

MINUTES

REGULAR USD 251 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

December 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Matt Horton in the Library at Northern Heights High School in Allen.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tammie Reed

SUPERINTENDENT:

Mike Mathes

BOARD CLERK:

Nicolette Nuessen

GUESTS:

Peggy Fort, Ryann Brooks, Bob Reust, Kathy Reust, Nichole Kuhn, Leah Miller, and Gary Heine.

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Matt Horton was impressed with the great turnout at the Senior Citizen Dinner. The students did a great job, there was some really good interaction between patrons and students. He enjoyed the annual conference several board members attended. "Christmas is coming".

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS:

Mike Mathes said that the Senior Citizen Dinner is a great tradition. He also enjoyed attending the annual conference with board members.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

There were no public comments.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Angela Anderson (Wendy Linsey) moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed. (6-0)

6. DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS BY CONSENT:

Angela Anderson (Wendy Linsey) moved to approve consent items as follows. Motion passed. (6-0)

- a. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting held on November 14, 2018
- b. Approval of Expenditures from November 1 – November 30, 2018
- c. Approval of Treasurer Report from November 30, 2018
- d. Approval of Proposed Classified Position for Ian Malcolm as SPED driver for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year.
- e. Acceptance of Donations from Sauder in the amount of \$750, Kansasland Bank in the amount of \$400, NHHS Booster Club in the amount of \$225, all for the Reality U Event at NHHS. Emporia State Federal Credit Union donated \$100 towards the districts Wellness Program. All donations are greatly appreciated.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. HEAR PATRON INSIGHT SURVEY RESULTS:

The survey showed support in renovating current facilities as well as building a new centralized school. Eventually a new building will be necessary, but there is no rush. The Superintendent will meet with architects to draw up the exact look, location, and cost of a new building, which then will be shared with the public. No action will be taken for some time, there will be a lot of days of discussion first. But some action will be taken as renovations will begin on the current facilities throughout the year.

b. **HEAR READING BUILDING USAGE:**

The Superintendent shared that there isn't enough interest in a PreK at Reading, in fact the district only received one response. The COOP isn't interested in moving an alternate school there either, as it would be too expensive. The district is now out of options. The Board will have to decide what's next, selling the building or just tearing it down, possibly there is interest from the City of Reading.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

a. **CONSIDER DECEMBER 2017 AND JULY 2018 BOARD POLICY UPDATES FROM KASB:**

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to approve the proposed board policy updates. Motion passed. (6-0)

9. PERSONNEL:

a. **CONSIDER SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT:**

Angela Anderson (Wendy Linsey) moved to offer a contract to Mike Mathes, as Superintendent for the 2019-20 school year. Motion passed. (6-0)

10. BOARD COMMENTS:

Wendy Linsey dittoes Matt Horton and Mike Mathes' comments on the Senior Citizen Dinner, she thanked faculty and staff for all the work they put into it. She also enjoyed the annual conference and came out feeling really good after hearing what kind of problems other districts face.

Tim Burton dittoed the comments on the conference. He enjoyed the speakers a lot. Basketball is in full swing, the teams are playing well.

Angela Anderson dittoed Wendy's comments. She enjoys learning new things at conferences. She gave kudos to everyone involved in the Senior Citizen Dinner and thanked all patrons who attended.

David Goldsmith Jr dittoed all previous comments. He also thanked Mr. Mathes for another year.

Matt Horton dittoed all comments as well and thanked Mr. Mathes. He feels the district is making steps in the right direction. "We need to move ahead together and not be divided, the wounds are still deep".

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. (6-0)

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Nicolette Nuessen, Board Clerk

"These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next meeting."