

## MINUTES

### REGULAR USD 251 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

November 13, 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, and Tammie Reed.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mitchell Maxfield and Wendy Linsey

SUPERINTENDENT:

Mike Mathes

BOARD CLERK:

Nicolette Nuessen

STUDENT LIAISON:

Absent

GUESTS:

Thomas Cushing, Gary Heine, Peggy Fort, Fionna Lee, Marah DeLong, Ryann Brooks, and Nancy Wells (7:05 p.m.).

#### 2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Matt Horton talked about the election, congratulated Gary Heine and all re-elected board members. He further said that it was an eye-opener. Going forward the board needs to be even more transparent and communicate even more with the public with factsheets or similar. He encouraged board members to continue to tell the staff how important they are for the district. At the SQE meeting, where he serves on the board of directors, they spoke about consolidation of districts, especially in the western and southwestern region of the state. They also mentioned that some districts had no candidates running for the board. Mr. Horton congratulated the band, they are sounding great. He hopes there are no hard feelings about the changed trip in the spring and is glad a solution was found. Further he congratulated all sports teams on their achievements, gave a shout-out to Mrs. Fort for her hard work on the honor flight program and gave kudos to Mr. Wiltz for making sure students were able to attend Match Day. He is happy the district once again had the Veteran's Walk and the Veteran's Day program.

Mitchell Maxfield is now present and voting. (7:10 p.m.)

#### 3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS:

Mike Mathes asked the board if the December board meeting should be changed to a different time and location, since it is the night of the NHHS winter program. KASB plans to meet with focus groups throughout the day, to receive input on the superintendent search, so the board decided not to make a change. He further asked the board if they want to consider changing the scheduled board retreat because Mrs. Reed would not be able to attend. The board would like to move forward with the meeting, as it has been scheduled for quite some time, Mr. Mathes will keep Mrs. Reed in the loop. He informed the board that the state board passed a policy on dyslexia. The district has already done some training on this and will continue to do so. The November 8<sup>th</sup> multi-district inservice focused on poverty, everyone present was part of a poverty simulation, which received very good comments from the staff. He also asked which board members plan to attend KASB Annual Conference in December.

**This is an official notice that the board will have a quorum at the KASB annual conference. No business will be conducted.**

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

There were no comments from the public.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed. (6-0)

**6. DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS BY CONSENT:**

Angela Anderson (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to approve consent items as follows. Motion passed. (6-0)

- a. Approval of minutes from regular meeting held on October 9, 2019
- b. Approval of expenditures from October 1 – October 31, 2019
- c. Approval of treasurer report from September 30, 2019
- d. Approval of treasurer report from October 31, 2019
- e. Approval of resignations from Danielle Sisson, school nurse, effective 11/05/19, Amy Rhoads, district treasurer, effective 12/06/19, and Shari Beatty, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at NLC, for the end of the school year.
- f. Approval of contracts for Ashley Keighley as school nurse for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, and Chelsea Watson as K-5 teacher for the 2020-21 school year.
- g. Approval of Donations. \$10,000 from RES America for honor flight, and \$40 from S&A telephone for back to school programs.

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. HEAR NHHS snow plow truck replacement:  
Mr. Mathes explained that the replacement of the truck will be necessary. It is not part of the capital outlay plan, but the truck is in really bad shape. The board gave permission to start collecting bids.
- b. HEAR HONOR FLIGHT REPORT:  
Mrs. Fort spoke of the honor flight which took place in early November and what an amazing experience it was for all. She also told the board that she will check into being a hub or possibly jumping on board with another district, as USD 252 has no room for USD 251 on their spring flight. The students who went on this past trip raised a total of \$7,500. The district also received a donation in the amount of \$10,000 from RES America (wind farm constructors).

**8. ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. CONSIDER CALENDAR COMMITTEE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:  
Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to appoint David Goldsmith Jr as board representative on the calendar committee. Motion passed. (6-0)
- b. CONSIDER BOARD DELEGATE FOR KASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE:  
Mitchell Maxfield (Angela Anderson) moved to appoint Matt Horton as board representative at the delegate assembly. Motion passed. (6-0)
- c. CONSIDER MARCHING BAND TRIP APPROVAL:  
Tim Burton (Angela Anderson) moved to approve the band trip scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> to Six Flags in Arlington, Texas. Motion passed. (6-0)

**9. BOARD COMMENTS:**

Tim Burton said the honor flight program is neat and it would be great if 251 could become a hub. He's glad the band trip got worked out, and is looking forward to the annual conference.

Angela Anderson enjoyed seeing all the posts, pictures, and videos of the honor flight, she gave kudos to all elected, what a great race.

Mitchell Maxfield asked about the upcoming conference and board retreat dates.

David Goldsmith Jr dittoed all previous comments, he congratulated all sports teams on their achievements, gave kudos to the band and the Veteran's program.

Tammie Reed thanked Mrs. Fort for the posting of pictures and videos of the honor flight, she is also looking forward to finding a new superintendent.

Matt Horton mentioned the upcoming senior citizen dinner on December 6<sup>th</sup>, he excused Khylee Massey, as she was attending awards night, mentioned that FFA now has steers, thanked everyone involved in the honor flight, and thanked Tim Burton for his help with the greenhouse at NHHS. He also brought up that the district should think about considering a rec tax, to help the rec commissions in north Lyon county.

Mike Mathes said he had some concerns, mainly because there are 3 separate rec commissions, but he will definitely look into it.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. (6-0)  
The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Nicolette Nuessen, Board Clerk

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