



USD 239 North Ottawa County

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, March 13th, 6:30 pm

Tara Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Tara Sanchez, Brigitte Nelson, Brandon Sauers, Richard Shupe, Brooke Pickrell, and Tyrel Owens.

Members Absent: Justin Abell.

Others Present: Superintendent, Chris Vignery; Board Clerk; Keri Ymballa

Principals: Terry Moeckel and Pat Anderson were absent. Ryan Mortimer was present.

Patrons: Candice Sauers, Hollie Boldenow, Megan Nuessen, Shilo Nichols, Keri Pratt, Jenna Kendall, Kim Bird.

President Sanchez led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented with the addition of item "C" under item #6. Old Business for MGS work day on April 26th, 2023.

Moved by Tara Sanchez, second by Brigitte Nelson

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands: B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same sign: None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Brigitte Nelson, second by Tyrell Owens

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands: B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same sign: None

4. REPORT AND COMMENTS OF PRINCIPALS, COMMITTEES AND VISITORS

President, Tara Sanchez asked if there were any comments from visitors.

Pat Anderson and Terry Moeckel were absent but both submitted online reports.

Pat Anderson had submitted her written report online.

Terry Moeckel had submitted his written report online and Ryan Mortimer reviewed as follows:

- New Cell Phone policy – started with 29 students turning in cell phones and now down to 10 students turning in cell phones for having low grades. This seems to be a successful policy.
- JAG-K went to competition and had several place. Those that placed will advance to the state competition.

Ryan Mortimer gave his report as follow:

- Spring sports have started practicing.
- Working on the summer schedule.
- Lyons may be joining our league. They are to vote on this at their board meeting this evening.
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5. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Mr. Vignery reviewed legislative updates. The bill that was presented to try to increase to 190 student contact days was not approved. He also reviewed HB 2218 presenting a voucher program.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 2023-2024 Calendar – Calendar B was submitted by the committee for approval.

Motion to approve Calendar B for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved by Brigitte Nelson, second by Richard Shupe

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands: B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same sign: None

- b. MGS Asphalt Bid Approval – APAC was the lowest bid submitted.

Motion to approve the bid for asphalt from APAC in the amount of \$61,231.45.

Moved by Tyrel Owens, second by Brandon Sauers

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands: B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same sign: None

- c. MGS workday April 26, 2023 – MJSHS will have a workday this day due to the league art show and therefore MGS will also have a workday the same day. The 2022-2023 calendar needs amended to show this.

Motion to amend the 2022-2023 calendar to include a workday for Minneapolis Grade School faculty on April 26, 2023.

Moved by Tyrel Owens, second by Brandon Sauers

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands: B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same sign: None

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. MGS playground improvements – The pea gravel on the playground needs replaced and updated with a better material. Megan Neussen and the Cubbackers have researched this need. A material called Jelly Bean Mulch is available that doesn't contain any metal or toxins. It is non-latex and wheelchair safe. This material also has a 20 year warranty. Megan Neussen stated that the Cubbackers would contribute \$15,000.00 towards this project. Mr. Vignery reviewed the bids and also showed a video on the product. The cost will be roughly \$80,000.00. There will also be a need for volunteers to help when the load of mulch is delivered. Richard Shupe requested trying to find other companies to make sure there isn't another product out there before a bid was approved.

- b. Social/Emotional Learning – Mr. Vignery explained what social/emotional learning is. He gave examples of how we are meeting this need in each building. Surveys were sent to 3rd-6th grade and then 7th-12th grade to gather information and data on this subject. Jill Daniels and Amanda Davidson came to a board meeting recently discussing this subject as well. They see 60-70 students a month and give them tools to work through their social/emotional issues. This is required for accreditation but has local control on how the needs are met.

- c. Executive Session-Non-Elected Personnel.

Motion to go into executive session for 15 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 7:38 p.m., at which time there will be no additional discussion. Parties included in this executive session will be board members only. All others are excused. No action will be taken during executive session. Executive session for these reasons is authorized by KSA 65-4319.

Moved by Tyrel Owens, second by Brandon Sauers

Final Resolution: Motion carries 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same sign: None

7:23 pm: Six board members recessed to executive session

7:23 pm: Superintendent Vignery joined executive session

7:23 pm: the Board returned to open session.

No action taken.

d. Executive Session-Negotiations.

The Board of Education moved to go into Executive Session for 25 minutes to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume at 8:05 pm, at which time there will be no additional discussion. No action will be taken during executive session. Executive session for these reasons is authorized by KSA 65-4319.

Moved by Tyrel Owens, second by Brandon Sauers

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands: B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same sign: None

7:40 pm: Six board members recessed to executive session

7:40 pm: Ryan Mortimer joined executive session

8:05 pm: the Board requested 15 additional minutes.

The Board of Education moved to go into Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume at 8:21 pm, at which time there will be no additional discussion. No action will be taken during executive session. Executive session for these reasons is authorized by KSA 65-4319.

Moved by Brigitte Nelson, second by Tyrel Owens

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands: B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same sign: None

8:05 pm: Six board members recessed to executive session

8:05 pm: Superintendent Vignery joined executive session

8:21 pm: the Board requested 10 additional minutes.

The Board of Education moved to go into Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume at 8:32 pm, at which time there will be no additional discussion. No action will be taken during executive session. Executive session for these reasons is authorized by KSA 65-4319.

Moved by Brigitte Nelson, second by Tyrel Owens

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands: B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same sign: None

8:22 pm: Six board members recessed to executive session

8:22 pm: Superintendent Vignery joined executive session

8:32 pm: the Board returned to open session.

No action taken

e. Employee Resignation(s).

Motion to approve the resignation of Kerrigan Kelly as 3rd grade teacher.

Moved by Brigitte Nelson, second by Tyrel Owens

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands: B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same sign: None

Motion to approve the resignation of Addie Corman as High School English teacher and yearbook sponsor.

Moved by Brigitte Nelson, second by Tyrel Owens

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same sign: None

Motion to approve the resignation of Megan Grimes as concessions supervisor.

Moved by Brigitte Nelson, second by Tyrel Owens

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same sign: None

f. Employee Confirmation(s).

Motion to approve Claudia Ault as 6th grade teacher.

Moved by Tyrel Owens, second by Brandon Sauers

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same sign: None

Motion to approve Matt Johnson as high school golf coach.

Moved by Tyrel Owens, second by Brandon Sauers

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same sign: None

Motion to approve Megan Atkinson as assistant high school softball coach.

Moved by Tyrel Owens, second by Brandon Sauers

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same sign: None

Motion to approve the transfer of Amanda Rensink from 6th grade teacher to junior high math teacher.

Moved by Brigitte Nelson, second by Tyrel Owens

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same sign: None

g. April 10, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda Items

i. MGS playground.

ii. Book review policy.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Moved by Tyrel Owens, second by Brigitte Nelson

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

Yea, by show of hands B. Nelson, R. Shupe, B. Sauers, T. Sanchez, T. Owens, B. Pickrell

Nay, same signs: None

ATTEST:



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

APPROVED:



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