

BOARD MEETING--DISTRICT OFFICE--LITTLE RIVER, KANSAS--SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Unified School District 444 was held in the District Office at Little River on Monday, September 16, 2019. Board members present were: Cory Dieball, Austin Neufeld, Doug Peters, Andrew Porter, Jackie Schafer, Zane Zahradnik and Susan Zeller. Also present: Superintendent Brent Garrison and Clerk Marsha K. Heinly, Principals Audrey Herbst and Jon Paden, Karen Gunther, Kerstin Hoffman and Houston Sauer.

President Jackie Schafer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- I. Doug Peters moved to approve the agenda as written. Second by Susan Zeller. Motion carried. Yes--6 No--0
 - II. There were no Patron's Comments.
 - III. Susan Zeller moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by Cory Dieball. Motion carried. Yes--6 No--0
 - Minutes of the previous meeting of August 12th
 - Clerk/Treasurer's reports
 - Out of district student requests – Issic-Jacob Caesar, Tristan Walker, Karson Frownfelter, Rylee Larson and Greenleigh Seiler
 - *Consideration of resignations/hires – Contract for Nikki Paden as part-time Kindergarten teacher
- (Andrew Porter arrived to the meeting at 7:03 p.m.)
- IV. Karen Gunther, HOSA Sponsor, and Kerstin Hoffman, HOSA State Officer, presented to the board about their experiences in the HOSA organization.
 - V. Mr. Rose's written technology report included information regarding student Chromebooks, teacher MacBook Airs/Pros, network upgrades, PowerSchool/KSDE reporting, NWEA and the Helpdesk.
 - VI. Principals Audrey Herbst and Jon Paden submitted a written report to the board. Mrs. Herbst added information regarding Spirit Week/Homecoming Week, continuing with the Launch for Redesign and Post-Secondary data report. Mr. Paden also shared information regarding StarBase for 5th grade, 4th grade field trips to Ag Day at Lyons and the Kansas State Fair and Workshop Wednesdays.
 - VII. Principals Audrey Herbst and Jon Paden shared with the board the e-Walkthrough instrument that is to help with the communication between teacher and administration and to improve student learning through effective instructional practices.
 - VIII. Superintendent Brent Garrison shared with the board information regarding the upcoming facility tours that are scheduled for October 14th at Windom and October 24th at Little River. The Advocacy Committee is scheduled to meet the week of September 23rd. There will be one more informational flyer from the district that will be sent out. October 15th is voter registration deadline for the November General Election. The building trades class are working on various projects for the district and in the community.

IX. The board goals for the 2019-2020 school year were recommended for approval and discussion was held regarding having a strategic planning session in January 2020.

X. Report by Superintendent Brent Garrison included:

- Bond Election approval letter
- Bus barn update
- Bus driver update
- Little River Community Foundation grant applications and a Foundation for Rural Service grant application

XI. Susan Zeller moved that the Board and Superintendent Brent Garrison go into executive session to discuss the latest proposal for increasing the base pay rate from the teachers pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:18 p.m. Second by Cory Dieball. Motion carried. Yes--7 No--0

(Executive session from 8:03 p.m. to 8:18 p.m.)

XII. Susan Zeller moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss the latest proposal for increasing the base pay rate from the teachers pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:29 p.m. Second by Andrew Porter. Motion carried. Yes--7 No--0

(Executive session from 8:24 p.m. to 8:29 p.m.)

XIII. No executive session was necessary for Non-elected personnel.

XIV. No executive session was necessary for Matters affecting a student.

XV. Cory Dieball moved to approve the current goals for the 2019-2020 school year. Second by Austin Neufeld. Motion carried. Yes--7 No--0

XVI. Andrew Porter moved to approve the classified employee increases as presented to be effective retroactive to the employee's contract date for the 2019-2020 school year. Second by Cory Dieball. Motion carried. Yes--7 No--0

XVII. Cory Dieball moved to the administrative staff increases as presented. Second by Zane Zahradnik. Motion carried. Yes--7 No--0

XVIII. Andrew Porter moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Zane Zahradnik. Motion carried. Yes--7 No--0 (The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.)

Board President

Marsha K. Heinly, Clerk