

MINUTES

REGULAR USD 251 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

December 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Matt Horton in the BOE meeting room in Americus.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Horton, Angela Anderson, David Goldsmith Jr, Tim Burton, Wendy Linsey, Mitchell Maxfield and Tammie Reed.

SUPERINTENDENT:

Mike Mathes

BOARD CLERK:

Nicolette Nuessen

STUDENT LIAISON:

Khylee Massey

GUESTS:

Jessica Woodrow, Thomas Cushing, Jana Smart, Lawrence Rust, Cody Lindquist, Erick Dean, David Orear, Veronica Dean, Devon Swartz, Lynn McAllister, Jesse McKee, Josiah McKee, Gary Heine, Nancy Wells, Jacob Lang, and Ryann Brooks.

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Matt Horton said basketball is off to a good start. The new wrestling program is going well. The school year is already half over. Senior Citizen dinner was well attended, a big thank you to everyone. KASB conference was a great learning tool as always.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS:

Mike Mathes thanked all board members for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend the annual conference. He encouraged all board members to attend the NSBA conference in April. A time was set for another study session.

This is an official notice that the Board will have a study session on December 18th, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the board meeting room in Americus.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

There were no comments from the public.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Angela Anderson (Wendy Linsey) moved to approve the agenda as amended, moving 7b and 7c before 7a. Motion passed. (7-0)

6. DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS BY CONSENT:

President Matt Horton excused himself from the meeting and turned it over to Vice President Angela Anderson. Mr. Horton left the room.

Vice President Angela Anderson took over the meeting.

Tim Burton (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to approve consent items as follows. Motion passed. (7-0)

- a. Approval of minutes from regular meeting held on November 13, 2019
- b. Approval of expenditures from November 1 – November 30, 2019
- c. Approval of treasurer report from November 30, 2019
- d. Approval of contracts for Stacie Horton as District Treasurer, Transportation and Food Service Director for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.
- e. Approval of Donations. \$900 from US Connect Services (S&A Telephone) for the NLC Football scoreboard.

President Matt Horton returned to the room. Vice President Angela Anderson turned the meeting over to Mr. Horton.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. HEAR AG/FFA REPORT:

Mr. Lang gave an update on the AG/FFA programs at NHHS. He reported from the "School to Farm" program, the national convention, the greenhouse project etc. He also talked about future plans, like planting fruit trees, purchasing chickens, and adopting a family for the holidays.

b. HEAR PERSONAL FINANCE CLASS REPORT:

Mr. Lindquist gave a presentation about the personal finance class at NHHS, which was integrated this year and is now a graduation requirement.

c. HEAR SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH REPORT:

Dr. Brian Jordan and Mrs. Sue Givens reported from today's focus group meetings and the online survey. Results were tallied and shared with the Board. The Board was also asked to answer survey questions. Remaining meeting and interview dates were shared as well.

d. HEAR RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT:

Mr. Mathes shared the process to start a recreation commission. He encouraged the Board to meet with all City Councils and ARO's in north Lyon County to ask for input and support.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

a. CONSIDER NHHS SNOW PLOW TRUCK REPLACEMENT:

Mr. Mathes explained that this truck will be used for many purposes, not just for snow removal. Mitchell Maxfield (Wendy Linsey) moved to accept the state bid for a 2019 Ford Super Cab 4x4 Short Bed from Shawnee Mission Ford in the amount of \$32,018.00, along with the snow plow (\$7,314.00) and spreader (\$1,952.00) attachments totaling \$9,266.00 from American Equipment. Motion passed. (7-0)

9. PERSONNEL:

a. CONSIDER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL MATTERS:

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes, inviting Mr. Mathes, to discuss non-elected personnel matters pursuant to the exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:22 p.m. Motion passed. (7-0)

The Board left the room at 9:02 p.m.

At 9:22 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes, inviting Mr. Mathes, to discuss non-elected personnel matters pursuant to the exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:39 p.m. Motion passed. (7-0)

The Board left the room at 9:24 p.m.

At 9:39 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

10. BOARD COMMENTS:

Wendy Linsey enjoyed the Senior Citizen Dinner. Band and choir did an excellent job. She wished everyone a "Merry Christmas".

Tim Burton thanked all the board members who attended the annual conference for taking the time to attend and apologized for not being able to go.

Angela Anderson dittoed previous comments and gave condolences to the Karr family.

David Goldsmith dittoed all previous comments.

Tammie Reed said "KASB Foundation Boardmanship on Friday was a great refresher. It was encouraging to talk with other districts hearing they are having the same challenges as we do...we are not alone. Also, good to get to know the other board members outside of the board room. Excited for the students to participate in the new budget class at NHHS. Thank you Wendy for your service, wish you all the best, thank you. Matt, I appreciate you stepping out during the voting."

Matt Horton said that the board might not always agree, but they do have lots of things in common. He encouraged all board members to thank district staff whenever an opportunity arises. "A thank you goes a long way". He also said that the district shows a lot of compassion and care, for example the coat drive, adopt a family, and many more. Further he said that he would love to see a rec commission.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Tim Burton (Wendy Linsey) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. (7-0)
The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Nicolette Nuessen, Board Clerk

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