

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on December 19, 2022 at the Unified School District Office. Those present were Juanita Morris, Michelle Murk, Darrin Hurd, Jeremiah VanDoren, Rani Pecenka, Jeff Shamburg and Robert Miller, Superintendent Pam Irwin, Administrators Steven Kimmi, Clay Mettlen, Trica McVay, and Dr. Curt Graves, Clerk Cindy Regnier and 25 guests.

President Robert Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting was adopted as amended. Motion by Jeff Shamburg, seconded by Rani Pecenka. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Rani Pecenka to adopt the consent agenda, approval of November 21, 2022 minutes, checks 65522 through 65692 totaling \$378,345.74 and out-of-district applications as recommended by principals. Seconded by Michelle Murk. Motion carried 7-0.

A Demo of the StopIt app was presented, discussion followed.

Members of the FFA Advisory Committee and USD 240 Ag Instructors gave an FFA presentation and requested that Twin Valley Schools FFA chapter be separated into Bennington and Tescott chapters to allow more student participation and ease of operation. Motion by Juanita Morris to separate FFA into two separate chapters. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 7-0.

Tammy Jilka made a presentation of the Parents as Teachers program.

Motion by Jeremiah VanDoren to adopt the presented statement supporting Social-Emotional aspects of the USD 240 curriculum and supporting the rights of all students to learn in a socially and emotionally safe environment pending KASB approval. Seconded by Juanita Morris. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jeff Shamburg to adopt policies GAAB, JCE AND IFA as presented. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 7-0.

Jeff Shamburg left the meeting.

Motion by Jeremiah VanDoren to adopt a resolution transferring the property at 208 North Putnam to the Bennington Family Center as discussed at a previous meeting. The transfer will be accomplished by quit claim deed for \$1 compensation. Seconded by Michelle Murk. Motion carried 6-0.

Jeff Shamburg returned to the meeting.

Motion by Jeff Shamburg to designate the area in the new shop building planned as storage to a space for the small engines class. Seconded by Darrin Hurd. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jeremiah VanDoren to approve staff attendance at the National ESEA Conference as presented. Seconded by Darrin Hurd. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jeff Shamburg to approve the facilities use requests as presented. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren that the board enter executive session for 20 minutes to discuss student issues and personnel with Principals Mettlen and McVay present. Seconded by Jeff Shamburg. Motion carried 7-0. The board entered executive session at 9:28 p.m.

The board reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren that the board reenter executive session for 15 minutes to discuss student issues and personnel with the same administrators attending. Seconded by Juanita Morris. Motion carried 7-0. The board entered executive session at 10:00 p.m.

The board reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

Motion by Jeff Shamburg to approve the hire of Tammy Jilka as aid in the Bennington 3-year-old program and the resignations of Lauren Reed as Tescott Music Instructor and Sherry Comfort as Bennington Bus Driver. Seconded by Jeremiah VanDoren. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jeff Shamburg to approve the students as presented who have exceeded the 40 hour rule to temporarily attend school through remote learning. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jeremiah VanDoren that the board enter executive session for 30 minutes for personnel discussion. Seconded by Juanita Morris. Motion carried 7-0. The board entered executive session at 10:20 p.m.

The board reconvened at 10:50 p.m.

President Robert Miller adjourned the meeting.

Cindy Regnier
Clerk of the Board