

## MINUTES

### REGULAR USD 251 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

January 8, 2020 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:**

Fionna Lee, Marah DeLong, Julie Harrison, Elly Dice, Gary Heine, Patrick Stevenson, Thomas Cushing, Adam Blake, Lynn McAllister, David Orear, Jesse and Josiah McKee, Jeremiah and Kristy Ciero, Nathaniel Ciero.

**2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:**

Matt Horton said the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the school year is here and he welcomed back teachers. He was excited to see such a great turnout for the alumni basketball game. He encouraged everyone to watch the documentary "I am Angus – Wildorado" on YouTube, it's a great video on their VoAg program. He also gave kudos to all basketball teams and mentioned that the district is in need of Bus Drivers.

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS:**

It's board appreciation month, Mike Mathes thanked all board members for all they do and handed out individual certificates of appreciation. He then recognized Ms. Elly Dice, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at NLC for being one of 32 teachers in Kansas to receive the Kansas Horizon Award, what a great achievement.

**This is an official notice that the next board meeting scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2020 has been moved up to 6:15 p.m. and will be held in the Library at NHHS.**

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

Jesse McKee was inquiring about the progress with the rec commission. Has the board approached all towns in the district yet? Matt Horton said little had been done so far, but the board will continue to work on it.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Angela Anderson (Wendy Linsey) moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed. (7-0)

**6. DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS BY CONSENT:**

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

- a. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting held on December 11, 2019
- b. Approval of Expenditures from December 1 – December 31, 2019
- c. Approval of Treasurer Report from December 31, 2019
- d. Approval of Donations. \$600 from Prairieland Partners for the NHHS Giving Tree; \$1,000 from BCBS for the NHHS Healthy Habits for Life program.

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. HEAR BUDGET UPDATE:

The Superintendent shared the current budget with the BOE. We are about halfway through the school year and have about 66% of the budget remaining. There is some increased spending in the LOB fund, because of added staff.

b. HEAR SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH UPDATE:

Mr. Mathes reported that KASB is very pleased with the interest shown in the position. They have received about 10 applications so far. The deadline to apply is the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**This is an official notice that the Board will have a special meeting in reference to the Superintendent search on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.**

c. HEAR CAPITAL OUTLAY PLAN:

Mr. Mathes shared a proposal for next year's capital outlay plan. He encouraged all board members to look it over and if they have any questions to bring them back to the next board meeting when the plan will be on the agenda for approval.

d. HEAR NLC CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE REPORT:

Mr. Wiltz, along with Mrs. Harrison and Mr. Stevenson, reported on the meaning of conscious discipline, the process, and the effects on students as well as staff. NLC is in its first year of implementing the program.

e. HEAR 2020-21 STUDENT HANDBOOKS AND CURRICULUM GUIDE UPDATES:

Mr. Mathes encouraged all board members to take a look at the updated handbooks and guide, as they will be up for approval at next month's board meeting.

**8. ACTION ITEMS:**

a. CONSIDER BOARD NEGOTIATIONS TEAM:

Wendy Linsey (Angela Anderson) moved to nominate Matt Horton and Angela Anderson to represent the board during negotiations. Gary Heine will sit-in on the meetings. Motion passed. (7-0)

b. CONSIDER NLC SUMMER PROJECT:

Wendy Linsey (Tim Burton) moved to approve the proposed NLC summer project, which will be put out for bid. Total project cost will be about \$350,000. 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 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 8:28 p.m. Motion passed. (7-0)

The Board left the room at 8:13 p.m.

At 8:28 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

**10. BOARD COMMENTS:**

Tammie Reed thanked Khylee Massey for coming to the meeting and congratulated her on the basketball game win. She mentioned that a few board members went to Olpe to view the renovations done with the new bond money. They were very impressed.

David Goldsmith Jr congratulated Ms. Dice on her award. He felt the conscious discipline presentation was very enlightening. He thanked the Booster Club for all they do, as well as Wendy Linsey for her time on the board "She is a very shining example of a board member".

Khylee Massey thanked the Booster Club, said that all sports programs in the district are going well. Wrestling was added this year and she hopes it will keep going next year.

Angela Anderson dittoed David's comments. She was also excited to see the alumni game, it was so much fun and had a great turnout. She thanked Wendy Linsey for her time on the board, "Her insight knowledge was great".

Tim Burton congratulated Ms. Dice and mentioned that Ms. Claiborne won this award a few years ago, which really shows how great our staff in this district is. He further thanked Wendy Linsey "It's been a pleasure serving together".

Matt Horton said that NLC PTO is struggling and encouraged people to step up and help. He thanked the Jensen family for donating a large stack of yearbooks to the Alumni Association, these will be available to view at the Alumni Banquet.

Wendy Linsey mentioned that PTO needs parents, but also teachers to step up and get involved. She thanked all staff for all they do for the district. Further she thanked Mr. Mathes for bringing the district closer together and showing everyone a different way. She then said that the district needs to work together, not against each other, not worrying about the pocketbook, but do what is best for the district, the students and the staff. She then thanked everyone for letting her serve on the board.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Wendy Linsey (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. (7-0)  
The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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Nicolette Nuessen, Board Clerk

"These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next meeting."