

Minutes of the
KIM SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-88
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, October 27, 2021
Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room

1. Preliminary:

- A. The meeting was called to order by, President Niki Shannon at 6:53 p.m.
Members present: Niki Shannon, Brandie Jackson, John Cranson and Tate Watkins.
Others present, Paul Blanford Superintendent and Dayna Davis Business Manager.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Shannon.
- C. Additions for the Agenda – Junior High Girls and Boys Basketball coaching assignments and Resolution to add 5th board member discussion.
- D. Deletion from the Agenda – Mrs. Nitler not present for Public Comment
- E. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Cranson and seconded by Watkins
Vote: Jackson – yes, Cranson yes, Watkins – yes, Shannon - yes
- F. A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular BOE meeting on 9/22/21. Motion was made by Cranson and seconded by Watkins.
Vote: Jackson – yes, Cranson – yes, Watkins – yes, Shannon – yes

2. Public Comment/Audience:

- A. Teaching Staff – None

3. Financial Report – Dayna Davis – Financial Statements – Reports/financial information in the board members binders. Ms. Davis went through the financial highlights and answered questions from members.

- A. Motion to approve financial report made by Cranson and seconded by Watkins.

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

4. Superintendent Report – Paul Blanford:

A. Facilities/Maintenance:

- a. Eric Aragon has resigned from the maintenance position.
- b. Morgan and Sons Glass was at the school last week and they fixed/replaced the window glass that was broken in the north high school entrance.
- c. The Best Lock System sent a corporate rep out to review problem with the locks in building. They reported that they have had many problems with this style of lock. They created a fix for the problem that was fairly simple to install. Eric installed the new parts and we were not charged anything by the company. The locks work much better now.

B. Transportation:

- a. Inspections on all vehicles prior to school starting and they are now into a rotation for oil changes. Tomorrow, 10/28/21 there is a State inspector coming to collect information about the buses, and he will also do a visual check while looking at our records.
- b. Suburban 289 is being used as an activity vehicle. John Cranson has used it to take football players to Branson.

C. Financial:

- a. Library Grant – Kim School received notice that school will again receive the Colorado State Library Grant of \$4,500.
- b. School also submitted an application for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which was to provide an additional \$4,500.00. School was awarded the grant, however, they increased the amount to \$6,000. School now has a total of \$10,500 to spend this year for the library.

D. Professional Development:

- a. November 19th, teachers have in-service at BOCES. It is possible that this event will be cancelled or changed to virtual due to COVID.

E. Activities:

- a. Football and Volleyball teams will have their last regular season games this weekend. Playoffs for high school will follow once these final contests are completed.
- b. KSCA is sponsoring the Trick or Treat and Hayride tomorrow, 10/28/21 tomorrow after school. Soup Supper to follow at the school at 5:30.
- c. The Kim FFA will sponsor the Fall Festival on Sunday, November 7th.

F. Technology:

- a. The current status of technology is stifling to school's effectiveness and efficiency of learning, and to daily productivity of staff.
- b. There are three IT Service companies working on bids for the school. Triad in La Junta, Prairie Company out of Springfield and Verticomm out of Colorado Springs. All three companies have indicated that they are interested, however, we have not received formal bids from anyone yet.

G. Student News:

- a. Lamar Community College contacted School on Monday of this week to inform that each student who is taking concurrent courses with them will receive a check for \$500. They had a considerable amount of funds remaining from Covid funds and they decided to distribute it to the students. College students attending college will also receive money, however, the amount was reportedly \$1,800 each.

H. Charter School Process:

- a. Mr. Blanford has continued correspondence with Abigail Schaller from the Gates Family Foundation. As mentioned, this organization is currently focusing on rural development and innovation in communities and schools.
- b. Mr. Blanford completed a survey for the Bellwether Education Partners, which is a group that includes the Gates Family Foundation. They are collaborating on projects for Rural Schools in Colorado. From the survey, they are looking at what schools need to right now to make improvements and to overcome the obstacles currently faced.
- c. Mr. Blanford is working with Jeri Crispe, from iLearn. They will begin to develop a comprehensive technology plan for the district, which include getting input from staff and students, and evaluating what the school currently have.

5. Discussion Items:

- A. District Technology Support – Waiting on getting bids back from the three companies listed above.
- B. Kate Bartlet From the Colorado Department of Education – She was invited by Mr. Blandford to explain Mill levee Correction and the impacts of this legislation for Kim, Colorado. She presented via Zoom.

6. Action Items:

- A. Review/Select Bid for Demolition of School House located on Las Animas Street:
We received two bids – One from L&L Contracting. Second bid from High Definition Contracting out of Walsh.

Motion to accept bid from High Definition Contracting to be done within the next six months by John and seconded by Watkins.

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

- B. Review/Approve hire of high school boys head basketball coach
Interviewed EJ Gallegos and Jessi Gamez. Justin and Misty both helped with the interviews for Head Basketball HS Coach.

Motion made by Cranson to hire Jessie Gamez as High School Basketball Coach, Justin Winford as the High School Girls Coach and seconded by Watkins.

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

- C. Review/Approve hire of Junior High Girls Basketball coaches
Stormie Mossman Head Coach and Mark Jackson assistant Coach for girls Junior High Basketball and Tate Watkins as Junior High boys Basketball coach.

Motion to approve Cranson and seconded by Jackson.

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

- D. Adopt Resolution Changes Authorizations with Zion Bank

Motion to adopt the Zion Bank to changes authorizations with Zion bank made.

Motion made by Cranson and seconded by Watkins.

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

- E. Resolution regarding 5th board member will extended an additional 30 days

Motion by Jackson and seconded by Cranson.

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

7. Old Business –

- Discussion about bussing students in from La Junta. Mr. Blanford was able to find out that there are no local laws preventing it but calling the other school districts as a courtesy would be appropriate.
- Child Care options. Mr. Blanford is still working on who could potentially work in the day care position. He does not think that having the day care in the pre-school room would be an issue and the school can have up to 4 kids with no licensed day care instructor/employee.

8. Set Next meeting date – November 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

9. Adjourn

Adjourn motion by Cranson seconded by Brandie Jackson at 9:49 p.m.

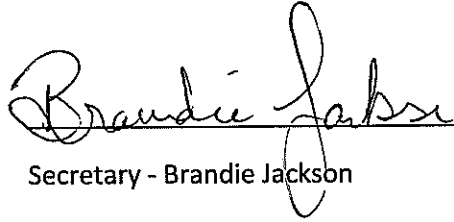
Vote: Cranson – yes, Jackson – yes, Watkins – yes, Shannon - Yes

Approved:



President - Nikki Shannon - Absent
Vice P - John Cranson

Date 11/17/21



Secretary - Brandie Jackson

11-17-21

Date