

## MINUTES

### REGULAR USD 251 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

March 18, 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, David Goldsmith Jr, Tim Burton, Gary Heine, and Tammie Reed. Angela Anderson per phone.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mitchell Maxfield

SUPERINTENDENT:

Mike Mathes

BOARD CLERK:

Nicolette Nuessen

GUESTS:

Darrin Harrison and Jenna Herrington

#### **2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:**

Matt Horton gave kudos to all ball teams. He congratulated the band on their performance at Six Flags and hopes that the band director is doing better. He reminded everyone to lead by example, self-quarantine if needed and help our neighbors.

#### **3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS:**

Mike Mathes recognized NHHS Scholar's Bowl, Girls and Boys Basketball for their achievements. They will be invited to a board meeting at a later date to be personally recognized. He further thanked all teachers who applied for Hopkins grants. Several teachers were awarded money for some really great and creative ideas.

**This is an official notice that the next board meeting scheduled for April 6, 2020 will be moved to April 8, 2020 at 7 p.m.**

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

There were no public comments.

#### **5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Angela Anderson (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed. (6-0)

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

After discussion, Tim Burton (Angela Anderson) moved to approve consent items as follows. Motion passed. (6-0)

- a. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting held on February 10, 2020
- b. Approval of Expenditures from February 1 – February 29, 2020
- c. Approval of Treasurer Report from February 29, 2020
- d. Approval of Disposal of District Property
- e. Approval of Worlds of Fun Trip
- f. Approval of Contract for Jon Aldrete as Bus Driver for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.
- g. Approval of Resignation from Greg French as Head Football Coach, with many thanks, effective the end of the 2019-20 school year.

- h. Approval of Donations in the amount of \$16,091.- from the Hopkins Family for multiple projects, \$671.- from BCBS for Healthy Habits projects, \$2,500.- from the Hopkins Family for Back to School events.

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

a. HEAR COVID-19 UPDATE:

The admin team has been working on continued learning and education ideas. A state task force has been implemented to come up with ideas and suggestions. Mr. Mathes shared the current plan. All staff will be paid their contracted amounts as if they were working.

b. HEAR KSDE AUDIT:

Mr. Mathes shared results of the 2018-19 KSDE audit.

**8. ACTION ITEMS:**

a. CONSIDER CPA AUDIT:

Cindy Jensen, CPA Auditor, sent a letter to the board along with her report. Tim Burton (Angela Anderson) moved to accept the audit and allow Mrs. Nuessen to file with the appropriate agencies. Motion passed. (6-0)

b. CONSIDER TOBACCO POLICY:

Tim Burton (Gary Heine) moved to approve the proposed tobacco policy. Motion passed. (6-0)

c. CONSIDER RADIO UPGRADE:

Tim Burton (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to approve the bid from Ka-Comm in the amount of \$51,682.33.- for a districtwide digital radio system. Motion passed. (6-0)

**9. PERSONNEL:**

a. CONSIDER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NEGOTIATION MATTERS:

David Goldsmith Jr (Tim Burton) moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes, inviting Mr. Mathes and Mrs. Nuessen, to discuss negotiation matters pursuant to the exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:05 p.m. Motion passed. (6-0)

Darrin Harrison and Jenna Herrington left the room at 8:00 p.m., the live recording was turned off.

At 8:05 p.m. the Board returned to open session. Darrin Harrison returned and the live recording continued.

**10. BOARD COMMENTS:**

Tammie Reed congratulated all Hopkins award winner, thanked Mr. French for all his years of coaching, she also thanked all faculty and staff for all their hard work.

David Goldsmith Jr congratulated all sports teams and the band on their achievements, he thanked the admin team for all their work.

Angela Anderson thanked Mr. Mathes and his admin team for all their work, and Darrin Harrison for putting the meeting on Facebook live. She congratulated all Hopkins winners and the NHHS Seniors.

Tim Burton feels for all spring sport and activity participants, sad for the seniors and the teams.

Gary Heine said that Brian Pence III is predicting a "V" recovery.

Matt Horton thanked the admin team. He asked how grades will be handled. Mr. Mathes said that all grades will stop at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Mr. Horton hopes that the economy rebounds and all will be over soon. He congratulated Kylee Sull on her Rudd Scholarship.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Tim Burton (Gary Heine) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. (6-0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.