

NORTH OTTAWA COUNTY USD No. 239

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Unified School District No. 239
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
February 10, 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, and Tammy Shanks

Members Absent: Richard Shupe, Becki Travis

Others Present: Superintendent, Chris Vignery, Board Clerk Kim Shafer, Principals: Patricia Anderson, Terry Moeckel, and Ryan Mortimer. Patrons present: Anne Abell, Ruth Sanders, Mark and Shelby Renfrow.

II. Additions to and Adoption of the Agenda

Member Justin Abell asked that the asphalt area of the MGS playground be added to the Agenda. Dr. Bruce Labes moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the MGS Playground under Old Business, Item (b) with the balance as presented, seconded by Justin Abell. **Motion carried 5-0.**

III. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented made by Dr. Bruce Labes, seconded by Tammy Shanks. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

Patricia Anderson submitted and reviewed her written report. Member Parks indicated his appreciation for the additional information provided and asked that in the future the why and what of the information be included.

Ryan Mortimer submitted and reviewed his written report.

Terry Moeckel submitted and reviewed in depth his written report. Mr. Moeckel's report was supplemented with onscreen projections. An example of an individualized plan of study was presented by Mr. Vignery, which he has prepared for one of his children. This plan shows how a pathway can be designed for specific students, implemented during their school years, which would then carry them right into college, post-secondary study or into the work force.

At this time President Nelson opened the floor for patrons. None.

V. Report of Superintendent

- KESA/Redesign Journey. Mr. Vignery presented a Power Point onscreen and discussed education, assessments, etc., from 1992 to the present. Member Parks inquired about a curriculum handbook. After discussion, Principal Moeckel and Principal Anderson invited Member Parks to meet and discuss their buildings' curriculum.

- Resource Officer. Superintendent Vignery advised the board of a potential grant available to assist in the expense of a resource officer. The grant would be for three (3) years and would cover seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost.
- Opaa! Update. Mr. Vignery shared an update provided by Ilene Mullen on the food program.
- District Site Council. Mr. Vignery advised the board that the site council met recently. He presented his Power Point on Education: 1992 – Present, to those in attendance.
- Kindergarten Readiness. A committee consisting of our three kindergarten teachers, Jennifer Freeman, Sharon Noon and Kat Shaft, two (2) representatives of Head Start, Ruth Macy, Becky Ausherman, Tarin Hauck and Janette Wedel, met and discussed items relating to preparing our students for kindergarten.

VI. Old Business

- a. School Accreditation. Superintendent Vignery presented onscreen his Power Point. Education: 1992 – Present. Our website shows district goals, action steps, and other helpful information. Member Parks indicated he would like to see the district curriculum and how it articulates to the next grade level – both general and specific. Member Parks will follow up after meeting with the principals and will update the board at the March meeting.

Dr. Bruce Labes exited the meeting at 8:12 pm and returned at 8:15 pm.

- b. MGS Playground. A committee has been established at the grade school to look into the field, asphalt area, and current playground. Potential funding may be obtained through grant writing and the parent organization, Cub Backers.

VII. New Business

- a. Budget Update. Superintendent Vignery presented a printout to members and patrons of his projected year-end figures. A short discussion ensued with no action taken.
- b. Executive Session: Non-Elected Personnel. At 8:41 pm, Dr. Bruce Labes 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 8:51 pm. Jason Parks seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.** Principals Moeckel and Mortimer were excused from the session.

The board returned to open session at 8:51 pm.

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The board returned to open session at 9:05 pm.

c. Executive Session: Negotiations. None.

An open discussion commenced on three (3) proposed 2020 – 2021 calendars: Calendar A, B, and C. Mr. Vignery will forward the proposed calendars to the board for their review and this matter will be discussed again at the March 9, 2020 regular meeting of the board.

At this time Principal Moeckel advised the board of a program developed with teachers and administration for release time for A, B, and C students on Fridays at approximately 2:50 pm, where those students meeting the criteria would be able to leave campus or remain in the building for library time, homework, or time with teachers. This would only apply to sophomores through seniors at this time. Others students would remain in the building working with teachers to help improve their grades. Superintendent Vignery interjected and said he has contacted KASB for their legal opinion but has yet to receive a response. Once that response is received, he will update the board. No further action was taken, but this matter will be revisited at the March meeting.

d. Employee Resignation(s). Motion to accept the resignation of Todd Just as high school assistant football coach made by Justin Abell, seconded by Jason Parks. **Motion carried 5-0.**

e. Employee Confirmation(s). Motion to approve McKenna Schardt as 6th grade teacher made by Justin Abell, seconded by Jason Parks. **Motion carried 5-0.**

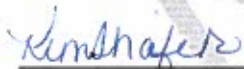
f. March 9, 2020 Agenda Items:

- Negotiations – Calendar
- Curriculum
- ACE Program – Legal Side
- Resource Officer
- Playground Update

VIII. Adjournment

At 9:26 pm, Justin Abell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Bruce Labes seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Respectfully Submitted:



Kim Shafer, USD 239 Board Clerk

Approved:



Brigitte Nelson, USD 239 Board President