

# Unofficial Minutes

May 11, 2020  
Regular Meeting  
ZOOM  
6:00 p.m.

Board President, Justin Frank called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. With current COVID-19 regulations in place, the meeting was held via ZOOM. Board members Justin Frank, Kelly Oliver, Callie Meinhardt, Tony Conrad, and Jim Vopata were present. Board members Don Frank and Jerome Hess were absent. Votes on action items were recorded with a request for objections, and with none being heard, motions passed.

There was an addition to the consent agenda to accept a donation from Charger Volleyball Club. Board member Tony Conrad moved to approve the addition to the consent agenda. Board member Vopata seconded. There were no objections. Motion carried 5-0

Written reports were submitted by the Principals, Transportation/Maintenance Director Freddie Johnson, Food Service Director Deb Westhoff, and Technology Director Josh Nisly. There was nothing added to their written reports.

Board member Oliver moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included: Approve minutes of April 13, 2020 regular Zoom meeting, accept payment of bills, accept /Walmart Easter items for elementary schools, and accept Charger Club volleyball donation. Board member Meinhardt seconded. There were no objections. Motion carried 5-0

Board member Jerome Hess joined the meeting at 6:04 pm.

Rose Kane and Terry Bickham with Energy Solutions Professionals, presented information on a preliminary building and utility analysis. They provided information on potential savings they can provide if we choose to contract with ESP (Energy Performance Contracting) as well as how they could benefit the district. They shared their company could do an investment grade audit for \$8,360.70. This fee could be rolled into the project moving forward. However, if the audit was performed and the board chose not to go with it, the district would be responsible for paying the \$8,360.70. The Board thanked Ms. Kane and Mr. Bickham for their time and effort in preparing the presentation and the information they provided. The Board's opinion is they are not in a position to contract at this time, but would consider possibly looking at this in the future.

Mr. Starnes shared information with the Board on information he received from HTK Architects on how to setup FB Geotracking. Maria Kutina and Elizabeth Johnson with HTK were present to answer any questions the Board members might have.

Mr. Starnes shared a preliminary report from Maintenance/Transportation Director Freddie Johnson, which included descriptions and pictures of maintenance issues within the district, that need addressed. Mr. Johnson shared that the report is not complete and he is still working to get information on additional issues. The Board requested he also provide information on the district's vehicle fleet and costs associated with any issues needing addressed. In addition, he was requested to include removal costs for any modular that would be eliminated.

Mr. Starnes shared with the Board the possibility of considering a three-year bid process. Bids awarded would be for three years versus one year, with the exception to fuel, propane, and similar items that are with volatile markets. The Board was favorable towards the three-year process.

Board member Oliver moved to accept the propane bid from Ferrellgas at .65 cents per gallon for the 2020-2021 school year. Board member Conrad seconded. There were no objections. Motion carried 6-0. No fuel bids were received.

Mr. Starnes reported to the Board we will be having gym bleacher repairs done at the high school. The wheels are in bad shape. There is concern with moving the bleachers in and out for activities, that it would damage the gym floor. These repairs include replacing the wheels and installing support brackets.

Board member Vopata moved to republish the budget. Board member Meinhardt seconded. There were no objections. Motion carried 6-0

Board member Conrad moved to adopt the Resolution to have the bond vote on November 3. Board member Oliver seconded. Board member Jerome Hess objected. Motion carried 5-1

Board member Oliver moved to approve the KASB Membership Renewal with the Season Pass for the 2020-2021 school year. Board member Conrad seconded. There were no objections. Motion carried 6-0

Board member Conrad moved to approve the KASB Legal Assistance Fund Contract for the 2020-2021 school year. Board member Vopata seconded. There were no objections. Motion carried 6-0

Board member Oliver moved to approve an exception/addendum to the Classified Handbook for this year only, allowing Vacation Leave "use by" date of June 30, 2020 to be extended to August 31, 2020 for non-certified personnel over the published amount allowed in the handbook, due to Covid-19. Board member Conrad seconded. There were no objections. Motion carried 6-0

Board member Vopata moved to approve Schools for Quality Education (SQE) membership for the 2020-2021 school year. Board member Meinhardt seconded. There were no objections. Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Starnes provided the Board with information he had received from Greenbush, in regards to estimated increases with health insurance. Overall health insurance rate increase of 7.81% for the 20-21 School Year.

Mr. Starnes shared with the Board, the Reopening Plan for our Schools, starting Monday, June 29, for summer activities following KSHSAA Guidelines. However: 1. Our facilities-gyms/weightrooms will not be open to any "outside" groups or individuals; 2. As a school we won't participate in any outside competitions or off-site camps sponsored or sanctioned by KSHSAA (no summer leagues, no 7 on 7 leagues, no cheer, no STUCO, no KAYS). Unless these camps are virtual; 3. Transportation for our kids will be provided as previously done-following 6 ft. social distancing; 4. We will continue to follow KSHSAA eligibility rules. Board member Vopata moved to approve the reopening plan. Board member Oliver seconded. There was discussion on the required wearing of masks. After discussion, it was agreed recommendations by National experts and County officials should be followed. There were no objections. Motion carried 6-0

Board member Conrad moved to accept the resignation of WHS Art Teacher Caroline Smith. Board member Vopata seconded. Motion carried 6-0

In the Superintendent/Board member forum, Mr. Starnes shared the results of the Continuing Learning Plan Survey responses and how the meal distributions have been going through this period of Covid-19 school closure. Board member Vopata inquired about when busses will be able to be cleaned. Mr. Starnes indicated that should be happening soon. Mr. Vopata also asked about the basketball goal in the high school gym that needs replaced or repaired, and are there plans in place to address that. Mr. Starnes said he would check into it. A final question

was asked by Mr. Vopata as to whether or not the board as a group, wants to discuss the inventory analysis and having a final analysis done. Board member Hess shared with the Board that in this time of uncertainty in the agriculture community, noting our district is primarily agriculture, moving forward with a bond is very short sided.

Board member Hess had a poor connection to the meeting. His connection was lost at 8:33 and he was unable to reconnect to the meeting.

Board member Justin Frank lost connection to the meeting at 8:35 and was unable to return.

Tony Conrad, Vice-President took over the meeting in the absence of President, Justin Frank.

Board member Meinhardt moved to adjourn. Board member Vopata seconded. There were no objections. Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Submitted by Cheryl Zeller  
Board Clerk