

Unofficial Minutes

October 10, 2022

Regular Meeting

In-Person

Maple Hill Elementary

6:00 PM

Call to Order: Board President Justin Frank called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Board members Tony Conrad, Callie Meinhardt and Kelly Oliver were present. Board members Jerome Hess and Don Frank were absent.

Additions to Agenda: Board member Kelly Oliver moved to approve the additions to the agenda as follows: FCCLA field trip, booster sign approval and resignation of assistant baseball coach. Callie seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Audience with Patrons and Staff: Request to appear before the board: Donald Westhoff with Don's Gun and Ammo spoke to the board about purchasing adjacent land next to his home in Alma and to purchase land west of the school's Greenhouse for a retail sporting goods store with parking lot.

Reports: Written reports were submitted by the AES/MHES Principal, WHS/WJH Principal, Transportation Director, Technology Director, Food Service Director, Athletic Director and Maintenance Director.

Consent Agenda: Board Vice President Tony Conrad moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included: Approval of minutes from the September 12, 2022 regular meeting; Approve payment of bills; Approval of FCCLA Fundraiser (Krispy Kreme Donuts and Auctioning off Football Jerseys); Approval of Fitness Club Fundraiser (Lift-A-Thon and Haunted House); Approval of National Honor Society Fundraiser (Chili Feed and Snacks/Beverages Sold from Ms. Page's Classroom); Approval of Journalism/Student Council Fundraiser (Chocolate Bars); Approval of Elementary PE Fundraiser (Skate-A-Thon); Approval of FHSU Field Trip; Approval of FCCLA Knowledge Bowl Team Trip to Semi-Finals and Approval of Business Booster Sign Proofs (Adventure Time Childcare of Alma and Wabaunsee Fence Company). Justin Frank seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Old and New Business: Superintendent Dr. Pitsch gave an update on the Bond Election 2022 – the district will have two more community information meetings at WJH on October 13th and at WHS on October 20th.

Jeanne Parry, WHS Secretary and member of the USD 329 Bond PAC, gave a presentation on the bond and the Vote Yes Campaign.

Future of MHES, Maple Hill's Park and WJHS buildings with a Successful Bond Election – BOE would work with the cities on the park and buildings.

Dr. Pitsch spoke about the 2022 Kansas Can Star Recognition Awards for USD 329 – One award was for improving post-secondary outcomes for students and the second award was for academic preparation for higher education.

Update on the Paxico Middle School Building – There will be a live auction on November 15th, 2022 at 6:00pm by Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC. The open house will be on October 30th, 2022 from 1:00pm-3:00pm.

Board member Jerome Hess arrived at 6:29pm.

Personnel: Board President Justin Frank moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel under KOMA for 10 minutes with the superintendent Dr. Troy Pitsch and Principal Steve Oliver present. The open session will resume at 6:40pm. Tony Conrad seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Board member Don Frank arrived at 6:35pm.

The open session resumed at 6:40pm.

Board Vice President Tony Conrad moved to approve employment as submitted: Employment: Masen Bosworth – Substitute Teacher, LeeAlan Mock – Facilities Support Team member, Cheryl Lewis – HS Assistant Softball Coach and Kelsey Posch – JH Librarian/Media Tech.

Resignations/Terminations: Chase Nelson – HS Assistant Baseball Coach. Kelly Oliver seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent/ Board Member's Forum: Dr. Pitsch spoke about meeting with the student leadership council at WJH and stated the Chess Club will be in their first tournament at Washburn Rural.

Adjournment: Board Vice President Tony Conrad moved to adjourn. Kelly Oliver seconded. Motion carried 6-0. The open meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

Michelle Gehrt, Board Clerk