

Board of Education Meeting
November 8, 2021
Meeting Time at 6:30 p.m.

- I. Roll Call
- II. Additions to and Adoption of the Agenda
- III. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
 - b. Report and action on bills submitted
 - c. Approval of treasurer's statement
- IV. Reports and comments of principals, committees, visitors
 - a. FFA Students
- V. Report of superintendent
- VI. Old Business
 - a.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Curriculum
 - b. Approve Dane Hansen Grant
 - c. Executive Session-Non-elected personnel
 - d. Executive Session-Student Matters
 - e. Executive Session-Negotiations
 - f. Employee Resignation(s)
 - g. Employee Confirmation(s)
 - h. December 13th, 2021, Board Meeting agenda items
- VIII. Adjournment

*Citizens may address the board on agenda or non-agenda items only during the "Visitor" portion of the meeting. Although comments may be made on almost any matter related to the operation of schools, comments will not be allowed concerning individual students or staff members. School Board meetings are private meetings held in a public setting. All patrons are welcome and all are welcome to comment during this time. Please keep in mind that the board will listen, and then if there is a concern that needs addressed the Board President will have the building administrator or superintendent reach out to you to you.



USD 239 North Ottawa County

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, November 8, 2021, 6:30 pm

Vice President Justin Abell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Justin Abell, Shari Abell, Dr. Bruce Labes (Zoom), Brigitte Nelson, Tammy Shanks, Richard Shupe, and Becki Travis (Zoom)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Superintendent, Chris Vignery; Board Clerk; Kim Shafer; Principals: Pat Anderson, and Terry Moeckel. Others present: Tarin Hauck, Christina Wallace, Tyrel Owens, Keri Pratt, Janna Rash, Brandon Sauers, Candice Sauers, Ruth Sanders, Amanda Rensink, Sarah Weis, and Jennifer Freeman.

Vice President Justin Abell led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

Moved by Richard Shupe, second by Brigitte Nelson.

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands: J. Abell, S. Abell, B. Nelson, T. Shank, R. Shupe, B. Travis

Nay, same sign: None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Moved by Brigitte Nelson, second by Tammy Shanks

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands: J. Abell, S. Abell, B. Nelson, T. Shanks, R. Shupe, B. Travis

Nay, same sign: None

4. REPORT AND COMMENTS OF PRINCIPALS, COMMITTEES AND VISITORS

Vice President Abell opened the floor to Christina Wallace, Minneapolis Jr-Sr High School Ag Instructor and FFA advisor. Mrs. Wallace reported the following:

- Minneapolis FFA attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, in October.
- A \$4,000 grant designated for Meats and Livestock judging was received from the Delphos Coop and the Land O'Lakes Foundation.
- Hayden Lott placed 5th and August Hulse placed 6th, individually, on the Kansas 4-H Meats Judging All Star Team which placed 2nd at the National 4-H Meats Contest. Both have traveled and competed in Lubbock, Texas last Saturday and will compete in Goodwell, Oklahoma on Tuesday.
- There are plans in place to travel and compete in several more contests this year.
- Contest results can be found on JudgingCard.com and the Minneapolis FFA Facebook and Instagram pages.
- Reminder that FFA fruit sales are going on right now.

Vice President Abell then opened the floor to visitors for comments or questions:

- Tara Sanchez inquired about the total amount spent on the football field turf.
- Tyrel Owens inquired about vaccination clinics in our buildings and the potential packing plant in the area.

Principal reports were presented online.

Pat Anderson reviewed her written report highlighting:

- Fall conference numbers looked great with 92% of the students represented by their parents. A total of 299 conferences were held with 412 parents in attendance.
- Family Night was held on October 12 with 40 in attendance. The next Family Night is scheduled for November 9, 2021, and will encompass math activities.
- Friday, October 29, students at MGS participated in Fall Fest. The sessions, stations, etc., fit in well with KESA.
- Sixth grade students participated in Streamlink on October 7, 2021.
- Red Ribbon was celebrated the week of October 25, led by Jill Daniels.

Terry Moeckel reviewed his written report highlighting:

- MJSHS will be implementing FastBridge (reading test) per KSDE mandated testing. The goal is to get the first test out prior to Christmas Break and will be for all 7 – 12 grade students.
- We are in year two of social-emotional learning. Last year, the teachers developed BINGO, which was well received. This year staff has adopted MINDCRAFT as the theme. The activities are built around self-regulation as the social-emotional target of improvement.
- MHS will have a team competing at FHSU math relays on Thursday.
- MJH will have their first dance Friday evening.
- The Fall play/musical will be presented next week.

Ryan Mortimer was unavailable but had submitted his written report, which was presented onscreen for visitors, and reviewed by Superintendent Vignery on Mr. Mortimer's behalf:

- Winter sports numbers were presented with the first practice being held November 15 and MJH had their first game on November 4.
- Sub state volleyball was held in Russell, with our high school final record being 10 – 18.
- High school football finished with our final record being 4-5.
- Junior high school football finished 5-1.
- Junior high volleyball finished 9-10.
- Cross country regionals were held at Southeast of Saline; Alayna Cossaart qualified for state, but did not place.
- Mr. Mortimer will be seeking discussion on selling old uniforms and a non-functioning Shoot Away for parts.
- There are two (2) current openings: HS softball assistant and track assistant.

5. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

ESSER III Survey. The survey was sent out to staff and parents, with one soon to follow to community members and students. Mr. Vignery emphasized that these federal dollars must be spent for COVID related, cannot supplant current expenditures, can increase current programs, etc., and also stated if the money is not spent, it must be returned to the federal government.

Staff Social/Emotional Survey. A survey was sent out to faculty last week looking at the social/emotional health of our staff. Responses indicate that our teachers are feeling stressed and 32% indicated they would be interested in receiving social/emotional resources through Blue Cross Blue Shield/Kansas.

KASB Annual Convention. Due to the death of her father, Brigitte Nelson was unable to attend the convention, so Superintendent Vignery took her place. Mr. Vignery indicated he attended a number of workshops looking at focus group responses of community/parents, school finance, and others. School Finance will be addressed the first part of next year.

Opaal! Update. A flyer had been prepared and provided to the board by Ilene Mullen. Again, despite the food delivery shortage, both buildings are serving high numbers of both breakfasts and lunches.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Curriculum.

Vice President Abell gave the floor to member Rick Shupe.

Mr. Shupe addressed the board with some of his concerns with regard to our curriculum, one being some of the views and beliefs behind the Summit Learning platform, e.g., racial discrimination, LGBTQ, etc. A discussion followed

Shari Abell joined the meeting at 7:19 pm.

around areas of concern, the use of different platforms, putting together a small group to look at something different, available resources, etc. Vice President Abell indicated that with new members joining the board in January, it might be better addressed then rather than now. No action taken.

b. Grant Approvals.

Motion to accept the Ottawa County Community Foundation grants.

Moved by Tammy Shanks, second by Brigitte Nelson

Final Resolution: Motion carried 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: J. Abell, S. Abell, B. Labes, B. Nelson, T. Shanks, R. Shupe, B. Travis.

Nay, same signs: None

c. Executive Session: Non-Elected Personnel.

Motion to go into executive session at 7:28 pm for 10 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel, which is justified under KOMA, in order to protect the privacy interest of the individual(s) to be discussed, and Board members will return to open session at 7:38 p.m., at which time there will be no additional discussion. Superintendent Vignery and Principal Pat Anderson are invited to remain. No action will be taken during executive session. Executive session for these reasons is authorized by KSA 65-4319.

Moved by Tammy Shanks, second by Brigitte Nelson

Final Resolution: Motion carries 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: J. Abell, S. Abell, B. Labes, B. Nelson, T. Shanks, R. Shupe, B. Travis

Nay, same sign: None

At 7:38 pm, the Board returned to open session. No action taken.

d. Executive Session: Student Matters. None

e. Executive Session: Negotiations. None

f. Employee Resignation(s). None.

g. Employee Confirmation(s)

Motion to allow Kim Shafer to transfer to the Minneapolis Grade School secretary position.

Moved by Justin Shari Abell, second by Tammy Shanks

Final Resolution: Motion carries 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: J. Abell, S. Abell, B. Labes, B. Nelson, T. Shanks, R. Shupe, B. Travis

Nay, same signs: None

h. December 13, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda Items

- Packing Plant Update
- Calendars

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Moved by Tammy Shanks, second by Brigitte Nelson

Final Resolution: Motion carries 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: J. Abell, S. Abell, B. Labes, B. Nelson, T. Shanks, R. Shupe, B. Travis

Nay, same signs: None

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Clerk, Board of Education
Unified School District No. 239
Ottawa County, State of Kansas



President, Board of Education
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