

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LINCOLN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 298
LINCOLN, KANSAS

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Board Members:

D. Bell
M. Breneman (via phone)
TJ Jonsson
P. Winters
R. Wright
D. Zachgo

Others:

Dr. Betty Summers, Supt.
Greta Obermueller, Clerk
Denise Schmidt, LES Principal
Brenda White
Mandi Crist
Shari Pittenger
Adam Boyd

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, TJ Jonsson. He stated that Monty Breneman will be attending via phone as he is out of town this evening.
2. Motion by Rhonda Wright, seconded by David Bell, to adopt the agenda. Aye-6 No-0
3. There were no delegations present to address the Board of Education.
4. Motion by Patti Winters, seconded by Debora Zachgo, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 5, 2019, and the Special Meeting of August 26, 2019. Aye-6 No-0
5. Motion by Monty Breneman, seconded by Rhonda Wright, to accept the Clerk's and Treasurer's Reports. Aye-6 No-0
6. Motion by Monty Breneman, seconded by Debora Zachgo, to accept the bills for payment. Aye-6 No-0
7. Adam Boyd was present to request use of school property for the disc golf tournament for November 9, 2019. He stated that the proposed course would be laid out as last year. The committee would like to set up on Friday evening. Baskets will be removed immediately following the competition on Saturday no later than 4:00 p.m. Last year there were 25 competitors with 23 being from out of county. The committee is hoping for an even larger number of competitors this year. TJ Jonsson stated that the Disc Golf Request is on the agenda later this evening as an action item.

8. Dr. Betty Summers stated that we continue to work with DS Bus Lines in safely transporting students. She referred to the Transportation Update and previously adopted bus rules. She emphasized the need for student behavior on any bus as bus drivers are exposed to many distractions in the role of delivering students safely. The district has added a PK bus route for this school year.
9. Preliminary enrollment numbers were reviewed. It appears at this time that the district count is down approximately 20 students. Dr. Betty explained that PK students count as .5 FTE (full time equivalency) for funding purposes and the district is only allocated 6.5 slots for the current year. An early F.T.E. count of 317.5 may change before the official count date. She stated that the district wants to be as accessible as possible for families as it does impact all students, and of course the budget.
10. Code No. 06 from the General Fund Budget was reviewed by Dr. Betty Summers. She stated that USD 298 Lincoln will not receive the \$167,315 in new money that was originally reported. Budget figures are dependent upon many factors including free and reduced lunch counts, career and tech ed, students transported, etc. When those numbers change, state funds are affected. The district will actually receive \$34,000 less than the new money original projections. Dr. Betty stated that board members need to be financially mindful as future projects arise.
11. Under the Mettner Field Update, Dr. Betty Summers was happy to report good things. She stated that the field looks great as the grounds crew worked really hard this summer; the fundraiser for the Flinn family was very well attended; and special thanks to Steve McReynolds who brought in a load of dirt, pushed it up against the foundation on the north side of the building and then leveled out the remainder with his skid steer. It has solved the water issue on the north side of the fieldhouse. Dr. Betty also thanked Dustin Patee for his many hours this summer resolving issues that had arisen as a direct result of the water problems.
12. Dr. Betty Summers reported that the Lincoln Elementary School HVAC units are 99 percent done. The gym will be completed prior to Saturday for the scheduled service. The four stage units are installed and really quiet. The new windows will be shipped October 10, 2019, with a projected installation rate of one day per classroom. The end of October is the goal for the completion date.

13. Under the LJSHS Repair Update, Dr. Betty Summers stated that all items are completed and in place except for a lock that File Safe needs to place on a recently installed commercial door.
14. The KESA process is still ongoing for USD 298 schools. The inservice day scheduled for early in this school year was very beneficial for the purpose. The district is in Year Five, which is the last year in the cycle. The district joined the KESA process at Year Three which will require persistence and attentiveness to meet. Staff continues to work diligently to pass through Year Five which translates to district accreditation.
15. Dr. Betty Summers stated that USD #298 Lincoln community receives a lot of generous support for the system. She stated that the generosity was evident in the Class of 2020 doing the recent benefit while the community stood in line to take part; Ninth and Eleventh grade classes assisting the Flinn family with cleanup on the yard; many patrons and parents at the HS football jamboree; the staff being very caring; patience with not being able to get in their classrooms prior to school; assisting each other and new staff with student and staff safety (including assisting the new Superintendent and Principal); staff making sure each day is meaningful; employees volunteering to pick up supplies if they can assist with delivery; even vendors being willing to help; the district offers lots of options and program solutions for student support, including technology help and assistance; and to the Board of Education who make the hard decisions when needed while looking at the big picture.

7:30 p.m. Jeana Eckhart arrived.
16. Denise Schmidt, Lincoln Elementary School Principal, stated in her Principal's report that she wanted to echo Dr. Betty's sentiments regarding community support of the schools. She has a tremendous staff and crew that have gotten the year off to a great start. The schools continue to benefit from the generosity of the community through lending a hand or money. Lincoln Elementary School started a new program today which is The Family program, consisting of a mixed group of K-6 grade students and faculty. It is not an academic time but a time to build quality strong relationships. Since the county is a Dane G. Hansen county, the foundation provides free field trips. In the process of looking for field trips, Denise Schmidt found a theatre company out of Colorado, one of the 10 best in the nation. If possible, they will come to Lincoln Elementary School on September 17, 2019, and she invites patrons, community members, families with small children, and home school families as it would be a great day to enjoy some arts in education.

17. Under Principals' Reports, TJ Jonsson stated that Christi Walter's written report was included in the board packet. In her absence, Dr. Betty asked about a student who had completed her high school credits recently and needs a diploma. The original diploma is still on hand but would have the wrong year. Dr. Betty Summers asked for direction on how the board wants to proceed with ordering a single diploma for this student.
18. The Lincoln County Recreation Commission report, prepared by Nikki Flinn, USD #298 Lincoln representative, was included as Addendum #4.
19. Dr. Betty Summers updated the Board of Education on the Beef to School program. Angel Vath and Judy Schroeder have donated \$95.00 to this program that the Board will need to accept later under action items.
20. Addendum #5 – GANA, is the current district credit card policy. In reviewing this policy, it is no longer going to work with Sam's Club as it has in the past as their company has made accounting modifications. Dr. Betty is asking for a language change and clarification to make this process more conducive to employees. One board member asked if this could be discussed further in the later executive session for personnel.
21. Dr. Betty Summers recapped that Mrs. Robertson had worked very closely with Hope for Healing staff to provide weekly support for teachers in the district with the possibility of the USD #298 Education Foundation assisting financially. At their recent meeting, the Foundation had not received their anticipated funds and they also had questions and concerns that the Interim Superintendent shared with the board. The Foundation asked if USD #298 Lincoln had approved this program yet or how the district will fund in the future. Dr. Betty proposed different scenarios for support through Hope for Healing for the remainder of this school year. Budget concerns were expressed by board members on the uncertainty of funding in the future. Discussion on the possibility of grants followed.
22. Dr. Betty Summers asked on behalf of two certified staff members that they be allowed to attend an out-of-state conference. This is an ACT conference to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, on September 13, 2019. TJ Jonsson noted that this is an action item on the agenda later this evening.

23. Motion by Patti Winters, seconded by David Bell, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education approve the request by Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation to utilize school property on the evening of Friday, November 8, 2019, and Saturday, November 9, 2019, to set up a Disc Golf Course. There would be nine additional baskets temporarily placed on school property, with nine baskets already on city property, to make an 18-basket course. Aye-7 No-0
24. Motion by David Bell, seconded by Debora Zachgo, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education accept the donation from Judy Schroeder and Angel Vath totaling \$95.00 for the Beef for Schools project for the 2019-2020 school year. Aye-7 No-0

TJ Jonsson expressed the appreciation of the Board to patrons contributing to this program as it is a tremendous benefit to our kids.

25. Motion by Jeana Eckhart, seconded by Debora Zachgo, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education approve the proposed Hope for Healing School Consultation Program to assist teachers with interventions for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, pending funding for year two. Aye-5 No-2
26. Motion by Monty Breneman, seconded by Jeana Eckhart, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education approve the Out-of-State Conference request for the Kansas and Missouri ACT Conference in Missouri on September 13, 2019. Aye-7 No-0
27. Motion by Rhonda Wright, seconded by David Bell, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education go into executive session at 8:00 p.m. for 30 minutes with the Superintendent for the purpose of discussing the latest proposal relating to employer-employee negotiations; and that the board return to open meeting at 8:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room. The executive session is required to protect the district's right to its negotiating position and the public position under KOMA exception. Aye-7 No-0

8: 30 p.m. The Board returned to open meeting.

Motion by David Bell, seconded by Jeana Eckhart, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education go back into executive session at 8:30 p.m. for 10 minutes with the Superintendent for the purpose of discussing the latest proposal relating to employer-employee negotiations; and that the board return to open meeting at 8:40 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room. The executive session is

required to protect the district's right to its negotiating position and the public position under KOMA exception. Aye-7 No-0

8:40 p.m. The Board returned to open meeting.

28. Motion by Debora Zachgo, seconded by Jeana Eckhart, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education go into executive session at 8:40 p.m. for 25 minutes with the Superintendent for the purpose of discussing an individual employee's resignation and the hiring of an employee(s); and that the board return to open meeting at 9:05 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel exempt under KOMA exception. Aye-7 No-0

8:45 p.m. Denise Schmidt joined executive session.

8:47 p.m. Denise Schmidt left executive session.

9:05 p.m. The Board returned to open meeting.

29. Motion by Rhonda Wright, seconded by David Bell that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education approve the Credit Card Policy Guidelines as presented, effective immediately. Aye-7 No-0
30. Motion by Jeana Eckhart, seconded by Patti Winters, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education hire Bobbie Turner as PK driver for one hour per day, effective immediately. Aye-7 No-0
31. Motion by Debora Zachgo, seconded by Rhonda Wright, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education hire Miranda Watson as the Junior High Cheer sponsor for the 2019-20 school year. Aye-7 No-0
32. Motion by Jeana Eckhart, seconded by Debora Zachgo, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education hire Amy Hauck as Kindergarten para-educator effective Tuesday, September 4, 2019. Aye-7 No-0
33. Motion by David Bell, seconded by Rhonda Wright, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education accept the resignation of Mitch Obermueller as Baseball Coach. Aye-7 No-0

TJ Jonsson thanked Mitch Obermueller for his years of coaching Baseball.

34. Under the Board Information Request of the meeting, TJ Jonsson reminded Board members that KASB advised that the Superintendent search begin in October. TJ Jonsson is going to contact KASB and start this process.
35. Dr. Betty Summers advised that tomorrow the KASB reservations open for the KASB Annual Conference the first weekend in December. The conference will be held in Wichita this year. TJ Jonsson encouraged any and all board members to attend if possible. Reservations will be made for four motel rooms.
36. Motion by Jeana Eckhart, seconded by Debora Zachgo, that the meeting be adjourned.
Aye-7 No-0

Time: 9:12 p.m.

Greta Obermueller, Clerk

Approved:

TJ Jonsson, President