

NORTH OTTAWA COUNTY USD No. 239

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Unified School District No. 239 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education October 14, 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, Tammy Shanks, Sandra Tibbits, and Becki Travis

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Chris Vignery, Superintendent, Kim Shafer, Board Clerk, and Principals: Patricia Anderson, Terry Moeckel, and Ryan Mortimer (arrived at 6:31 pm). Others present: Melissa Baccus, Cynthia Beall, Christina Hoffman, August Hulse, Julie McCullick, and John Darrow.

II. Additions to and Adoption of the Agenda

Motion made by Sandra Tibbits, seconded by Justin Abell, to approve the Agenda as presented.
Motion passed 6-0.

III. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented made by Becki Travis, seconded by Justin Abell.
Motion passed 6-0.

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

Dr. Bruce Labes entered the meeting at 6:36 pm.

At this time, August Hulse (FFA student representative) provided a handout to the board and gave a brief update. Mr. Hulse reported that seven (7) FFA members and Christina Hoffman would be attending the National Convention in Indiana at the end of the month. Ms. Hoffman then introduced herself to the board and added that 1st and 3rd hour welding classes will be working on the handrail for the bridge way.

Ryan Mortimer submitted and reviewed his written report.

Terry Moeckel submitted and reviewed his written report.

Patricia Anderson submitted and reviewed her written report.

V. Report of Superintendent

- **ACT Changes.** Superintendent Vignery advised that starting next fall, ACT will be allowing students to retake one (1) section at a time to improve their score; students will have the option to take the test online vs. paper/pencil (results back within two days vs. six weeks); and, other possible updates. Mr. Vignery also advised that the legislature has directed that districts give the Pre-ACT to all 9th graders. Mr. Vignery added that we would be giving the pre-test to all 10th grade students this year, as well.

- LED Update. Superintendent Vignery reported savings from last March through this September's electrical bill are approximately \$19,000, since the LED upgrade.

VI. Old Business

- a. High School Eligibility. Ryan Mortimer indicated that the Jr-Sr high school staff would like to separate the Homework Club from the eligibility policy, as they have seen good results from the Club. MJSHS will continue to utilize the eligibility policy outlined by KSHSAA. In support of the Homework Club, teacher John Darrow gave a handout to the board and summarized the success the teachers have seen so far this year. Mr. Darrow added that the Homework Club is open for all students this year and is held during CC (Career Cruising) time.
- b. Football Field Update. Mr. Vignery reported that Jim Bateman was unable to attend the October meeting. Mr. Vignery related that Mr. Bateman is currently in conversations with potential investors; the foundation is set up and in place; information will be provided through the newspaper, social media, and half-time during home games. Between artificial turf and sod, the board has until March to make the ultimate decision. President Nelson asked if a new board was elected in November, how would the vote made on April 3, 2019, be affected. Mr. Vignery responded that the board would have to rescind the previous action taken to make any changes.

VII. New Business

- a. Executive Session: Negotiations. None.
- b. Executive Session: Non-Elected Personnel. None.
- c. Employee Resignation(s). None
- d. Employee Confirmation(s). Motion to approve Amanda Davidson as USD 239 Social Worker made by Justin Abell, seconded by Becki Travis. **Motion passed 7-0.**
- e. November 2019 Board Agenda Items.
 - Busing Update
 - Football Field Update

VIII. Adjournment


Motion to adjourn made at 7:22 pm, by Becki Travis, seconded by Dr. Bruce Labes. **Motion passed 7-0.**

Respectfully Submitted:



Kim Shafer, USD 239 Board Clerk

Approved:



Brigitte Nelson, USD 239 Board President