

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4

Monday September 23, 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 6:00 p.m.
- A. ROLL CALL:
1. MEMBERS PRESENT: Clinton Arbuthnot, Rick Birdsong, Tyler Gibson, Kay Maes and Larry Duncan.
 2. MEMBERS ABSENT: None
 3. SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT: Richard Hargrove, Kyle Lasley, Pam Hartley, Robyn Perdue, Randy McEndree and Joel Roberson.
 4. GUESTS PRESENT: Christina Carter, Tonya Cornell, Ruby Thornton
- II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None
- III. APPROVE THE AGENDA: Kay Maes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Rick Birdsong seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. ROUTINE ITEMS:
- A. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE August 19, 2019 Regular Meeting and Sept. 4, 2019 Special meeting. Tyler Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019 regular meeting and the September 4, 2019 special meeting as presented. Kay Maes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. FINANCIAL REPORTS: The board reviewed the September Expense and Encumbered monthly report.
- C. CLAIMS PAYABLE – September 23, 2019: Clinton Arbuthnot made a motion to approve the September 23, 2019 Claims Payable. Kay Maes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT: Christina Carter stated her reason for wanting to address the board. Tyler Gibson made a motion to go into executive session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (h). Kay Maes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The board, Mr. Hargrove and Mr. Lasley entered executive session at 6:06 p.m. The board returned to regular session at 6:35 p.m.

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: Rick Birdsong read a thank you from the Cici Maes family expressing appreciation for the flowers sent and thoughtfulness shown during this difficult time.
A note from Kathy Self was read by Mr. Birdsong thanking the district for the employee picnic where retirees and years of service were recognized. She expressed her enjoyment and appreciation for the clock she was presented as a retiree and shared her gratitude for the support from the staff and administration for the past 24 years that she served the Springfield School District.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS:
- A. DISCUSS MASTER PLAN MEETING: Mr. Hargrove reported that he and board members Tyler Gibson and Clinton Arbuthnot were able to spend time touring the elementary campus with representatives from DCS and RTA. The two entities will be using the notes taken and ideas discussed during the tour and will prepare up to 10 different plans that can be considered for the elementary facility. He explained that the present course of action will be to apply for a grant this cycle then start the search for outside funding avenues if a BEST grant is approved. An update on the current BEST grant included that the first action is to take care of all asbestos abatement issues, then actual construction can begin.

- B. DISCUSS FINANCIAL AUDIT FROM AUGUST 2019: Superintendent Hargrove discussed some items related to the financial audit that was recently completed by Mark Dixon from Dixon, Waller accounting firm. He felt that the audit went very well. Preliminary figures indicate an approximate carry-over of \$164,000.00 to beginning fund balance. A few reclassification entries will be made to add items to the depreciation schedule. He also explained the change in the recalculation in PERA GASB liability. He will be distributing copies of the official audit report to each board member once it is completed and received from Dixon, Waller, which should be sometime in November.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. FFA PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF NATIONAL FFA CONFERENCE TRIP

Mr. Randy McEndree, FFA sponsor, and FFA officer, Ruby Thornton, were present to discuss the National FFA Conference scheduled in Indianapolis, Indiana for October 25-28. Mr. McEndree explained that the established policy is to attend the national conference every other year.

The FFA attended the National Western Stock Show last year and this year are scheduled to attend the National Conference. There are 6 female and 1 male FFA member who will be going to the conference. Natalie and Brent Thornton and himself will be going as sponsors. Ruby Thornton presented the trip itinerary to the board indicating the group leaving on Monday, October 23 and returning on Saturday, October 28. Mr. McEndree explained the multiple stops going and coming and the application and/or significance to the FFA program. The group will arrive at the actual conference on Wednesday evening, attending the conference on Thursday, before leaving Friday to return home. Tyler Gibson made a motion to approve the itinerary for the National FFA Convention as presented. Rick Birdsong seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. PRESENTATION ON FLASH CURRICULUM BY ROBYN PERDUE: Robyn Perdue, school nurse for the Springfield District, spoke about Flash Curriculum for human sexuality. She shared how she has worked with two other district to implement this curriculum. The curriculum consists of 33 lessons and any or all can be offered depending on district's preferences. Implementation involved an advisory council made up of teachers, parents and school board members, pre and post surveys and opt-in and opt-out options for each student. High school principal, Kyle Lasley explained that the preliminary plan is to offer to students in 9th – 12th grades as part of the lifeskills class. After her presentation and board discussion, the board agreed that Mrs. Perdue could move forward with offering the Flash Curriculum with her first planning strategy to be the formation of an Advisory council.

Board member, Clinton Arbuthnot left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

- C. DISCUSS AND APPROVE BUS CONDITION AND PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT: Transportation Director, Joel Roberson spoke to the board about bus repair issues. A 2006 bus has been in the shop since July and still has undetermined repairs needed. He was asking the board whether to proceed with repairing or replacing this bus. Definite repair cost and time is unknown, but this bus has a continuous history of repairs over the last several years. Mr. Roberson presented some figures on various used buses he has been able to locate, although none of which have all the options he prefers. After discussion, the board agreed that repairs should be stopped on the existing bus, and he should start actively looking for a replacement. The board ask him to present more information and cost at the next board meeting.
- D. REVIEW OF ALPINE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: A CMAS Summary hand-out was distributed to the board by Superintendent Hargrove. He reviewed a few of the results where growth can be seen in some areas. He ask the board to take time to look over the results, and he would be glad to talk to them about any questions they might have.
- E. REVIEW AND ACCEPT DISTRICT FRAMEWORKS FOR 2019: Mr. Hargrove explained that he had a few clarification questions for CDE before the board accepts the frameworks for 2019. The deadline for this is in late November so he ask for the board to table acceptance until November board meeting.
- F. APPROVE PRE-SCHOOL CUSTODIAN: Mr. Hargrove recommended to the board that Mark Mitchell, who was previously approved as preschool custodian, be approved to move from preschool to JH/HS custodian and Emily Sharpe been approved as preschool custodian. Rick Birdsong made a motion to hire Mark Mitchell for the position of JH/HS Custodian and Emily Sharpe as the Preschool Custodian. Tyler Gibson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) f: None

IX. ACT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION: No action needed.

X. REPORTS

A. JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL – KYLE LASLEY: Mr. Lasley reviewed his September Board Report. His report included information on Homecoming Week, fall sports participation, mid-term, 6th grade move to junior high, training for the implementation of I-station, crisis management exercises recently attended by staff members, and an update on the new communication tool, Aptegey.

B. SUPERINTENDENT/ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT – RICHARD HARGROVE: Superintendent Hargrove reviewed items on his BOE Update included in board packets. He updated current enrollment numbers and noted that the student count window opens tomorrow through October 9th. He shared that the preschool’s participation in the school breakfast program and afternoon snack program has started and everyone is working through details, but seems to be a positive addition. The playground construction crew has arrived and started work. Estimate for completion was 7 – 10 days. Mr. Hargrove wanted to publicly recognize the Southeast Colorado Hospital for the recent donation of 16 computers and monitors to the school district. They can definitely be put to good use in various places in the district.

XI. OTHER ITEMS TO DISCUSS: None

XII. BOARD MEETING DATES:

1. REGULAR BOARD MEETING – October 21, 2019

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD: None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Larry Duncan, President

Kay Maes, Secretary

Rick Birdsong, Vice-President

Tyler Gibson, Treasurer

Clinton Arbuthnot, Director