

NORTH OTTAWA COUNTY USD No. 239

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Unified School District No. 239
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
September 9, 2019, 6:30 pm

Call to Order: President Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

I. Roll Call

Members Present: Justin Abell, Dr. Bruce Labes, Brigitte Nelson, Tammy Shanks, and Sandra Tibbits

Members Absent: Kendall Kirk, Becki Travis

Others Present: Chris Vignery, Superintendent, Kim Shafer, Board Clerk, and Principals: Patricia Anderson and Terry Moeckel. Others present: Paige Robins, Jason Parks, and Melissa Baccus.

II. Additions to and Adoption of the Agenda.

Motion made by Justin Abell, seconded by Sandra Tibbits, to approve the Agenda as presented.
Motion passed 5-0.

III. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented made by Sandra Tibbits, seconded by Justin Abell. **Motion passed 5-0.**

IV. Reports and Comments of Principals, Committees, and Visitors

Patricia Anderson submitted and reviewed her written report. Mrs. Anderson added that a small committee of parents and teachers will be looking at ways to improve the playground area.

Terry Moeckel submitted and reviewed his written report. Mr. Moeckel added that the presentation by Daniel Ritchie had been well received by students. Mr. Moeckel, along with Mrs. Anderson, will be attending a Summit Information Night on September 16th at the Minneapolis Jr-Sr High School. Mr. Moeckel also showed pictures of the missing grass areas on the over seeded football field. He reported that not all sprinkler heads were working as the system is approximately 16-17 years old, so the grass may be difficult to establish.

Ryan Mortimer submitted his written report, which was reviewed by President Nelson. Mr. Vignery indicated that Terry Moeckel would discuss the eligibility policy under New Business.

V. Report of Superintendent

- **Street Work:** Crews hope to get all the way down from 10th Street to 6th Street soon. At least one day's notice will be given when students will need to park off of 5th street for repairs from 8th to 5th. Approval was given for the workers to park their equipment at the south end of the practice field.
- **Artificial Turf.** Superintendent Vignery reported that he will be visiting with Jim Bateman from Turf Solutions, and will report to the board at the October meeting.

- Track: The track was resurfaced in 1998. Other than getting a top coat and restriping in 2015, it has not been touched since. Company representatives will be here on Wednesday to walk the track and have advised they will honor the \$35,000 resurface quote, if we plan it this spring.
- Vaping: Mr. Vignery informed the board that this has been an issue in Kansas for the past three (3) years. Mr. Moeckel had brought in Dr. Patricia Little to address the students as to the effects of vaping on the body and brain. Member Tibbits asked about the consequences if a student is caught vaping – Mr. Moeckel indicated that it would be treated as a smoking violation.
- Rec Commission (restrooms at ballfield): Brian Kindall had visited with Mr. Vignery about this issue and is helping the commission check the costs of the same.
- Tennis Courts: The City would like to deed the district the tennis courts. Mr. Moeckel indicated that we do all the maintenance on the site. Member Labes inquired as to legal liability. Mr. Vignery advised that the property would be added to the EMC policy and treated the same as the playground after hours. Mr. Vignery will research the current ownership of the tennis courts and will report in October.
- Enrollment: The count is up 20 students (615) as of this date.

Member Abell re-addressed the subject of rec commission restrooms and asked if the commission utilized any of our areas. Mr. Moeckel responded that facilities are used for summertime track and football, the play is held in our auditorium, wrestling camps, youth football camps, etc. Member Labes asked if we owned the ball fields. No, we do not. Member Abell also asked if the commission was asked about assistance when our facilities are updated – but the use of the same is what they are for. No further action taken

VI. Old Business.

Member Labes exited the meeting at 7:23 pm.

- a. Policy Updates. After a short discussion, motion made by Justin Abell, seconded by Sandra Tibbits to approve the KASB policy updates as presented. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Member Labes re-entered the meeting at 7:25 pm.

VII. New Business

- a. Memorandum of Understanding – Central Kansas Mental Health. Mr. Vignery related that he had signed the MOU for the mental health intervention liaison.
- b. High School Handbook Amendment. Discussion was held on the proposed amendment to the handbook language regarding the eligibility policy for high school students. The matter was tabled to the October regular meeting.
- c. Executive Session: Negotiations. None.
- d. Executive Session: Non-Elected Personnel. None.
- e. Employee Confirmation(s). Motion to approve Jennifer Atkinson as Minneapolis Grade School secretary made by Justin Abell, seconded by Sandra Tibbits. **Motion passed 5-0.** Motion to approve Tim Niles as high school basketball assistant coach made by Justin Abell, seconded by Dr. Bruce Labes. **Motion passed 5-0.**
- f. October 14, 2019 Board Agenda Items.
 - MJSHS Handbook Eligibility Policy
 - Track Resurfacing

- Football Field Update – Artificial Turf

VIII. Adjournment

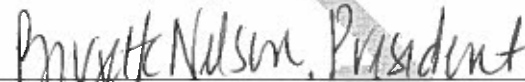
Motion to adjourn was made at 7:43 pm, by Sandra Tibbits, seconded by Tammy Shanks. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Respectfully Submitted:



Kim Shafer, USD 239 Board Clerk

Approved:



Brigitte Nelson, USD 239 Board President

Approved