

## MINUTES

### REGULAR USD 251 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

November 14, 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:

Peggy Fort, Michael Lanzrath, Anna and Gene Finney, Josh and Jana Smart, Kristi Gadino with Debra and Shawn Sparks, Darrett King, Greg French, Evan Wilson, Nancy Wells, Tony Hines, Tanner Boyce, Lisa McKenzie and Jerrod Campbell, Taj Bailey, John Waechter, Chuck Samples, Devon Swartz.

**2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:**

Matt Horton said the school year has been pretty exciting so far. Football and volleyball played some of their best games towards the end of the season. The fall play was great. It is amazing to see so many students involved.

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS:**

a. STUDENT RECOGNITION:

Mr. Mathes and Mr. Horton honored students for their achievements over the past month. Debra Sparks, Southern Hall, and Kylee Sull for placing in the Kansas Authors Youth Poetry Contest. Coach Lanzrath and his team for winning regionals and placing 3<sup>rd</sup> at State.

b. 2018 KASB ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

This is an official notice that the BOE will have a quorum at the KASB Annual Conference. No business will be conducted.

c. SUMMER SCHOOL:

The administrative team is looking into possibly having summer school this year. The purpose would be to help at risk students get to grade level, and it would also serve as enrichment for students at grade level. It would include credit recovery for high school students as well. The program would be funded by the small and rural schools grant.

d. CURRICULUM:

The administrative team is looking at moving BYOC (build your own curriculum) work to the summer. This would also be funded by the small and rural schools grant.

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

There were no public comments.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Angela Anderson (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed. (7-0)

**6. DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS BY CONSENT:**

Angela Anderson (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to approve consent items as follows. Motion passed. (7-0)

a. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting held on October 10, 2018

b. Approval of Expenditures from October 1 – October 31, 2018

c. Approval of Treasurer Report from October 31, 2018

d. Approval of Proposed Certified and Classified Contracts as follows:

Alicia Schoenberger as Music Teacher at NLC for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 2018-19 school year, Connie Prock as Asst. Custodian at NLC for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year, Michael Lanzrath as Library Aide at

NHHS for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year, Therese Bratcher as At Risk Aide at NHHS for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year, Jake Smith as Asst. Boys Basketball Coach at NLC for the 2018-19 season, Brady Mulligan as Asst. Girls Basketball Coach at NLC for the 2018-19 season, Dr. Michael Yost as Baseball Coach at NHHS for the 2018-19 season, and Hudson Doudna as Asst. Boys Basketball Coach at NHHS for the 2018-19 season.

- e. Acceptance of the Resignation from Dodie Doudna, Library Aide at NHHS.

## **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. HEAR PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. Fort gave a brief update on past and upcoming events at Northern Heights High School.

- b. HEAR PATRON INSIGHT SURVEY PROGRESS:

The survey is now closed and all calls have been completed. The district should have results by the middle of next week.

- c. HEAR DECEMBER 2017 AND JUNE 2018 BOARD POLICY UPDATES FROM KASB:

The board received the proposed policy updates in their board packet. Mr. Mathes encouraged the board to read them over, ask questions, so a vote can be taken at the next board meeting.

- d. HEAR BUDGET UPDATE:

Mr. Mathes is very pleased with the current status of the budget. Expenditures and revenue are right where they should be this time a year. He will give a quarterly update to the board.

- e. HEAR FACILITIES UPDATE:

Mr. Mathes shared what updates have been done over the past month in all buildings.

## **8. ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. CONSIDER HTK CONTRACT:

Mr. Mathes clarified that the purpose of this contract is to help Mark Jurgens with specs and bidding on projects if needed. The district will only pay for services used. Tim Burton (Angela Anderson) moved to approve the HTK contract. Motion passed. (7-0)

- b. CONSIDER AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER:

Tim Burton (Angela Anderson) moved to approve Cindy Jensen, CPA as the auditor to audit financials from the 2017-18 school year. Motion passed. (7-0)

## **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**The 12/12/2018 board meeting will be at Northern Heights High School and will start at 5 p.m.**

## **9. PERSONNEL:**

- a. CONSIDER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to go into executive session, inviting Mr. Mathes, to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:43 p.m. Motion passed. (7-0)

The Board and Mr. Mathes left the room at 7:28 p.m.

Mr. Mathes returned at 7:32 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:43 p.m.

- b. CONSIDER SUPERINTENDENT REPLACEMENT PLAN:

No action was taken.

## **10. BOARD COMMENTS:**

Wendy Linsey is excited about the upcoming Christmas dinner.

Tim Burton said that it was really cold in the small gym last Saturday.

Angela Anderson is very impressed by the parent-teacher conference participation. 93% is huge. She also gave kudos to Mr. Wilson for taking students to polls so they were able to vote.

David Goldsmith Jr is really proud of everybody, but especially proud on the major accomplishment of the cross country team. He enjoys the positivity in the district.

Tammie Reed enjoys seeing all the excitement in the district.

Matt Horton said that football and volleyball teams played their best games late in the season. Was great to see the improvement from game to game. He reminded the board about the upcoming senior citizen dinner and how important it is to visit with patrons.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Angela Anderson (Wendy Linsey) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. (7-0)  
The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Nicolette Nuessen, Board Clerk

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