

NORTH OTTAWA COUNTY USD No. 239

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Unified School District No. 239
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
November 11, 2019, 6:30 pm

Call to Order: President Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

I. Roll Call

Members Present: Justin Abell, Kendall Kirk, Dr. Bruce Labes, Brigitte Nelson, and Sandra Tibbits

Members Absent: Tammy Shanks, Becki Travis

Others Present: Chris Vignery, Superintendent, Kim Shafer, Board Clerk, Paige Robins and John Darrow.

II. Additions to and Adoption of the Agenda

Motion made by Justin Abell, seconded by Sandra Tibbits, to approve the Agenda as presented.
Motion passed 4-0.

III. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented made by Sandra Tibbits, seconded by Justin Abell. **Motion passed 4-0.**

IV. Reports and Comments of Principals, Committees, and Visitors

Patricia Anderson submitted her written report - reviewed onscreen by President Nelson.

Ryan Mortimer submitted his written report – reviewed onscreen by President Nelson.

Terry Moeckel submitted his written report – reviewed onscreen by Superintendent Vignery.

Dr. Bruce Labes entered the meeting at 6:32 pm.

V. Report of Superintendent

- Consensus from Topeka is that revenue is up, better than originally projected.
- Vaping. Superintendent Vignery reported that vaping is one of the current hot topics. The legislature is pushing for an increase of the legal age to 21 for individuals to purchase and use vaping products. Mr. Vignery also reported that he had submitted three grant applications for assistance in purchasing a vaping detection system, to be installed in restrooms, locker rooms, etc. A grant from the Ottawa County Community Foundation has been received for \$3,000.00, the grant application submitted to G.L. Huyett was denied; and, and he is awaiting notice from the Dane Hansen foundation on his application for \$5,000.00. The systems may also detect chatter (loud noises), which could be an indication of bullying. Member Labes asked what if a student is not vaping nicotine. Superintendent Vignery indicated that if the student was under the age of 18, law enforcement would be notified, since vaping in any form is against policy. Signs are throughout the buildings indicating the potential dangers of vaping.

- Dyslexia is also at the forefront of the legislature. If passed, training would be required for all teachers. Mr. Vignery indicated more would be known in January, and he would keep the board updated.
- Track. The present condition of the track indicates the need for repair. When originally treated in March, 2015, the company representative had indicated that a subsequent treatment would be \$35,000.00. That representative is no longer employed by the company; however, the owner has reported that he would stand by that statement. Mr. Vignery will send out a request for bids for checking the base, sealing cracks, restriping, etc., and will report to the board. Ideally, this could be completed, along with turf or other options for the field, during spring break.

VI. Old Business

- a. Football Field Update. Mr. Vignery reported that Jon Robichaud, partner with Jim Bateman, has indicated talks with area businesses and individuals for support of the artificial turf, are ongoing. They remain positive and hope to provide final information to the board soon.

VII. New Business

- a. Busing Update. Superintendent Vignery presented onscreen a breakdown of our fleet with replacement schedule. Currently, the next scheduled bus replacement will be 2021–2022. There are nine local bus routes, two Salina routes: one for Career and Tech Ed; and one for special education. Superintendent Vignery reported that Stoney Rynnion indicates that all routes and buses are running well. Conditions of county roads was also discussed. Mr. Vignery reported there was a small fire, the cause of which is unknown, between the bus building and the Jr-Sr high school over the weekend. No damage was sustained.
- b. KESA (Kansas Education Systems Accreditation). Discussion was held and an on-screen presentation was viewed on school accreditation.
- c. Executive Session: Non-Elected Personnel. At 7:08 pm, Sandra Tibbits made the following motion: Madame President, I move that we go into executive session, to include Superintendent Vignery, to discuss matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to the exception under KOMA, in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that we return to open session in this room at 7:20 pm. Justin Abell seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Superintendent Vignery exited the session at 7:16 pm.

The board returned to open session at 7:20 pm.

At 7:20 pm, Sandra Tibbits made the following motion: Madame President, I move that we go into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to the exception under KOMA, in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that we return to open session in this room at 7:25 pm. Justin Abell seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

The board returned to open session at 7:25 pm.

- d. Executive Session: Student Matters. None.
- e. Executive Session: Negotiations. None.
- f. Employee Resignation(s). None
- g. Employee Confirmation(s). None.
- h. December 9, 2019 Board Agenda Items:

- Football Field Update
- KASB Annual Convention Update

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made at 7:28 pm, by Sandra Tibbits, seconded by Dr. Bruce Labes. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Kim Shafer

Kim Shafer, USD 239 Board Clerk

Approved:

Brigitte Nelson, President

Brigitte Nelson, USD 239 Board President

APPROVED