

Minutes of the
KIM SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-88
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, March 23, 2022
Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room

1. Preliminary:

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Nikki Shannon at 6.35 p.m.
 - a. Roll Call: Brandie Jackson, Tate Watkins and Nikki Shannon. John Cranson joined at 9:30 p.m. Others present, Paul Blanford Superintendent, and Dayna Davis.
 - b. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Shannon
- B. Approval of the Agenda – Add Under action item E – Approve Resignation Letter.
A motion to approve the agenda made by Watkins seconded by Jackson
Vote: Jackson – yes, Watkins yes, Shannon – yes
- C. Approval of the February 16, 2022 meeting minutes will take place at the April Board Meeting due to computer malfunction.

2. Public Comment/Audience: None

3. Financial Report – Dayna Davis

Motion to approve financial report by Watkins seconded by Jackson.

Vote: Jackson – yes, Watkins – yes, Shannon – yes.

4. Superintendent Report – Paul Blanford:

A. Education –

- a. High school is on the “Tech Tour” this week.
- b. Gerry from “I Learn” has been assisting Mr. Blanford and talking about our school focusing on mentoring each student, championing their skills and providing guidance for their future. Options to explore are Charter school or Innovation.
- c. If Kim school wanted to transport students from Otero County to Kim, the Kim School Board would have to have the school board approval from the Otero County School. If students were picked up at the boundary line there would be no need for permission. To cross through Bent County, Kim School, as a courtesy would need to let Las Animas School District know that we were traveling through their district.
- d. Ag Teacher Position – There is some interest but no applications at this time.
- e. Nursing Grant – Kim School received this grant which covers the current nurses full pay plus some extra to assist with her student loans. She is getting her masters as a nurse practitioner and she would like to continue working as our nurse and eventually work as a nurse practitioner in our area.
- f. E Rate Money – We will be receiving up to \$50,000 on the category two funding. This grate will help pay for technology costs. We also were awarded the category one funding which will go towards internet connectivity.
- g. ESER Funds will need to be utilized in the next two years. We are currently looking at Health Curriculum, Playground Enhancements, Fit Watches and PE Equipment.

B. Facilities/Maintenance:

- a. Boilers and Hot Water heaters were inspected and good for next two years.
- b. Middle and High School students helped clean out bus shed. They are still planning on doing some cleaning in the old school and picking up around the campus.

- c. Demo on the Brown house has been delayed due to weather; however, Mrs. Shannon reports that the contractor notified her that he would begin work on Thursday, March 24, 2022.
- d. Elementary has been asking for a wind break. There has been a suggestion to put up a six-foot vinyl fence across the playground area. That would come out of the Make It Happen grant. Also looking at a cement sandbox. Have requested bids for those projects.

C. Activities:

- a. Basketball seasons are completed.
- b. Track will be out of Branson this Spring. We will be transferring some of our equipment to Branson and will ensure it is labeled.
- c. Local families will be working on recreation baseball this summer.

D. Technology:

- a. Desktops are upgraded and network is getting re-established. Mr. Blanford is currently looking at options for student laptops for next school year.

5. Discussion Items:

- A. PE and Health Position: No applicants at this time
- B. Maintenance Position: Mr. Blanford interviewed one individual this month.
- C. Agriculture Teacher Position: No applications at this time
- D. BOCES Transition Update: September 1, 2022 is the deadline to request a move to another Boces District. Mr. Blanford explained this process to the Board and what is required for the request.
- E. Mock Car Crash Emergency – State Patrol Sponsored, EMS and Fire. April 7, 2022 – Prichard and Branson are also invited.
- F. Student Transportation from La Junta – Possibility to bring students from La Junta School District. Would need permission from the other districts school board.
- G. School of Innovation or Charter School: Mr. Blanford is still looking into options of a Charter School verses the Innovation School for Kim School. School of Innovation is less stringent to start. The District its self can apply for the applications, a Charter School cannot be done by the School Board, you have to form a separate Group to accomplish it.

6. Action Items:

- A. Approve Renewal of Employee Health and Dental Insurance with a 2% increase - Motion to renew Employee Health and Dental Insurance with the 2% increase made by Jackson seconded by Watkins.
Vote: Jackson – yes, Watkins – yes, Shannon – yes.
- B. Approve Purchase of Replacement Computers for the District Office – Motion to approve purchase of replacement computers for the District Office made by Watkins and seconded by Jackson.
Vote: Shannon – yes, Watkins – yes, Jackson – yes.
- C. Approve Purchase of Apple Watches for 6th grade and 12th grade Students as well as District Staff. A total of 35 apple watches and 3 Fitbit, for a total of \$10,956.00. Motion to approve purchase of 35 Apple Watches and 3 Fitbits for students and staff for a total of \$10,956.00 made by Jackson and seconded by Watkins.
Vote: Jackson – yes, Cranson – yes, Watkins – yes, Shannon – yes.

- D. Approve Recommendation to hire Maintenance Position. Motion to hire Thomas Vance for the maintenance position and matching his salary of \$35,000 a year made by Watkins seconded by Jackson.

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

- E. Approve Letter from teacher Brenda Goode. Motion to approve Mrs. Goode's intent to Retire Letter made by Watkins and seconded by Jackson.

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

- F. Approve spraying weeds on entire grounds. Motion to approve spraying weeds of the grounds made by Watkins and seconded by Cranson.

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

- G. Approve Transition from Lamar Boces to Santa Fe Trail Boces – Motion to approve Mr. Blandford to start the transition request from Lamar Boces to the Santa Fe Trail Boces in La Junta made by Watkins and seconded by Jackson.

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

7. Old Business – None

8. Executive Session –

- a. Motion made by Cranson at 9:35 p.m., seconded by Watkins to enter executive session Under C.R.S 24-6-401(4)(h) Student Matters.

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

- b. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:48 p.m. made by Jackson, seconded by Watkins.

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

- c. Motion to go into executive session Under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) Personnel Matters made by Watkins, seconded by Jackson at 9:50pm

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

- d. Motion to come out of executive session made by Watkins, seconded by Jackson at 10:30p.m.

9. Set Next meeting date – April 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

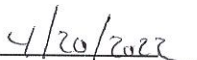
10. Adjourn

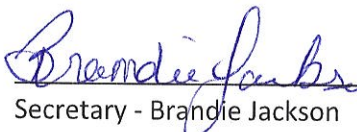
Motion to adjourn made by Watkins and seconded by Jackson at 10:32 p.m.

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

Approved:


President - Nikki Shannon


Date


Secretary - Brandie Jackson


Date