

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

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION CONFERENCE ROOM
FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019
5:00 P.M.

Board Members:

D. Bell
J. Eckhart
P. Winters
R. Wright
D. Zachgo

Others:

Kathy Robertson, Supt.
Greta Obermueller, Clerk
Brenda White
Kris Heinze

1. The special meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Debora Zachgo. TJ Jonsson, President, had called that he would be arriving shortly and Monty Breneman, Vice-President, was absent.
2. Motion by Jeana Eckhart, seconded by Patti Winters, to adopt the agenda. Aye-5 No-0
3. Mrs. Robertson informed board members of the Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation study of the two storefronts of the Board of Education Offices on Lincoln Avenue. She asked board members to read through the information that she had been presented as an information item. This will be brought back at the July board meeting.
4. Board members were apprised that if they choose to elect officers at the July Reorganizational Meeting, there will be no need for a Board of Education Resolution. If board members do not elect officers in July and elect in January, they must pass a Board of Education Resolution that they are electing officers at the January, 2020, meeting. These changes are a result of the election date change.

5:05 p.m. TJ Jonsson arrived and resumed the role of Board President.

5. Mrs. Robertson updated board members on the recent loss of Special Education flow-through monies which actually cost the district nothing. Those Special Education monies are distributed to the district and are then immediately transferred to the Special Education Coop in USD #273 Beloit. The issue is that since these monies cross through the general fund, LOB will suffer a thirty percent loss of funds which calculates to \$44,470 for USD #298 Lincoln. (LOB is thirty percent of the general fund.) Craig Neuenswander, Director of School Finance, is suggesting filing the budget differently for the upcoming year to avoid this potential loss of funds again right before the conclusion of the fiscal year.

5:07 p.m. Christi Walter arrived.

6. Kathy Robertson, Superintendent, reminded board members that the Board of Education has already approved that Summers, Spencer and Company, P.A. to once again do the district audit, but wondered if board members would want them to also complete the district budget this year. Discussion followed and this will be an action item later in the meeting.
7. Motion by Debora Zachgo, seconded by Rhonda Wright, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education approve Summers, Spencer and Company, P.A. to prepare the U.S.D. #298 Lincoln Budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Aye-6 No-0
8. Motion by David Bell, seconded by Patti Winters, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education go into executive session at 5:10 p.m. for 10 minutes with the Superintendent for the purpose of discussing the potential hire and accepting a resignation of personnel for non-elected personnel; and that the Board return to open meeting at 5:20 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interest of identifiable individuals. Aye-6 No-0

5:10 p.m. Christi Walter joined executive session.

5:10 p.m. Dr. Betty Summers joined executive session via phone.

5:20 p.m. The Board of Education 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 5:20 p.m. for 15 minutes with the Superintendent for the purpose of discussing the potential hire and accepting a resignation of personnel for non-elected personnel; and that the Board return to open meeting at 5:35 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interest of identifiable individuals. Aye-6 No-0

5:35 p.m. Christi Walter joined executive session.

5:35 p.m. Dr. Betty Summers joined executive session via phone.

5:35 p.m. The Board of Education returned to open meeting.

9. Motion by Debora Zachgo, seconded by Jeana Eckhart, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education accept the resignation of Stephen Koch, Lincoln Elementary School Principal, effective at the end of the 2018-19 contract, being June 14, 2019. Aye-5 No-1

TJ Jonsson, on behalf of the Board of Education, thanked Mr. Koch for the tremendous work that he has done at Lincoln Elementary School. The improvements to the grounds and the work on buildings is appreciated. He will be missed.

5:37 p.m. TJ Jonsson called for a short break in the meeting.

5:40 p.m. The Board meeting resumed.

10. Motion by Jeana Eckhart, seconded by Rhonda Wright, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education go into executive session at 5:40 p.m. for 5 minutes with the Superintendent for the purpose of discussing matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency; and that the board return to open meeting at 5:45 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference room. The executive session is required to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position, and the public interest. Aye-6 No-0
11. Motion by Jeana Eckhart, seconded by Patti Winters, that the meeting be adjourned. Aye-6 No-0

Time: 5:48 p.m.

Greta Obermueller, Clerk

Approved:

TJ Jonsson, President