

Minutes of the
KIM SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-88
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, July 21, 2021
Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room

1. Preliminary:

- A. The meeting was called to order by, President Nikki Shannon at 6:36 p.m.
Members present were John Cranson, Brandie Jackson, Nikki Shannon, Rem Mosimann and Tate Watkins. Others present Angie Goode Business Manager, Dayna Davis Business Manager, Paul Blanford Superintendent AND Kandi Nittler, teacher.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Shannon.
- C. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Cranson and seconded by Watkins
Vote: Cranson – yes, Jackson – yes, Mosimann – yes, Shannon – yes, Watkins - yes
- D. A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular BOE meeting on June 16, 2021 was made by Cranson and seconded by Watkins.
Vote: Cranson – yes, Jackson – yes, Mosimann – yes, Shannon – yes, Watkins – yes

2. Action Items

- A. Resignation of Board member Rem Mosimann presented to the Board. A motion to approve was made by Cranson and seconded by Watkins.
Vote: Cranson – yes, Jackson – yes, Shannon – yes, Watkins - yes
- B. Resolution declaring vacancy on the Board of Education tabled.
- C. Reorganization of the Board Proposed changing of secretary position– Motion by Watkins to change position of secretary to Jackson and seconded by Cranson.
Vote: Cranson – yes, Jackson – yes, Shannon – yes, Watkins - yes

3. Public Comment/Audience:

- A. Kelsea Shannon – Aim Wellness Coordinator gave presentation on the Grant Training she attended in Denver. She highlighted several grants that may benefit Kim School: Walmart, Annie's Garden Grant, Nathan Yip Foundation, and JJ Watt Foundation just to name a few.
 - a. Kelsea put forth the idea of giving teachers the "Teacher Wish List" that way we would know what Teachers were wanting and if it matched any of the grants available.
 - b. Kelsea presented data from the Colorado on County Health Rankings website which shows that Las Animas County ranks 58 out 60 counties in Colorado. T
 - c. Kelsea can apply for these grants on behalf of Kim School. She is currently working on the Walmart grant and will continue communications with Mr. Blanford on further grant opportunities.
- B. Teaching Staff – Kandi Nittler, thanked Mr. Blanford for the elementary meeting held yesterday. No additional information presented.

4. Financial Report – Angie Goode and Dayna Davis

- A. Financial Statements –

- a. Mrs. Goode: We received a check to replace the \$4000 equalization in December and they replaced the money, so we have our full equalization for 2021.
- b. Mrs. Goode reports the school will be receiving a dividend check from CBET Health Insurance in the amount of \$5662.00.
- c. Propane will be purchased now in hopes of being more cost effective. Mr. Blandford will be keeping an eye on the tank.
- d. Mrs. Good reports the CD was \$3,500.00 in the 1st quarter and now in the 2nd dropped to \$1,144.00
- e. Mrs. Good reports that our electric bill has increased about \$3000.00 since last year. It is thought that it is higher now due to more in person than when the students were doing school from home during the pandemic.
- f. Auditor will be at the school on Mon, Tues, Wed of next week, July 26th through the 28th and Wednesday will be the exit interview. One board member needs to be present, no more than two. Dayna and Kacey L. will both be there along with Mr. Blandford and Mrs. Good. Mrs. Shannon will also be present.
- g. Mrs. Shannon asks that Ms. Davis research the transportation fund a bit more so there is more clarity prior to next meeting.
- h. Mr. Cranson clarifies that we spent 27% more than we budgeted for in Expenditures and Mrs. Goode confirms this.

B. A motion to approve the financial statements was made by Cranson and seconded by Watkins.

Vote: Cranson – yes, Jackson – yes, Shannon – yes, Watkins - yes

5. Report from Superintendent

- A. Mr. Blanford gave the building, property and vehicle update.
 - a. Need to put some better seals under the elementary doors o keep bugs out. Lights are attracting bugs into the building.
 - b. Mrs. Nittler suggests they also look at putting in new seals in the smaller pop out windows in the classrooms as they are leaking cold air during the winter months.
 - c. Regarding the roof, the company working on the roof did not show up for the last scheduled appointment, so it was rescheduled for tomorrow, 7/22/21 at 2pm. Mr. Blandford will be observing the work. At this time the company will be determining if the damage falls under the warrant or if it was caused by weather damage. This is being done before we call the insurance company to file a claim for the leaks that are occurring. Others on the board feel it is a workmanship issue not a weather issue. Mr. Blanford takes note of this and will watch closely while the roofing company is at the school.
 - d. Mr. Blanford makes a recommendation to install and latter cage on the ladder going up to the roof. He notes it is very challenging to climb that ladder and open the hatch to gain access to the room. He is concerned for

safety and suggests a lock on the gate to the ladder, so children are not tempted to climb the ladder.

- e. The mowing and weeds have been cut and are taken care of at this time.
 - f. Some discussion about the Brown rental house and the need to remove appliances prior to burning the house and allowing Fire Department to use the burn as a practice burn.
 - g. Tillies house was worked on, septic and all is working well now. Plumber was hired to come out and fix.
 - h. Rita has been taking the vehicles to be inspected and as of today's meeting there are five vehicles left including the car. She and Tillie are taking two cars at a time.
 - i. Need to start rotating tires more regularly on the busses. Suggestion to do rotation for all vehicles every June and January.
- B. Mr. Blanford gave the Activities and Academics update:
- a. Activities – Misty has been busy with open gym, Brad Dorhtey has agenda out. Branson will have new track and wondered if we would host indoor activities and they would do outdoor activities. Branson is also exploring the idea of wrestling. Board would prefer that Branson support their outside activities monetarily and Kim support the indoor activities monetarily.
 - i. Mr. Cranson suggests that we stop meeting halfway to swap volleyball and football players and instead drive the kids all the way to the other town.
 - b. Academics – Met with elementary teaching staff and discussed cleaning of rooms which the teachers will start doing this new school year.
 - c. It was stated by teaching staff that the students need more science opportunities in the elementary.
 - i. Mr. Blandford contacted "Jason Learning", a company he has worked with in the past. Jason Learning is going to allow Kim elementary students to use the science curriculum for \$3.00 a student.
 - d. Mr. Blanford would like to have an open house a few days before school starts. This would serve to introduce him as the new Superintendent and allow him discuss his expectations and goals for the school. Students and families could also talk with teachers. Board agrees this is a good idea.
 - e. Hybrid/online option will not be offered this school year.

6. Discussion Items:

- A. Work Session Summary – The Board met prior to the meeting for a work session. The following is a summary of that session.
- a. Not going to hire pe teacher at this time based on budget. Mr. B is working on social studies options and we are still in need of head cook. Need to talk to Joy about all day pre-school going to ask Joy and Angie some more questions about this. Also working on bus routes. Dismissal proposal looking at backing off 30 min per day to benefit the students so they are not getting home as late. Proposed 4pm release rather than 4:30

Additional Action Items: Reviewed proposal for replacing District Printer/Copier Contract – Current lease \$180 per month, by bidding it out and looking at other options, Barrett Bender Cannon \$87 a month and Xerox \$79 a month and would include getting a new copier in the office and moving the old one to the Elementary Area. Motion made by Watkins to accept the proposal to approve new vendor and seconded by Cranson.

Vote: Cranson – yes, Jackson – yes, Shannon – yes, Watkins - yes

Old Business Policy AC – will be tabling indefinitely.

Next Meeting – 8/18/21 at 6:30pm

Adjourn motion by Brandie Jackson seconded by Tate Watkins

Vote: Jackson yes, Watkins yes, Shannon yes, Cranson Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm

Michelle K. Shaw
President 8/18/2021

Brandie Jackson 8-18-21
Secretary