

MINUTES

REGULAR USD 251 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

January 9, 2019 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, Tammie Reed, Tim Burton, and Wendy Linsey.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Goldsmith Jr and Mitchell Maxfield

SUPERINTENDENT:

Mike Mathes

BOARD CLERK:

Nicolette Nuessen

GUESTS:

LaVaughn Gilbert, Charolette Lowder, and Corey Wiltz.

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Matt Horton was excited to share that he saw a NHHS student do a good deed at a basketball game. A patron has asked if public communication could be moved further down on the agenda. Public comments are not required, will continue to stay on the agenda in its old place. He was also asked by community members if the change in required acreage for land/property ownership would negatively impact the district, as of right now the district does not know of any impact. League Tournaments are coming up, junior high this week, high school next week.

Mitchell Maxfield is now present and voting. 7:03 p.m.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS:

Mike Mathes gave a shout out to the BOE for board appreciation month. People don't understand how many hours are involved being on the board, as well as many tough decisions that need to be made. A big thank you to all 7 of them. He also thanked Charolette Lowder and LaVaughn Gilbert for all their work and another fantastic senior citizen dinner. There has been some discussion amongst administrators, as part of the redesign process to possibly start high school later next year. Will still have to work on details, before bringing it back to the BOE for a vote. Also looking at possibly starting a wrestling program with Council Grove next year.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Charolette Lowder thanked Mr. Mathes and the BOE for the certificates. She stated that many people are involved in the senior citizen dinner, staff and students help with tasks. She gave kudos to the great group of kids at NHHS. LaVaughn Gilbert also stated that lots of students are involved and also gave kudos to our great group of kids.

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 December 12, 2018
- b. Approval of Expenditures from December 1 – December 31, 2018
- c. Approval of Treasurer Report from December 31, 2018
- d. Approval of Contracts for the 2019-20 school year for Peggy Fort, Corey Wiltz, Becky Mayes, Nicolette Nuessen, Amy Rhoads, Darrin Harrison, and Mark Jurgens.
- e. Acceptance of Donations from BlueCross BlueShield of Kanas for Mrs. Heins' class in the amount of \$975 and Mrs. DeDonder's class in the amount of \$997.
- f. Approval of Mileage Rate reimbursement – 58 cents a mile. (This is the federal mileage rate).

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. HEAR PRINCIPALS REPORT:

Corey Wiltz reported about past and future happenings in his building.

b. HEAR BUDGET REPORT:

The Superintendent shared the current budget with the BOE. We are about halfway through the school year and have used 32% of the budget. Spending will increase in the next few months, specifically in the capital outlay fund, as maintenance projects will increase.

c. HEAR 2019 SUMMER SCHOOL:

The district plans to have summer school this year for at risk students who qualify. Transportation would be provided. There are approximately 65 K-8 students who could qualify for summer help. At the high school the students would work on credit recovery where they would receive either a pass or fail, which would not calculate into their GPA. The first year the program would be funded with the small and rural schools grant.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

a. CONSIDER BOARD NEGOTIATIONS TEAM:

Angela Anderson nominated Matt Horton, Mitchell Maxfield nominated Wendy Linsey, and Tim Burton nominated David Goldsmith Jr to represent the board during negotiations. The board ceased nominations and elected the 3 by proclamation.

b. CONSIDER BOARD CALENDAR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE:

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to nominate David Goldsmith Jr as the calendar representative for the board. Motion passed. (6-0)

9. PERSONNEL:

a. CONSIDER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to go into executive session, inviting Mr. Mathes, Mr. Wiltz, and Mrs. Nuessen, to discuss negotiation matters pursuant to the exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:50 p.m. Motion passed. (6-0)

The board returned to open session at 7:50 p.m.

10. BOARD COMMENTS:

Wendy Linsey was happy to see so many junior high kids on the honor roll and also gave kudos to the teachers. The donations from BCBS are awesome and thanked those who applied. She was sorry that David was gone today.

Tim Burton dittoed all of Wendy's comments. He is looking forward to Flint Hills Shootout and said that all help is greatly appreciated.

Angela Anderson dittoed all previous comments.

Tammie Reed thanked the district for the cookies today for board appreciation month.

Matt Horton said that he is still working with the city of Reading on the school building. He further said that he would like to revisit the current eligibility policy before the end of the year.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Nicolette Nuessen, Board Clerk

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