**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

 **COOPER COUNTY R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT**

 **Regular Session, December 15, 2021**

**Members Present Members Absent**

Anna Kahle - President

Ashley Benny - Vice President

Elizabeth Dick - Secretary

Justin Hein - Treasurer

Brian Arnold - Member

Tim Brandes - Member

Robin Saylor - Member

Dr. Kathryn Anderson - Superintendent

Mrs. Jessica Huth - Principal

Mr. Brian Emde - Principal/Activities Director

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1. The Cooper County R-IV Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Anna Kahle, at 6:30 PM.
2. Motion made by Justin Hein to approve the agendas for the December 15, 2021, Regular and Executive Sessions.

Motion seconded by Ashely Benny.

Yeas: 7 (Anna Kahle, Ashley Benny, Elizabeth Dick, Justin Hein, Brian Arnold, Tim Brandes, Robin Saylor)

Nays: 0

Motion carried: Yes

1. Motion made by Justin Hein to approve the minutes from the Regular and Executive Sessions from November 18, 2021.

Motion seconded by Robin Saylor.

Yeas: 7 (Anna Kahle, Ashley Benny, Elizabeth Dick, Justin Hein, Brian Arnold, Tim Brandes, Robin Saylor)

Nays: 0

Motion carried: Yes

1. **Public Comment:** none

1. **Approval of Bills**

 Motion made byJustin Hein to approve the current bills.

 Motion seconded by Ashley Benny.

 Yeas: 7 (Anna Kahle, Ashley Benny, Elizabeth Dick, Justin Hein, Brian Arnold, Tim Brandes, Robin Saylor)

 Nays: 0

 Motion carried: Yes

1. **Reports**
2. Secondary Science - DeAnn Strother

She believes classes are going well and anticipates being able to do some chemistry work with juniors and seniors during the second semester.

1. Secondary Social Studies - Elijah Schroeder

He has focused on building relationships with students and is using a hybrid teaching format to ensure student engagement whether in-seat or virtual.

1. Tech report - Sheila Blake

Discussion regarding SMART Boards vs. Smart TV, and the need to have a working system for all teachers going into the new year. A district technology inventory was submitted.

1. Maintenance - Bill Moser
2. Discussion regarding bus replacement using grants; one grant cannot be used in conjunction with another; prices for 55 and 65 passenger are $85,000 - $90,000; air conditioning increases cost by $6,000; a camera system $1,800. Also discussed, taking a district small bus and replacing it with a handicapped accessible bus. Using a VW Trust Grant requires a bus to be 2020 or 2021 and 1400 pounds. Bus purchase orders must be submitted by January 29, 2022.

Motion made by Brian Arnold to utilize VW Trust Grant to trade for two new buses with the necessary specifications to qualify for the grant.

Motion seconded by Ashley Benny.

Yeas: 7 (Anna Kahle, Ashley Benny, Elizabeth Dick, Justin Hein, Brian Arnold, Tim Brandes, Robin Saylor)

Nays: 0

Motion carried: Yes

BOE expects an inquiry of a three or five year lease price, with and without AC, and will expect an email as soon as possible to finalize the price.

1. HVAC installation is nearly complete. The AC is hooked up and three heating units will be done over winter break. An additional $5,000 is needed outside of the bid to upgrade wiring safety.
2. Two remote-controlled, pole lights have been installed in the center of the east parking lot. It was discovered a dimmer was on; lights should be brighter with the correction.
3. MFA will be out to monitor gas pressure; one of the regulators possibly has water in it.

E. Principals/AD

1. Jessica Huth
2. There were 20 turkeys donated for audience door prizes at the Christmas Program; there was a good turnout for the program.
3. Classroom holiday parties will be held December 17 and room parents may attend.
4. Intruder training will be held January 3 for staff.
5. Brian Emde
6. Students are completing finals.
7. The all-school spelling bee will occur December 16.
8. The all-school geography bee will occur December 16.
9. Varsity basketball season is underway.
10. The BOE will need to discuss the Bunceton/Prairie Home Co-op for the next school year.

Motion made by Justin Hein to add the junior high to the Co-op beginning 2022-2023, for three years.

Motion seconded by Tim Brandes.

Yeas: 7 (Anna Kahle, Ashley Benny, Elizabeth Dick, Justin Hein, Brian Arnold, Tim Brandes, Robin Saylor)

Nays: 0

Motion carried: Yes

**VII. FINANCIAL REPORT November 2021 -** Superintendent Anderson

Fund Total - $1,173,249

General Fund (1) $962,664.86 Beginning Balance $1,180,174.30

Teachers’ Fund (2) $194,109.98 Total Receipts $ 196,965.37

Debt Fund (3) $ 0.00 Total Expenditures $1,377,139.67

Capital Projects (4) $ 16,474.50 Total Cash on Hand $1,173,249.34

She shared that if the Co-op continues, HUDL (the district video system) has agreed to network both districts, resulting in an annual savings of $2,500.

**VIII. Old Business**

1. American Rescue Plan/COVID Update

Motion made by Ashley Benny to update the district Rescue Plan by strongly recommending to mask after a positive Covid-19 case is identified.

Motion seconded by Justin Hein.

Yeas: 7 (Anna Kahle, Ashley Benny, Elizabeth Dick, Justin Hein, Brian Arnold, Tim Brandes, Robin Saylor)

Nays: 0

Motion carried: Yes

**IX. New Business**

1. Motion made by Ashley Benny to approve the Dyslexia Plan.

Motion seconded by Justin Hein.

Yeas: 7 (Anna Kahle, Ashley Benny, Elizabeth Dick, Justin Hein, Brian Arnold, Tim Brandes, Robin Saylor)

Nays: 0

Motion carried: Yes

1. Motion made by Justin Hein to approve the ELL (English Language Learners) Plan.

Motion seconded by Ashley Benny.

Yeas: 7 (Anna Kahle, Ashley Benny, Elizabeth Dick, Justin Hein, Brian Arnold, Tim Brandes, Robin Saylor)

Nays: 0

Motion carried: Yes

**X. Monthly Meeting**

 The next monthly meeting will be held January 19, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

**XI. Adjourn to Executive Session**

Board President, Anna Kahle, entertained a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting.

Motion made by Brian Arnold to adjourn to executive session.

Motion seconded byJustin Hein.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: 7 (Anna Kahle, Ashley Benny, Elizabeth Dick, Justin Hein, Brian Arnold, Tim Brandes, Robin Saylor)

Nays: 0

Motion carried: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

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