

Minutes of the
KIM SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-88
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, August 18, 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 6:34 p.m.
Members present: Brandie Jackson, Nikki Shannon, and Tate Watkins. Others present, Dayna Davis Business Manager, Paul Blanford Superintendent AND Kandi Nittler, teacher. John Cranson arrived at 7:10 p.m.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Shannon.
- C. Add to agenda: Budget Discussion under Financial Report. Add under action items discussion of FFA Convention.
- D. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jackson and seconded by Watkins
Vote: Jackson – yes, Shannon – yes, Watkins - yes
- E. A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular BOE meeting on July 21, 2021 and special meeting on August 9, 2021. Motion was made by Jackson and seconded by Watkins.
Vote: Jackson – yes, Shannon – yes, Watkins – yes

2. Public Comment/Audience:

- A. Teaching Staff – Kandi Nittler, talked about having three students in her class and how this is different from years past. Smallest class she has ever had.

3. Financial Report – Dayna Davis

- A. Financial Statements – Esser funds paid for Rosetta Stone \$3800 which included 10 headsets as well as the professional development training for staff. This was a bit higher than what we discussed at the special meeting on 8/9/21; however, that quote on 8/9/21 was for 25 seats only not the headsets and professional development. Esser also paid for Imagine Learning and Jason Learning programs.
- B. Discussed house bill that may require payment back to tax payers or upping the mill levee tax. President Shannon is not sure of the exact details; however, there is an informational video that she and Mr. Blanford received and will be watching. Our evaluation went up 4 million. 17 million to 21 million according to our auditor. Auditor, Tim Dixon was going to get back to us on that and we've not heard back from him at this time.
- C. Angie ran a new report that is a year to year comparison which President Shannon had requested and will be going over that in the following weeks.
- D. Question about a refund in the Elementary fund. It was due to left over money as Covid funds had paid for those supplies. The extra money \$16,000 will be used before the end of September. Mr. Blanford is looking into computers right now as there are several that are 6 years old.
Vote: Jackson – yes, Shannon – yes, Watkins – yes
- E. Budget excel spreadsheets will be reviewed at next meeting due to not having the correct one available today.

4. Report from Superintendent:

- A. Mr. Blanford gave the building, facilities, and vehicle update.
 - a. Rita has been cleaning, lunch staff are taking care of lunch areas and each elementary classroom has a vacuum.

- b. Rita and Cathy have a split bus route. Tilley is doing the southwest route and all other Bus routes are running as they did last year.
 - c. Working on getting all Buses running. One bus has evidence of mice being in it. President Shannon recommends looking at age of busses as there is a rotation that can take place where oldest bus with most miles can go to auction. Mr. Blanford will be looking into this. Tate mentions a light that can be purchased to keep in the wiring harness to deter mice as they don't like the blinking.
- B. Activities.
 - a. Volleyball and Football are all going and official competitions start next week. Football has 18 high school players.
- C. Academic/Professional Development.
 - a. We are in the process of getting Imagine learning and Rosetta Stone on board and should be operational next week. Will be doing professional development with staff next week. Mr. Blanford will be monitoring that. Imagine Learning has a 2-hour training for staff and will be getting that scheduled.
 - b. NWEA MAPS testing next week. Will be basing academic goals on this after results come in. Will also use to address significant learning loss or delays.
- D. Charter School process.
 - a. Alex Medler who is with the Colorado Association of Charter Schools. Federally funded nonprofit organization. Mission is to help schools with the process of becoming a Charter School. Had a 2-hour conversation with Alex and went over all the different avenues. There is grant money available to help with the process.
 - b. Mr. Blanford attended the Case Conference and also found resources. Some things he learned were 242 schools in Colorado are already using the flexibility waivers (1080 and 990) you still have to show that you are utilizing a certain number of hours a day. Examples would be kids doing things after school could count towards your learning day.
 - c. Wedt Collective is a grandchild of Sam Walton but they are one example of a grantor looking for project schools. There are many options and possibilities with being a Charter School. Economic Development could be a theme and could be presented to the community as a need.
 - d. Next step for this process is to get more community members involved. Alex would be willing to come here and talk to community. Application for the planning process would have to be in by the end of August. Mr. Blanford will reach out to Alex and find out his availability for a community meeting and possibly meeting with the board prior to the community meeting. Mr. Blanford will also start the application with Alex's input so it's in before the end of the month.

5. Discussion Items:

- A. District Housing – House Available for rent (Lucero's house). Burnham's would most likely rent the house. They've not contacted Mr. Blanford yet. Mary Gutierrez will be staying in the other house (blue house)
- B. District Technology Support – Mr. Blanford reports that he would like to explore a different option other than Boices. They have been hard to get in touch with, they do not come to Kim very often and most of their business is towards Lamar. He would like to explore the cost of new technology company working with the school.

The school is currently "unfiltered." Boices took our filter off as well as removed all the programing on the computers such as word, excel etc. The school was not told that the filter was being removed nor that the programs were going to be removed. Exploring options for better service.

6. Action Items:

A. Review/Approve Proposal to Purchase Large Format Color Printer

Pro Color Poster maker is 24" wide and will print in color on paper and you can print banners. You'd purchase the vinyl for those. You can put gromets on those. Team pictures is an idea. We could sell graphic arts projects to the community. The poster paper is much cheaper less than \$2.00. For in-house, the teachers could use it for their classrooms or decorating. You would do your design with the computer and the printer comes with the windows-based designing software. Also recommend getting a cold laminator to go along with the printer. It has a cutter with it. Would automatically laminate the project following the printing process. Price through Barret Bender was 400 more than a company Mr. Blanford knows. They are an international company that is out of Florida and they specialize in schools. Epson version: \$2745 for machine. Laminator is \$279 and you don't have to worry about because you're not using electricity and not having to warm it up when you laminate. \$79 swivel tray for the laminator so you can spin it around and face any direction. The Esser Money can pay for this.

Motion to approve the Printer, the Laminator and Swivel Tray for \$3103.00.

Motion by Jackson, seconded by Cranson.

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

B. Review/Approve Proposal to Contract New Content Management System (CMS) for website.

The app and the website that we are currently paying for is not being used by the community and is difficult to use. App has only 30 people using it and we are paying \$4000 a year for the app and the webpage that goes with it. The webpage will let outside viewers send an email; however, Mr. Blanford is not able to email them back or see their contact information. Mr. Blanford sent an email to the rep letting them know we would like to cancel due to community not using it and it's difficult to use in the office and put content on the site. Mr. Blanford has used CMS in the past and very user friendly and the website has a mobile friendly website. \$1200 a year with a set up fee. The upfront cost is \$5100 the first year and \$1200 each year after.

Motion to approve the switch to CMS and get money back from previous vendor if possible. Motion made by Watkins, Seconded by Cranson.

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

C. Resolution declaring vacancy on the Board of Education – President Shannon will do prepare the resolution.

Motion to allow resolution: Motion made by Watkins, Seconded by Cranson.

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

- D. Approval of Substitute Teachers for FY 22 – Lisa Doherty, Jamie Goode, Lee Hollingsworth, Joanna Patterson, Tam Schlegel, Kelsea Shannon, Nikki Shannon, Tally Watkins.

Motion to approve list made by Cranson and seconded by Watkins.

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

- E. District Housing Decisions – Will allow rent of \$125.00 for Lucero House.

Motion to approve made by Watkins seconded by Cranson –

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

- F. President Shannon reports that the FFA members have national conference coming up. Would like to approve members to present a plan to Mr. Blanford as they will need to start making trip plans and booking. They will present what they will be learning and trip costs.

Motion to approve FFA presenting their plan and approval from Mr. Blanford made by Cranson and seconded by Watkins.

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

7. Old Business – None

8. Set Next meeting date – September 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

9. Adjourn

Adjourn motion by Brandie Jackson seconded by Tate Watkins

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

Approved:

John Cranson 9/22/21
President - Nikki Shannon Date

Vice President John Cranson

Brandie Jackson 10-27-21
Secretary - Brandie Jackson Date