

Board of Education Meeting
December 13, 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
- V. Report of superintendent
- VI. Old Business
 - a.
- VII. New Business
 - a. 22-23 School Calendar
 - b. Patterson Family Grant
 - c. Executive Session-Non-elected personnel,
 - d. Executive Session-Negotiations
 - e. Employee Resignation(s)
 - f. Employee Confirmation(s)
 - g. January 10, 2022, Board Meeting agenda items
- VIII. Adjournment



USD 239 North Ottawa County

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, December 13, 2021, 6:30 pm

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Justin Abell

Others Present: Superintendent, Chris Vignery; Board Clerk; Kim Shafer; principals: Ryan Mortimer, Terry Moeckel; patrons: Tarin Hauck, Candice Sauers, Brandon Sauers, Tyrel Owens, Tyler Konrade, John Darrow

President Nelson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

Moved by Becki Travis, second by Shari Abell

Final Resolution: Motion carries 5-0

Yea, by show of hands: 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 Shari Abell, second by Richard Shupe

Final Resolution: Motion carries 5-0

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

Nay, same sign: None

4. REPORT AND COMMENTS OF PRINCIPALS, COMMITTEES AND VISITORS

President Nelson asked if any visitors had any comments or questions: None

Dr. Bruce Labes joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:32 pm.

Pat Anderson had previously submitted her written report, which was highlighted by Superintendent Vignery:

- Grades K-2 are performing their Christmas concert this evening at 7:00 pm
- Toothbrushes were passed out to all students on November 2 by Nurse Tammy along with a note promoting good hygiene
- Family Night was held on November 9, with Jenny Abell, Title Math teacher, presenting the program, which encompassed math activities with 18 participants. Garrett Galanski is scheduled to present for the Family Night on January 11, 2022.
- There are 32 students participating in the After School Program. Sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:25 – 4:45 pm.
- Students and staff assisted Love, Inc., and the Ministerial Alliance in collecting items for the local *Love Baskets*. This year's goal was to collect 300 macaroni and cheese items by December 3, which they exceeded by collecting 311.
- The first cycle of McRel Evaluations have been completed at MGS.

Terry Moeckel gave his board report highlighted as follows:

- A Zoom meeting was held last week on FastBridge so have an idea of what it will look like; students have been entered; attempted a pre-test but will wait until January to begin testing. We will start with junior high, followed with freshman, sophomores and juniors. This will be a two-part testing.

Ryan Mortimer had previously submitted his written report, but reviewed as follows:

- Approximate numbers for winter sports were provided for high school and junior high
- First day of practice was November 15, 2021
- Jeff Giles Invitational Wrestling Tournament was held last week

5. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Before beginning his report, Superintendent Vignery asked Ryan Mortimer about the recent contact he had received with regard to hosting games. Mr. Mortimer indicated that he had received a phone call asking if we would be interested in hosting sub-state basketball. Mr. Mortimer informed the board that he accepted so Minneapolis Jr-Sr High School will be the site for sub-state basketball this spring.

SITE COUNCIL. The district site council met a couple weeks ago. Topics discussed included, but were not limited to:

- KESA, post-secondary summary and update;
- Salina Tech: increasing future student involvement with Salina Tech (a representative will be present on one of the evenings of Parent/Teachers conferences at MJSHS and will be available to meet with parents).
- What are businesses looking for and from our students, and how to get our students more involved in after-school employment.
- Volunteer days are available soon for the annual cleanup day – students need a total of 40 volunteer hours to walk across the stage at graduation. Lions Club will advertise on their marquee the date scheduled for the cleanup day, which includes Minneapolis, Ada, Delphos, Wells, etc. If there are any questions, please contact Terry Moeckel. Information will be forthcoming in the local newspaper.

MEAT PROCESSING PLANT. Discussions are ongoing with regard to the proposed meat processing plant.

- What direction does the school need to be taking? We know it is going to happen as they plan to start construction on the plant in the spring.
- Potential impact for student enrollment could be seen in the fall of 2023.
- Our buildings are sufficient for the estimated increase in potential students.
- Training for teachers and staff can be held for non-English speaking individuals – most generally, the parents do not speak English, but the students can. This information was gleaned from other superintendents of schools where similar plants and businesses were built bringing in new families to their area. Lyons has a process/plan they are willing to share with us, if the need arises. Our teachers do not have to be certified in the area of ESOL. Certification is necessary only for additional state funding. Adjustment throughout the district can be made as changes occur, but these are not really issues that cannot be handled, according to the other schools that have gone through something similar. We will do what we need to in order to prepare our staff.

STAFFING.

- Continue to advertise for substitute paras and teachers, custodians, and para support utilizing The Minneapolis Messenger Facebook, and the school website.
- May need to realign classified pay rates – the proposed processing plant will start employees out at \$20.00 per hour, which schools cannot compete with.
- Most of our budget is geared towards salaries, which we will have to look at in the near future.
- Availability of teachers graduating and available in the future to replace any retiring staff is limited, given the need for teachers across the state.
- Class sizes continue to be monitored to keep the status quo of less than 25 students per classroom, in our elementary building, with lower numbers per classroom in kindergarten, first, second, and third.
- USD 305 has hired a special ed teacher for the grade school; however that teacher is currently on contract with Salina so will not be available until August of next year.

COMPUTER ITEMS TO SELL. List of obsolete equipment was previously provided to the board online that will be sold.

OPAA! A newsletter prepared by Ilene Mullen was previously provided to the board online. Included in the newsletter was a letter a student had written to the high school cooks, which Mrs. Mullen copied to Opaa. The student was recognized with a t-shirt from Opaa for his letter.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2022 – 2023 Calendar.

This is the preliminary calendar for board review. This calendar will be provided to NOCTA and they will submit the calendar back for board review, with any requested modifications in January.

- b. Patterson Family Grant. Superintendent Vignery applied for this grant and was awarded \$9,000.00, for expenses related to COVID. Plans are to apply some of this grant money towards the new health and well-being of faculty and staff.

Motion to accept the Patterson Family Grant.

Moved by Dr. Bruce Labes, second by Becki Travis

Final Resolution: Motion carried 6-0

Yea, by show of hands: 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 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 7:21 p.m., at which time there will be no additional discussion. Superintendent Vignery is invited to remain. No action will be taken during executive session. Executive session for these reasons is authorized by KSA 65-4319.

Moved by Becki Travis, second by Shari Abell

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

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

Nay, same sign: None

At 7:21pm, the Board returned to open session. No action taken.

Motion to go into executive session for 5 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 7:26 p.m., at which time there will be no additional discussion. Superintendent Vignery is invited to remain. No action will be taken during executive session. Executive session for these reasons is authorized by KSA 65-4319.

Moved by Becki Travis, second by Shari Abell

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

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

Nay, same sign: None

At 7:26pm, the Board returned to open session. No action taken.

- d. Executive Session: Negotiations. None

- e. Employee Resignation(s). None

- f. Employee Confirmation(s)

Motion to approve Linda Cossaart and Cody Flinn for junior high track coaches.

Moved by Richard Shupe, second by Becki Travis

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

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

Nay, same sign: None

Motion to approve Garrett Galanski for high school track coach.

Moved by Shari Abell, second by Richard Shupe

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

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

Nay, same sign: None

g. January 10, 2023 Board Meeting Agenda Items

- Calendar

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm.

Moved by Becki Travis, second by Shari Abell

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

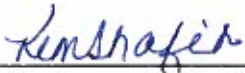
Yea, by show of hands: S. Abell, B. Labes, B. Nelson, T. Shanks, R. Shupe, B. Travis

Nay, same signs: None


Superintendent Vignery thanked the exiting board members for their service to the students and our district: Shari Abell, Dr. Bruce Labes, Tammy Shanks, and Becki Travis.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



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



President, Board of Education
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