to approve the first reading of the above-mentioned policies. Andy Molt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Claflin, aye; Filla, aye; Molt, aye; Quick, aye. Motion passed.

**9. Executive Session**

- a. None

**10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- a. Reorganizational Meeting
- b. School Audit Report
- c. FFA Presentation

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Kory Kessinger, President

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Tony Claflin, Secretary