

## Unofficial Minutes

March 12, 2018  
Wabaunsee USD 329  
Wabaunsee Junior High Library  
7:00 pm

Kelly Oliver, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Justin Frank, Lesa Hajny, Steve Murray, Don Frank, Kelly Oliver, Tony Conrad, and Jerome Hess were present.

Oliver made a motion to approve the following changes to the Agenda: Add to the Consent Agenda- Approve class trip for Danny Davis; Add to Old & New Business-Date for Special phone in BOE meeting from Wednesday, March 14 at 9:00 am to Monday, March 19 at 9:00 am; Add to Personnel- Approve Employment for Dakota Soderlund as Junior High Assistant Track Coach. Hess seconded. Motion carried 7-0

The Board of Education recognized State Wrestlers Kolby Droegemeier and Riley Tubbs on their State Championships. Coaches Joey Heersche and Travis Conrad gave an overview of the boy's accomplishments from participating in junior high through high school. Droegemeier ended his wrestling career as the 4<sup>th</sup> most winning wrestler in Kansas history with 171 career wins and Tubbs was the 7<sup>th</sup> most winning wrestler in Kansas history with 169 career wins. Coach Heersche recognized them for the dedication they have shown for the sport.

There were written reports from the Principals. Mrs. Hutley had nothing to add to her report. Mr. Stuewe spoke again to the success of Riley Tubbs and Kolby Droegemeier on their State Wrestling Championships. Mr. Oliver shared the Wabaunsee Junior High Promotion will be held on Monday, May 21 at 7:00 pm at the Junior High School Gym, and invited all board members to attend.

Technology Director, Austin Lawrence submitted a written report.

Maintenance Director, Fred Johnson submitted a written report.

Food Service Supervisors, Kathy Mickey and Deb Westhoff submitted a written report.

Jeron Weisshaar reported on the spring sport numbers. Track & Field-27; Softball-25; Baseball-20. He reminded everyone JV baseball plays Friday, March 16 at St. Marys.

Don Frank moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Justin Frank seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Old & New Business-Mr. Starnes reported he would like to purchase Apptegy. He shared the application will enable our district to move away from Google-they will be converting to Google Sites. We will be able to develop an image for the District by having our own District App for our website, and it will also replace School Messenger, by allowing us to push out live feeds and notifications. Conrad made a motion to approve the purchase of Apptegy. Hajny seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Mr. Starnes and Technology Director Austin Lawrence briefly updated the board on the fiber/internet project. There will be a special BOE meeting Wednesday, March 19 at 9:00 am in the board office.

Mr. Starnes reported on the Curriculum Committee. Items that have been discussed within the committee are grade alignments-possibility of keeping 5<sup>th</sup> at the elementary schools and having 6<sup>th</sup>

grade attend at the junior high building, facilities, and the high school changing from a block schedule to a blended/modified block schedule. Oliver asked for comments from board members, on the items that have been discussed.

Grade Alignments/Facilities-Murray commented his understanding with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> going to the middle school, was to give students an opportunity to gradually be introduced to the type of schedule they would have at the junior high, making it an easier transition. Oliver explained that for several years, there has not been much difference in how middle school student schedules are handled in comparison to the junior high. Conrad expressed concern with the possibility of having an empty building sitting vacant and deteriorating, if this change was made. He would want a plan in place for the vacant building in the event this change was to occur. There was a question as to whether there is room for the elementary buildings and junior high to absorb the additional students. Don Frank commented that at one time our district elementary buildings contained grades K-8. He felt it could be workable once again, if these changes were made. Hess shared he feels elementary teachers would likely support having 5<sup>th</sup> grade remain in the elementary buildings. Hajny asked about boundary lines, in respect to deciding which buildings students would attend. Murray feels we need to be sure and have community input before making any decisions. Mr. Starnes asked if he should continue researching the grade alignments. Justin Frank shared he feels if there are other options for our students that might be better suited than what is currently being offered, we need to explore those options to provide our students with the best learning environments.

Block/Modified Block Schedule-There was a lengthy discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of the high school changing from a block schedule to a modified block schedule. Principal Stuewe reviewed different scenarios. He expressed concern with vocational teachers possibly losing a course offering if this change is made. Mr. Alderman, WHS math teacher, shared studies have shown in schools where a modified block or traditional schedule was in place, students score higher on assessments. He also shared when teachers are attending workshops, many times sessions are kept to 45-50 minutes, yet we expect our students to stay attentive for a class scheduled for 85 minutes. Members were in agreement that moving forward, the key is to keep the best interest of the kids in mind. An update will be given next month, and if a change is to be made for next year, members were in agreement it should be done no later than May.

Mr. Starnes requested approval for the purchase of limited access security doors at Wabauensee High School and Maple Hill Elementary exits at a cost of \$14,115. Murray made a motion to approve the purchase. Justin Frank seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Starnes updated the board on KESA. We will be hosting a meeting on March 29, to share information with educators, to assist in setting building goals.

Mr. Starnes updated the board on our current budget balances.

Murray moved to approve a \$200.00 donation request to FCCLA for their banquet. Hajny seconded. Motion carried 7-0

#### Executive Session

At 8:40 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 in the library at 8:55 pm. Murray seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Starnes was included in the session.

The board reconvened at 8:55. At 8:56 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 in the library at 9:06 pm. Don Frank seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Starnes was included in the session.

The board reconvened at 9:06. At 9:07 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 in the library at 9:10 pm. Justin Frank seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Starnes was included in the session.

The board reconvened at 9:10 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 in the library at 9:16 pm. Conrad seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Starnes was included in the session.

The board reconvened at 9:16. It was requested that there be a rehire list for high and junior high school winter coaches at the next board meeting.

Don Frank moved to approve the resignation of Ellen Wilson as Paxico Middle School Language Arts teacher. Conrad seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Don Frank moved to approve Dakota Soderlund as Junior High Assistant Track Coach. Justin Frank seconded. Motion carried 7-0

Superintendent Forum: Mr. Starnes reported on several topics including:

- \*Finance Bill-Nothing to report. Outside expert hired to determine amount of dollars in school funding to complete Kansas adopted Rose Standards and Satisfy Supreme Court Ruling

- \*Revenue above November monthly estimates

- \*Firearm-safety-presently Kansas law does allow firearms in schools-but liability insurance companies will not cover you

- \*Bullying-information from studies correlates the inception of iPhones to dramatic increases in teenage anxiety and depression. With social medias/24-7 kids cannot get away from bullying. This needs to be addressed by all involved

- \*Mental/Social Health-The possibility of trying to get some grant money or work with community members to find funding for a K-12 Social Worker, Coordinator for The Leader in Me, and additional duties for a 7-12 counselor.

- \*BOE goal prioritizing

Board member Hess asked about the possibility of having someone from the Sheriff's department randomly being more visible in and around our schools, to help reinforce the presence of law enforcement.

Don Frank moved to adjourn. Hajny seconded. Motion carried 7-0 Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Submitted by Cheryl Zeller  
Clerk