

BOARD MEETING--DISTRICT OFFICE--LITTLE RIVER, KANSAS--December 18, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Unified School District 444 was held in the District Office at Little River on Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Board members present were: Cory Dieball, Andrew Porter, Jackie Schafer, Zane Zahradnik and Susan Zeller. Austin Neufeld and Doug Peters were unable to attend. Also present: Superintendent Brent Garrison, Clerk Marsha K. Heinly, Principals Audrey Herbst and Jon Paden, Craig Dassow, Courtney Ewertt, Jhet Ewertt, Kay Mullen, James Prose, Troy Prose, Terry Renken, Jackie Ribordy, Ryan Rose, Sid Wiens and Wade Wright.

President Jackie Schafer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- I. Susan Zeller moved to approve the agenda with the addition of D. Baseball Presentation under Informational Items. Second by Cory Dieball. Motion carried. Yes--5 No--0
- II. There were no Patrons Comments.
- III. Susan Zeller moved to approve the consent agenda as written. Second by Andrew Porter. Motion carried. Yes--5 No--0
 - Minutes of the previous meeting of November 11th and special meeting of December 4th
 - Clerk/Treasurer's reports
 - Out of district student requests – Hadley Fleming, Greysyn Fleming, Karralyna Fontenot and Cassidy Gerlach
 - *Consideration of resignations/hires – Resignation from Craig Allen as bus driver and a bus contract for Mai Thy Jesseph; Resignations from Tyson Konen and Trudy Stephens as Co-Director and Director of the USD 444 Recreation Commission and Audrey Farmer as a board member effective December 31, 2019. Appointments of Cassie Look and Trey Look as Co-Directors of the USD 444 Recreation Commission and Tyson Konen as a board member effective January 1, 2020.
- IV. Courtney Ewertt, 5th grade teacher, Jhet Ewertt and James Prose, 5th grade students, shared the Workshop Wednesday activities and projects the 4th, 5th and 6th grade have been working on. Jhet shared the technology project he created and James shared his Genius Hour project with the board.
- V. Craig Dassow from Summers, Spencer & Company, PA shared the draft proposal of the 2018-2019 CPA audit his firm had conducted.
- VI. Mr. Rose's written technology report included information regarding PowerSchool/KSDE, Pre-K-1st grade/Chromebooks, 10th Grade Chromebooks and Network updates. Mr. Rose added information regarding the need to purchase 65 iPads for Pre-K, K and 1st grade that are like the ones 2nd grade is currently using and the proposal for purchasing and the district's future technology planning.

Andrew Porter moved to approve the iPad proposal from Apple Computer in the amount of \$19,435.00. Second by Cory Dieball. Motion carried. Yes-5 No-0
- VII. Principals Audrey Herbst and Jon Paden submitted a written report to the board. Mrs. Herbst added the Little River Jr./Sr. High School Winter Concert will be held at 6:30 p.m. on December 18. Mr. Paden added the Windom Elementary School's On-Site Redesign visit will be held in January.

- VIII. Terry Renken shared with the board the plans to take the baseball team on an out of state trip in March 2020 and the fundraisers done to help fund this trip.

Susan Zeller moved to approve the baseball team's out of state trip for March 2020 and the use of school vehicles. Second by Zane Zahradnik. Motion carried. Yes--5 No--0

- IX. Superintendent Brent Garrison shared with the board the results of the CMAR interviews. Wiens and Company was the winning company of the phase II and III scores.

Sid Wiens reviewed the proposed Contract for Construction Manager at Risk with the board.

(Jackie Schafer left the meeting at 6:02 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 6:03 p.m.)

Cory Dieball moved to hire Wiens and Company as Construction Manager at Risk for the bond project. Second by Andrew Porter. Motion carried. Yes--5 No--0

- X. Cory Dieball moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 6:54 p.m. Second by Zane Zahradnik. Motion carried. Yes--5 No--0

(Executive session from 6:44 p.m. to 6:54 p.m.)

- XI. Zane Zahradnik moved to extend Superintendent Brent Garrison's contract through the 2021-2022 school year. Second by Cory Dieball. Motion carried. Yes--5 No--0

- XII. Andrew Porter moved that the Board and Superintendent Brent Garrison go into executive session to discuss the latest proposal for increasing the base pay rate from the teachers pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:01 p.m. Second by Cory Dieball. Motion carried. Yes--5 No--0

(Executive session from 6:56 p.m. to 7:01 p.m.)

- XIII. No action was necessary for the above executive session.

- XIV. Report by Superintendent Brent Garrison included:

- *The Robotics Program received a \$5,000 Rural Education Grant
- New Board Member and current Board Member training will be held on February 5, 2020
- The District Office will be closed from December 23, 2019, through January 1, 2020

- XV. No executive session was necessary for Matters affecting a student.

- XVI. There were no Other Action Items necessary.

- XVII. Cory Dieball moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Zane Zahradnik. Motion carried. Yes--5 No--0 (The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.)

Board President

Marsha K. Heinly, Clerk

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