

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4

Monday, August 19, 2019

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6:00 P.M. - BOARDROOM

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Springfield School District was called to order by Board President, Larry Duncan at 6:06 p.m.
 - A. ROLL CALL:
 1. MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Birdsong, Larry Duncan, Tyler Gibson, Kay Maes
 2. MEMBERS ABSENT: Clinton Arbuthnot
 3. SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT: Richard Hargrove, Kyle Lasley, Pam Hartley, Leslie Stewart.
 4. GUESTS PRESENT: None
- II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Superintendent Hargrove requested an addition to NEW BUSINESS, Item E: APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.
- III. APPROVE THE AGENDA: Rick Birdsong made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business: Item E: Approve Intergovernmental Agreement. Kay Maes seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IV. ROUTINE ITEMS:
 - A. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE July 24, 2019 Regular Meeting and Special Meeting July 31, 2019. Tyler Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2019 regular meeting and the July 31, 2019 Special meeting as presented. Rick Birdsong seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. FINANCIAL REPORTS: The superintendent and board reviewed the August financial statements. A few items were noted that will be adjusted to correct some entry errors when entering new budget.
 - C. CLAIMS PAYABLE – August 19, 2019: The board and superintendent reviewed the August claims payable. The increase in monthly utility expense was discussed. Kay Maes made a motion to approve the August, 2019 claims payable. Rick Birdsong seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT: Leslie Stewart was present to represent the STA. She thanked the board and administration for their support and for the many things they continue to do for the school district, students and staff. Mrs. Stewart reported that the STA held their beginning of the year organizational meeting and members are excited that the new teachers are participating in STA. Officers for 19-20 were elected: President-Deb Sharpe, Vice-President-Leslie Stewart, Secretary – Van Walker, Treasurer-Carey George and Accountability Representative – Blake Gale (and 1 TBD). STA will have concessions in January to raise money for the STA Scholarships.

IF YOU ARE HERE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

Welcome to the open forum portion of our meeting. We appreciate your interest in participating in this conversation time with the Springfield School District RE-4 Board of Education. A sign-up sheet was provided at the entrance to the Board meeting for all persons wishing to address the Board. It is requested that comments be limited to five minutes per speaker. Patrons are invited to share comments with the Board in an orderly manner that is consistent with the respect and dignity that should be part of a Board of Education public meeting. The Board will require that speakers and audience members adhere to basic standards of civility and, with limited time available, as the Board President, I may need to limit or terminate discussion to maintain decorum or to give as many people as possible the opportunity to speak. The Board will not take any action during this time. It is the preference of the Board that comments concerning District personnel be addressed in executive session. Discussion of individual students must occur in executive session. Please inform the Board if you intend to make comments concerning District personnel or students so those comments may be heard in executive session.

- A. CORRESPONDENCE: None

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VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. CONSTRUCTION UPDATES: Mr. Hargrove updated the board on various construction projects currently in progress or still in planning stages.

Roofing is underway on district buildings. The preschool and preschool shed has been completed. The BOCES office and superintendent house will be finished soon. The top roof on the high school gym has been removed and repairs should be completed in about 10 days, then the high school and elementary roofs will be recoated as needed.

Components of the elementary playground have arrived and been unloaded. It wasn't an easy task to unload the equipment and Hr. Hargrove thanked Mr. Lasley and Frank Martin for their efforts in getting this accomplished safely and efficiently. The company is running behind on the project preceding ours, but should be moving here when that project is completed.

The vandalism repairs are scheduled to be made. We are currently waiting on materials to arrive. The windows have been ordered through Everitt-Moore and the roofers will be helping to replace the broken skylights as they complete repairs on the roofs.

RTA is working on the designs for the BEST grant renovations. It is projected to have these approved and ready to start work by January, 2020.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. UPDATE ON BEGINNING OF YEAR COUNT: Superintendent Hargrove reported that beginning of year count is currently looking to be down from 10-12 students from last year. We won't have official final numbers until mobility in and out has been completely accounted for.
- B. APPROVE RURAL ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP: Mr. Hargrove explained that the Colorado School Rural Alliance has been very active and their lobbyist efforts have been good for school and educational issues. He recommended that the district continue to pay membership and stated that membership this year is \$750.75. Tyler Gibson made a motion to approve membership in the Colorado School Rural Alliance. Rick Birdsong seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. DISCUSS PURCHASE OF RECYCLE BIN: Superintendent Hargrove shared with the board that the district is trying to make a conscious effort to recycle, starting with paper. Small recycle totes were purchased for every classroom, office and work areas. Currently teachers and students are periodically carrying these totes to the recycle bins behind People's Credit Union. Information has been gathered for the cost of putting a paper recycle bin on school property to increase participation and convenience. The cost of the recycle bin is \$1567.00. Mr. Hargrove recommended that the school purchase a bin to be placed on school property. The board agreed that it would be good for the school to become actively involved in recycling efforts and having a paper recycle bin would be a good start.
- D. DISCUSSION ON DAY CARE LUNCH BALANCE: The Springfield Daycare Center has an outstanding balance of \$6,842.70 for daycare meals purchased from the school during the 18-19 school year. With the daycare currently closed and no current plan to reopen, payments on this unpaid balance seem unlikely. Mr. Hargrove informed the board that the auditor will be removing this amount from the district meals receivable account. A subsidiary ledger will be kept in order to track the account balance in the unlikely event that any payments are received.
- E. APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2019 ELECTION: Mr. Hargrove addressed the Intergovernmental Agreement, a copy of which was included in the board packets. The agreement outlines the terms between the county and school district for the upcoming election on November 5, 2019. Kay Maes made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Baca County for the November 5, 2019 elections. Tyler Gibson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (f)(h): The board, Mr. Hargrove and Mr. Lasley went into executive session at 6:38 p.m. They returned to regular session at 7:02 p.m.

- A. PERSONNEL:
 - 1. JH VB Coach
 - 2. Para-Professional
 - 3. Pre-School Custodian
- B. STUDENT ISSUE

IX. ACT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hargrove recommended Spencer Stewart for Head Junior High Volleyball Coach and Jennifer Leathers for Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach. Rick Birdsong made a motion to hire Spencer Stewart as head coach and Jennifer Leathers as assistant coach for junior high volleyball. Tyler Gibson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Superintendent Hargrove recommended hiring Sue Sherman-Mundell and Melinda Barnes as Special Education Paras. Kay Maes made a motion to hire Sue Mundell and Melinda Barnes as paras for special education. Tyler Gibson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hargrove recommended hiring Mark Mitchell as the Preschool and Activity Custodian. Tyler Gibson made a motion to hire Mark Mitchell as the Preschool Custodian and the Activity Custodian. Kay Maes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

X. REPORTS

A. JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL – KYLE LASLEY: Mr. Lasley reviewed his August Board Report with the board. He had included a list of all class officers and sponsors for the 2019-2020 school year. He also shared with the board that after moving the 6th grade to the junior high, they now have approximately 40 more students in the building compared to last year. Fall sports are underway with the first contest on August 22. He shared that everyone is excited to welcome the new staff members and feels like they have been good additions bringing new ideas and energy to their positions.

B. SUPERINTENDENT/ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT – RICHARD HARGROVE : In addition to items already discussed on his August board update, Superintendent Hargrove also shared with the board that auditors from Dixon and Waller will be in house starting Monday. Board members will be contacted when exact date and time of exit audit is determined. He explained that CMAS results were just taken off embargo status. The results will be studied and he will give a report at next month's meeting. He also expressed his appreciation to the staff members, school board members, teachers and students who all played a part in the planning and execution of the employee picnic and community back-to-school picnic. He commended Joel for his efforts in trying to re-route bus routes and reported that Jonah West has been doing a good job training as a new route driver. He presented an item for discussion which derives from low participation numbers in football. Walsh has opened a conversation about a possible football coop with Springfield. He explained that there are several factors he would like to investigate before proceeding with any further discussion at this time.

XI. OTHER ITEMS TO DISCUSS: None

XII. BOARD MEETING DATES:

1. REGULAR BOARD MEETING – Monday, September 23, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by consensus of the board at 7:20 p.m.

Larry Duncan, President

Kay Maes, Secretary

Rick Birdsong, Vice-President

Tyler Gibson, Treasurer

Clinton Arbuthnot, Director