

MINUTES

REGULAR USD 251 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

October 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Matt Horton in the BOE meeting room in Americus.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Horton, Angela Anderson, David Goldsmith Jr, Tim Burton, Tammie Reed, Mitchell Maxfield, and Wendy Linsey.

SUPERINTENDENT:

Mike Mathes

BOARD CLERK:

Nicolette Nuessen

GUESTS:

CATS Team Members Elijah Brammell, Emily Johnson, Dani McElfresh, Logan Schlimme, Keira Tucker, and Caroline Wells, as well as Guests on attached list.

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Matt Horton said the school year is rolling right along. He said that he is getting lots of questions about changes in the district, but they are good questions. He feels the students are adjusting well to the changes. Athletics and activities are in a full swing. He further complimented the staff on dealing with all the water issues this week.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS:

a. DIRECTORS WRITTEN REPORTS:

Mr. Mathes explained to the board that there will be a written report each month from the Principals. Some months there will also be verbal reports.

b. 2018 KASB ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

He briefly went over the agenda for the annual conference and encouraged everyone to attend.

c. PATRON INSIGHT POLL/SURVEY:

The poll will start October 22nd and run approximately through November 7th, pending how quickly they can reach their targeted goal. Tammie Reed asked if question number 25 could be moved up higher in the survey, as it currently follows all the profile questions. Question 25 asks about the closure of the district. Angela Anderson asked if the survey could include a final comments section. Mr. Mathes will get in contact with Patron Insight to have these changes implemented.

d. SCHOOLS:

There is lots of good stuff going on in our schools, academic and athletic.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Nancy Wells asked the Board why there was nothing in the survey about a centralized school. She believes this question should be an option.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Angela Anderson (Wendy Linsey) moved to approve the agenda, adding item 8.b. P1 Group. Motion passed. (7-0)

6. DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS BY CONSENT:

Angela Anderson (Wendy Linsey) moved to approve the consent items as follows. Motion passed. (7-0)

a. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting held on September 12, 2018

b. Approval of Minutes from Study Session held on September 19, 2018

c. Approval of Expenditures from September 1 – September 30, 2018

d. Approval of Treasurer Report from September 30, 2018

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. HEAR NLC CATS GROUP:

Mrs. Dice along with some of her students did a very nice presentation to the Board about their CATS Group (Civic Action Training Squad). The group has been raising funds for the "Never let go" fund and to date has raised \$942.94. They read a proclamation to the board about an "All Gold Day" to raise childhood cancer awareness.

Angela Anderson (Wendy Linsey) moved to approve dedicating every 2nd Wednesday in September as an "All Gold Day" in our district. Motion passed. (7-0)

b. HEAR GEMINI REDESIGN COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mrs. Mayes introduced members of the KansansCan redesign Gemini Project. Mr. Lang and Mr. Wilson shared what Gemini redesign entails and what it means for our district.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

a. CONSIDER BOARD DELEGATE FOR KASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Tim Burton (Angela Anderson) moved to appoint Wendy Linsey as delegate and Matt Horton as secondary delegate for the KASB Conference. Motion passed. (7-0)

b. P1 GROUP:

Angela Anderson (Wendy Linsey) moved to go into executive session, inviting Mr. Mathes, to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:17 p.m. Motion passed. (7-0)

The Board and Mr. Mathes left the room at 8:07 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:17 p.m.

Tim Burton (Wendy Linsey) move to approve a payment to P1 Group for the completed audit. Motion passed. (7-0)

9. PERSONNEL:

There were no personnel items.

10. BOARD COMMENTS:

Wendy Linsey enjoyed the great presentation about the Gemini project. She also enjoyed the KASB Regional meeting which she attended. Further she said that she really appreciates all our Teacher do.

Tim Burton dittoed Wendy on the Gemini project, he said his kids are really excited about it. He then addressed Nancy Wells' comment and explained that if a patron feels strongly about a centralized school they should definitely mention that in the comments.

Angela Anderson wowed the presentations of the evening. She feels the Gemini project is exciting, change is good!

David Goldsmith dittoed all previous comments.

Tammie Reed said that everything rises and falls with leadership. She said that the CATS presentation was phenomenal and the Gemini redesign is long overdue, it's a good change.


Matt Horton dittoed everything. He asked how this information can get out to the public, they need to know about all this good stuff. He further gave kudos to the staff for stepping outside the box.

Mike Mathes said that there is so much good going on in our district, in our schools. "We are rockin' and rolling".

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Tim Burton (Angela Anderson) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. (7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.


Nicolette Nuessen, Board Clerk

