

NORTH OTTAWA COUNTY USD No. 239

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Unified School District No. 239
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
January 13, 2020, 6:30 pm

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

I. Roll Call

Members Present: Justin Abell, Dr. Bruce Labes, Brigitte Nelson, Jason Parks, Tammy Shanks, Richard Shupe, Becki Travis

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Superintendent, Chris Vignery, Board Clerk Kim Shafer, Principal Patricia Anderson, and patrons Songie McCall, Brent Kindall and Jon Robichaud with Enviro Turf.

II. Election of Board Officers

Superintendent Vignery took charge of the meeting and stated that board officers may either be voted upon in July at the organizational meeting or in January, of each year. If in elections were in July, positions would run July through December with re-election in January to run through June 30. Mr. Vignery called for nominations for board president.

Moved by Justin Abell, seconded by Dr. Bruce Labes, that Brigitte Nelson be nominated as President. Mr. Vignery asked if there were any other nominations. Justin Abell then amended his motion to reflect that Brigitte Nelson be nominated as President through December 2020. Dr. Bruce Labes seconded. **Motion passed 7-0.**

Motion made by Brigitte Nelson that Justin Abell be nominated as Vice President to run through December 2020. Motion seconded by Becki Travis. **Motion passed 7-0.**

III. Additions to and Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Bruce Labes moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Becki Travis. **Motion passed 7-0.**

IV. Consent Agenda

Member Parks inquired as to possibility of changing the meeting day from Monday to avoid conflicts with activities scheduled on the same evening. After a short discussion, no action taken. Superintendent Vignery indicated that the March meeting coincided with Spring Break and the scheduled March meeting could be changed. After a short discussion, motion to approve the consent agenda as presented made by Dr. Bruce Labes, seconded by Becki Travis. **Motion passed 7-0.**

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

Patricia Anderson submitted and reviewed her written report.

Written reports submitted by principals Terry Moeckel and Ryan Mortimer were submitted and read by Superintendent Vignery. Assistant principal Mortimer's request to receive permission from the board to sell old basketball uniforms was tabled to another meeting.

VI. Report of Superintendent

- Track Update. The track is scheduled to be resurfaced and restriped after the turf is installed.
- Stop It App. This is an online reporting tool for students to anonymously report bullying and other inappropriate situations they, or someone they know, may be experiencing. Student privacy is protected unless and until that student chooses to reveal themselves. The district has access to this app, at no cost thanks to a grant shared through Smoky Hill for 18 months. Information will be forthcoming to parents and students. The app will be pushed out to district Chromebooks and may be downloaded to smartphones and is accessible through our website.
- Calendar. Not discussed.

At this time Mr. Vignery interjected that an opportunity has arisen to eliminate a position and transfer a teacher to another position. After a discussion with KASB (Kansas Association of School Boards) legal department, this matter will be discussed in executive session.

Dr. Bruce Labes exited the meeting at 7:05 and returned at 7:07 pm.

VII. Old Business

- Football Field.

Superintendent Vignery opened the floor to Jon Robichaud, Enviro Turf, and Jim Bateman via telephone. Both Mr. Robichaud and Mr. Bateman plan to be here next week to get the project started. They will also be visiting with several potential large donors to finalize this phase of the project. Member Travis asked for a reminder of estimated timeline. Mr. Bateman responded that from shovel to ground and ready to play usually takes about 6 weeks, with weather, of course, being a factor. Mr. Bateman's company is working with United Sports Systems (track), to correlate the two projects.

VIII. New Business

- a. KESA Update. Superintendent Vignery projected onscreen and reviewed a KESA power point that he had presented to faculty on January 3, 2020. A short discussion ensued with no action taken.

Becki Travis exited the meeting at 8:27 pm and returned at 8:29 pm.

- b. Executive Session: Negotiations. None. Brigitte Nelson remarked that Tammy Shanks, Chris Vignery and she would be attending KASB's Prepping for Negotiations on February 5, 2020, in Concordia. Negotiations training is required, annually.

A visitor indicated a patron wished to address the board and Brent Kindall was recognized.

- c. Executive Session: Non-Elected Personnel. At 8:42 pm, Becki Travis made the following motion: Madame President, I move that we go into executive session, to include Superintendent Vignery and principal Patricia Anderson, 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 8:52 pm. Justin Abell seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

The board returned to open session at 8:52 pm.

An open discussion commenced on wording in board policy GACE, as to whether or not the word 'may' was left in the wording when approved in September. Jason Parks made the motion to give Superintendent Vignery the authority to transfer Linda Smith as he sees fit in between buildings and positions. Motion seconded by Becki Travis. **Motion passed 7-0.**

d. Employee Resignation(s). None.

e. Employee Confirmation(s). None.

Member Travis inquired about district liability, student incidents, etc. A short discussion was held with no action taken.

f. February 9, 2020 Agenda Items:

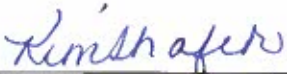
- Changing the board table location
- Setting a Goals Meeting
- Update on MHS Redesign
- Revisit board policy GACE

IX. Adjournment

At 9:09, Becki Travis moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Bruce Labes seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:



Kim Shafer, USD 239 Board Clerk



Brigitte Nelson, USD 239 Board President