

USD #393 Board of Education
Solomon High School Library
Solomon, Ks. 67480

Regular Meeting
7:00 PM
December 10, 2018

Members Present: Andrea McCook, President, Brad Homman, Vice President, Todd Brungardt, Dustin Dooley, Carrie Herbel, Denise Miller, Justin Zerbe Administration and Staff Present: Justin Coup, Superintendent, Shalon Worcester, PreK-8th Grade Principal, Nick Owen, 9 – 12 Principal, Dean Ann Zsamba, Clerk of the Board Guests: Lori Brubaker, Liz Krause, Kjel Nordgren, Matt, Laura and Kira Smith, Charles Dyck, Prairie Building Systems

President Andrea McCook, lead the audience in the pledge of allegiance. Brad Homman read the district mission statement. Justin Zerbe moved to approve the agenda as printed. Denise Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0. Carrie Herbel moved to approve the bills, vouchers and financials as presented. Todd Brungardt seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0. Dustin Dooley moved to approve the consent agenda which contained the following items: November 12 minutes; Approve gifts/donations - \$1500 donation to pay student lunch balances, \$2,500 Operation Gorilla Family Project, \$1,000 BCBS Grant PE and wellness, \$1,000 additional Perkins Grant for greenhouse project. Justin Zerbe seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Superintendent Coup reviewed his written report. He advised that current enrollment PreK-12th grade is 351 students. Discussion followed. He stated that the second heating unit over the middle school science lab is currently being replaced. Mr. Coup said the LED lighting project final bill was about \$6,000 less than originally estimated. He reviewed some random led readings taken before and after installation of light fixtures. He advised that he attended a human resource presentation at KASB Convention and advised the estimated cost of a new hire over the lifetime of the employee is over a 1,000,000-dollar investment. Discussion followed. He advised board members that all legislative contacts are in the dropbox and encouraged members to contact their representatives as the session moves on. Site Council on Facebook Live has had over 400 views. Mr. Coup stated that concurrent college enrollment has increased over last year and a portion of the tuition money is used to provide scholarships for high school students who are taking advantage of this opportunity. Discussion followed.

Superintendent Coup introduced Charles Dyck of Prairie Building Systems. Mr. Dyck reviewed the specifications of the proposed bus barn project. Discussion followed. The building will be a 60 by 100 foot Lester brand metal frame building with treated wood support system and a concrete floor. Discussion followed. The building will be red and tan and will contain an office as well as a restroom, a wash-bay will be built on the east side. Mr. Dyck advised that construction will start in March and will be completed within two months of the start date. Discussion followed. The board thank him for his presentation and he left the meeting.

Shalon Worcester, PreK-8th grade Principal reviewed her written report. She advised that the winter concert will be on December 17 beginning at 6:30 PM. Mrs. Worcester

thanked Mrs. Rodriguez and the Jr-Sr. High Choir for providing the entertainment at Saturday's staff party. She reviewed the 4th grade mentoring program and gave a shout out to high school students Eli Basvic, Jobe Fowles, Faith Jahnke, Ashley LePage, Cameron Miller, Kayla Webb for their Anti-Bullying Assemblies during November called Stick Together. 5th and 6th grade students are working on a project based learning unit which includes writing and sharing family traditions and using their math skills sharing recipes and selling the results at the December 18 basketball game with proceeds donated to the Operation Gorilla Family Project. Discussion followed.

Nick Owen, 9-12 Principal reminded everyone that the Fall Athletic Sports Banquet is Tuesday, December 11. He reviewed the current student eligibility policy. Discussion followed. Mr. Owen recommended that no drinks or food be allowed to be carried into athletic events. Discussion followed. He advised that the basketball teams are reading to the 2nd and 3rd grade students during SAG period. The current cell phone policy was discussed. Principal Owen gave a shout out to Mr. Long for the recent community clean up event as well as to the OPPA staff as they have catered several recent events and added new menu items recommended by staff and students. He also thanked Mr. Davidson for securing an additional grant for the greenhouse. Mr. Owen announced that Alexis Powell is student of the month.

Liz Krause, Recreation Commission Member advised that basketball is underway and will have three more sessions with about 40 students participating. The new scoreboard is waiting to be installed. She announced that the ballfield coordinator's position is open and the Recreation is taking applications for this position.

Mr. Coup stated that the PAT report is in the dropbox and the technology support will be updated next month. Brad Homman moved to approve the reports as presented. Todd Brungardt seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Kjel Nordgren, HS Cross Country Coach proposed to board members adding junior high cross country. Discussion followed. Mr. Nordgren advised that he has surveyed students and 16 students indicated that they would participate and 8 said they might participate. Practices and meets are combined. At this time, no additional expense to the district would be incurred by allowing middle school students to participate in cross country. If numbers continued to grow, more supervision may be needed at some point. Discussion followed. Justin Zerbe moved to offer cross country to middle school students beginning in the fall of 2019 for a one-year trial basis with a board review at the conclusion of the season. Brad Homman seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Superintendent Coup recommended that the board pass a resolution to increase the local option budget authority to 33% from the current 30%. Discussion followed. The board must notify the State Board of Education of their intention to increase this budget authority by April 1, 2019. This resolution will be published in the official newspaper one time and pending no protests will become the maximum authority This will increase the current LOB budget authority by about 1 mill. Discussion followed. Brad Homman

moved to pass Resolution 393-19-01 to increase current local option budget authority to 33%. Dustin Dooley seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Dustin Dooley, Brad Homman and Superintendent Coup attended the recent KASB Convention in Overland Park. They each reviewed sessions that they attended and all felt the conference was worthwhile. Discussion followed.

Principal Owen presented the proposed App for safe schools – P3. Discussion followed. The app will be pushed out to all high school student's chrome-books and can be used for anonymously reporting any issues relating to school safety – threats, bullying, help for those struggling with suicidal thoughts anything to help make our schools and students safer. Discussion followed. More information will be available later but presentations will be made to students and staff with the app being available early in the 2nd semester. This program is being made available to all Dickinson County Schools Discussion followed. The first year is no cost and the second will be based on how many schools in the county are a part of the program. Dustin Dooley moved to join this initiative and provide the P-3 App to all high school students. Carrie Herbel seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Mr. Owen discussed the current eligibility policy. Academic eligibility extends beyond athletic participation to field trips and all activities. Discussion followed. The board also discussed home game items related to carrying in food and drink as well as students who leave and return to the game. Discussion followed. **It was recommended that no students 5th grade and below be allowed to attend the activities without an adult. Discussion followed. Currently students are not charged admission to events. All students who are fifth grade level or below must be accompanied by an adult. Andrea McCook moved that if a student leaves during the game/activity, they will not be readmitted without administrative approval. Justin Zerbe seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0.**

Future Dates were reviewed including: December 17 – Christmas Concert, December 20 – end of semester, December 21, work day, January 2 – In-service, January 3 – Students return for second semester, January 13 – January Board Meeting.

Justin Zerbe Moved to go into executive session to discuss confidential student information pursuant to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA for a duration of 10 minutes and to include all members of the board of education and the superintendent. Brad Homman seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0. The board retired to the high school conference room. At 9:00 PM the board returned to the library. Brad Homman moved to go into executive session at 9:05 PM to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for a duration of 15 minutes. The executive session to include the board of education members and the superintendent. The open meeting in the board room will resume at 9:20 PM. Justin Zerbe seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0. Brad Homman moved to go into executive session at 9:20 PM to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for a duration of 10 minutes.

The executive session to include the board of education members and the superintendent. The open meeting in the board room will resume at 9:30 PM. Justin Zerbe seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7 – 0. The board returned to the high school library. With no further business to conduct, Todd Brungardt moved to adjourn the meeting. Board members will tour the facility to review the LED light project at a later date.

Andrea McCook, President

Dean Ann Zsamba, Clerk of the Board

The next regular meeting of USD #393 Board of Education will be on January 14, 2019 in the high school library at 7:00 PM.