

MINUTES

REGULAR USD 251 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

October 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. 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:

Absent

BOARD CLERK:

Absent

DEPUTY CLERK:

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to appoint Becky Mayes as deputy clerk for the board meeting.

Motion passed. (7-0)

STUDENT LIAISON:

Khylee Massey

GUESTS:

Guest list attached

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Matt Horton said that Mike Mathes is absent for the meeting, but had brought Angela and himself up to date. He also mentioned that the Board makes decisions with the admin team and that he is happy to see so many guests. Further he talked about all the ball games currently going on.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Stacie Sull said that she has 2 daughters in marching band and that 2 ½ years ago Amanda Merring came to the BOE to ask for preapproval of bi-annual band trips. The band would like to go to Busch Gardens this coming spring and have been raising funds for the trip. She had heard that the trip might not take place because of a miscommunication.

Matt Horton said the Board does not want to hold students back, but there is a conflict with trip dates, as it is the week after spring break when testing takes place. He does believe that things can be worked out.

Tammie Reed congratulated the band members on their fundraising efforts.

Stacie Sull did say the trip could take place in the summer but Mrs. Merring would not be on contract during that time.

Matt Horton gave kudos to the band for the great improvement over the last couple years.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Angela Anderson (Wendy Linsey) moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed. (7-0)

5. DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS BY CONSENT:

Angela Anderson (Wendy Linsey) moved to approve consent items as follows. Motion passed. (7-0)

- a. Approval of Minutes from regular meeting held on September 11, 2019

- b. Approval of expenditures from September 1 – September 30, 2019

- c. Approval of contracts for Mari Denson as aide at NLC, Auriel Fox as asst. girls basketball coach at NLC, Matthew Allen as asst. boys basketball coach at NLC for the 2019-20 school year.

- d. Approval of Donations. \$25,000 from the Bayer Fund for NHHS FFA to use on a greenhouse. \$800 from various vendors sponsoring the 1st 5k to benefit the staff wellness program.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. HEAR BUDGET UPDATE:
No update available because Mr. Mathes and Mrs. Nuessen were absent.
- b. HEAR USD 251 FOUNDATION REPORT:
Becky Jeppesen talked about the background of Emporia Community Foundation and how deposits and withdrawal requests are handled. She also shared a few of the current foundation members. Emporia Community Foundation is nationally accredited and audited annually.
- c. Brian Jordan with KASB visited with the board about the Superintendent search process. He explained the different phases in detail and encouraged the board to ask questions.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. CONSIDER AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER:
Angela Anderson (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to approve Cindy Jensen, CPA as the auditor to audit financials from the 2018-19 school year. Motion passed. (7-0)
- b. CONSIDER NNHS GREENHOUSE PURCHASE:
Angela Anderson (Wendy Linsey) moved to approve the sales quote from the Greenhouse Megastore in the amount of \$20,831.50. Motion passed. (7-0)

8. BOARD COMMENTS:

Wendy Linsey is happy to hear that students are helping with the greenhouse. She thanked Angela Anderson for her work with ECF, all band members and parents for coming, and KASB for their help with the Superintendent search.

Tim Burton thanked band members and parents. He's excited about the greenhouse and also shared that NHHS football is doing great.

Angela Anderson dittoed Tim Burton's comments. She thanked the group who went to ECF and encouraged BOE and community to donate. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming blood drive at NHHS and gave kudos to Mrs. Richmond for taking A&P students to ESU.

David Goldsmith thanked the band, ECF, and KASB. He's excited about the greenhouse and congratulated NHHS football, volleyball, and cross country. He also gave his condolences to employees who lost loved ones recently.

Tammie Reed gave her condolences to staff who recently lost loved ones. She congratulated the band on their fundraising efforts and thanked Becky Mayes for working the board meeting.


Khylee Massey thanked the band and VoAg students for their passion in their programs. She is excited about the experiences she's gathering at board meetings and spoke of today's STUCO event at Camp Wood.

Wendy Linsey also thanked NLC students for donating their time to help at the food pantry.

Matt Horton said that Khylee and the band students' input is valuable. He gave kudos to LaVaughn Gilbert and staff for all their extra work during homecoming week. He's excited to see the Superintendent applications.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Angela Anderson (Wendy Linsey) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. (7-0)
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Nicolette Nuessen, Board Clerk



Becky Mayes, Deputy Clerk

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

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Guests - Please sign in - Please Print:

1. DeAnn Marie Landis
2. Bev Lee Landis
3. Staci Sull
4. Abbie Sull
5. Kyle Sull
6. Nancy Wells
7. Thomas Cushing
8. Becky Nurnberg
9. Lisa Sage
10. Kaylyn Schrock
11. Peggy Fox
12. Anthony Hines
13. Teagan Hines
14. Joni Allen
15. Cursten Allen
16. Sarah Lehr Malcolm
17. Brett Malcolm
18. Holly French
19. Joey ^{Meyer}
20. Gary Heine
21. Dora Hines

Brian Jordan
Sue Given S
Marcia Weseman