

NORTH OTTAWA COUNTY USD No. 239

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Unified School District No. 239
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
March 9, 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 and Becki Travis

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Superintendent, Chris Vignery, Board Clerk Kim Shafer, and Principal Terry Moeckel.
Patrons present: Paige Robins, Shelby Renfrow and Doug Plummer. Teachers: Keri Pratt, Ruth Sanders, Mark Renfrow and Tami Noble.

II. Additions to and Adoption of the Agenda

Becki Travis moved to add item (h) Dane Hansen and Ottawa County Community Foundation Grant and (l) MGS Stage Curtains to New Business and to approve the balance of the Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Jason Parks. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Dr. Bruce Labes entered the meeting at 6:32 pm.

III. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented made by Becki Travis, seconded by Tammy Shanks. **Motion carried 7-0.**

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

Pat Anderson, absent, had submitted her written report for board review.

- Enrollment of 324 students as of February 19, 2020.
- Character Recognition for February: 39 students and Marty Husted were recognized for demonstrating Great Acts of Character at the Minneapolis Grade School in January.
- Family Night: Fifty-six students and their families participated.
- MakerSpace Challenge: Twenty participants were involved in the February challenge where students were asked to create a heart using only recyclable materials.
- Spring Conferences: Ninety percent of the students were represented by their parents. A total of 295 conferences were held with 429 parents and 56 students attending.
- McREL'S Teacher Evaluation System: Utilizing this system, teacher evaluations were conducted as required.
- Cub Backer Carnival: the theme of the Cub Backer Carnival scheduled for April 25, 2020, is *Hakuna Matata*. The Carnival will begin at 5:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm.
- Sixth Grade Participates in Arts Infusion Program: A sculptor by the name of Curt Krob, visited with the sixth grade students on February 27, 2020, along with Lori Brack presenting Science Poems. Their purpose is to introduce and teach arts disciplines of dance, drama and visual arts to students.

- Stage Curtains: Grants from the Dane G. Hansen foundation, the Ottawa County Foundation, and Cub Backers will go towards the purchase and installation of new stage curtains.
- Spring Concert: the concert was held March 6, 2020, featuring students in the third and fourth grade.
- Upcoming Events: dates and events from March 6 through April 25 given.

Ryan Mortimer, absent, had submitted his written athletic director's report for board review.

- HS Basketball: Boys (25), Girls (18): Boys finished the season 14-7; Girls finished the season 5-16.
- HS Wrestling (15): five (5) state qualifiers; one (1) state placer at 5th place.
- Spring Sports Numbers: JH Track = 55; HS Track = 25, HS Baseball = 29, HS Softball = 19
- Spring Sports Orders: approximately \$1,300 - \$1,500
- Other Discussion Items:
 - Banner Committee: looking at options and pricing
 - Summer Schedule: putting one together
 - List for Supplementals: April board meeting

Terry Moeckel had submitted his written report. Highlights of his report to the board are as follows:

- Parent Teacher Conferences: attendance was 218 out of 235 conferences scheduled = 93%. Moving forward, the best format for conferences is to use a Wednesday-Wednesday format in the fall, and a Wednesday-Thursday format in the spring.
- February 25: ACT tests given to freshman and juniors; PreACT tests given to sophomores. Seniors took an off-campus trip to Topeka for a Capital tour, and the Junior High went to the Kansas Museum of History.
- JH Olympiad: qualified for State after competing at FHSU on February 21.
- JH Music Contest: contest scheduled at Southeast of Saline, but was cancelled due to weather concerns. It has been rescheduled to March 30.
- Career Fair: led by seniors and held on March 6 with 25 careers represented. Mr. Hosler's senior Civics class did all the organizational work.
- State Assessment Testing: scheduled between March 16 and May 5.
- ACT WorkKeys (Juniors): completed on March 4
- Embedded Credits (Salina Area Tech curriculum): staff is very supportive and would like to add this concept for qualified juniors and seniors. A short discussion with questions and answers was held. Superintendent Vignery was asked to look for a policy and to obtain clarification of "CTE" – Career AND Tech Ed or simply Career Tech Ed. Member Abell asked that this be added to the July meeting.

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

V. Report of Superintendent

- Legislative Update. Emails are circulated daily regarding the coronavirus, which Tammy Schmidt, R.N., and himself are watching. This week is Spring Break and he has spoken with custodians to make sure everything is sanitized and wiped down.
- Kindergarten Readiness. Conversations held on how to involve the community, putting material together to give to pre-schools/day cares, etc., and to send home to parents.
- Art and Industrial Arts Rooms. Mr. Vignery has visited with both Mr. Renfrow and Mrs. Noble with regard to the need to switch their rooms. Reasoning is more space is needed by Mr. Renfrow and Mrs. Noble would be able to have a kiln room. Discussion was held on needed repairs and the possibility of having students assist in the move. Superintendent Vignery was asked to gather estimates for the board's review at the April meeting.
- Recreation Commission. Brian Kindall has submitted a Request to Appear Before the Board on April 13, 2020, with regard to asking the board for assistance with a restroom upgrade.

The discussion regarding Kindergarten Readiness continued with member Parks asking what more the board can do and if we can have our students help. Mr. Vignery asked for input from the teachers that were present. Additional discussion was held regarding the packets being ready for Kindergarten

Screening, parent involvement, working with the next grade level teachers to get their input on what they seem necessary for students to learn before entering the next grade level, etc.

VI. Old Business

- a. Resource Officer. Superintendent Vignery advised the board that the local police department is the agency which needs to complete and submit the appropriate documents. It is doubtful that this will happen this year or even next year.
- b. 2020-2021 Calendar Discussion. The board discussed the differences between proposed Calendars A, B and C. The consensus of the board was to propose Calendar A and C to NOCTA.

VII. New Business

a. Curriculum Discussion

Discussion was held on board policies with regard to curriculum. General consensus of the board was to have our teachers submit what they currently utilize. The documents will then be reviewed in April and work may begin on a more core fundamental document for approval at the July meeting.

b. County Mitigation Plan

Motion to approve the federal mitigation plan made by Becki Travis, seconded by Dr. Bruce Labes. **Motion passed 7-0.**

c. Executive Session: Non-Elected Personnel. None

d. Executive Session: Negotiations

At 8:24 pm, Dr. Bruce Labes made the following motion: Madame President, I move that we go into executive session, to include Superintendent Vignery, to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract, and that we return to open session in this room at 8:45 pm. Justin Abell seconded the motion. **Motion carried 7-0.** Principal Moeckel exited the session.

The board returned to open session at 8:45 pm.

e. Employee Resignation(s)

Motion to approve the resignation of Dena Allison as MGS teacher made by Dr. Bruce Labes, seconded by Justin Abell. **Motion passed 7-0.**

Motion to approve the resignation of Erik Shupe as JH Girls Head Basketball coach made by Becki Travis, seconded by Dr. Bruce Labes. **Motion passed 7-0.**

Motion to approve the resignation of Addie Billinger as assistant volleyball coach made by Dr. Bruce Labes, seconded by Becki Travis. **Motion passed 7-0.**

Motion to approve the resignation of Jan Clark as HS Stuco Co-Sponsor made by Becki Travis, seconded by Dr. Bruce Labes. **Motion passed 7-0.**

f. Employee Confirmation(s). None

g. April 13, 2020 Agenda Items:

- Curriculum
- Negotiations
- Supplemental Contracts
- Recreation Commission – Brian Kindall

- Artificial Turf
- MGS Playground Update
- Board Training

h. Approve Dane Hansen/Ottawa County Community Foundation Grant

Motion to approve and accept the Dane G. Hansen grant in the sum of \$7,500.00, and the Ottawa County Community Foundation Grant in the sum of \$5,000.00 towards the purchase of stage curtains for the Minneapolis Grade School made by Dr. Bruce Labes, seconded by Becki Travis. **Motion passed 7-0.**

i. Approve MGS Stage Curtains

Motion to approve the bid from A to Z Theatrical Services and Supply in the sum of \$27,449.00 for stage curtains for the Minneapolis Grade School made by Tammy Shanks, seconded by Dr. Bruce Labes. **Motion passed 7-0.**

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:54 pm, Becki Travis moved that the meeting be adjourned. Justin Abell seconded the motion. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:



Kim Shafer, USD 239 Board Clerk



Brigitte Nelson, USD 239 Board President