

MINUTES
REGULAR USD 251 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

June 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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, Angela Anderson, David Goldsmith Jr, Tim Burton, Tammie Reed, Mitchell Maxfield, and Gary Heine.

SUPERINTENDENT:

Mike Mathes

BOARD CLERK:

Nicolette Nuessen

GUESTS:

Darrin Harrison

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Matt Horton said that Facebook Live is a little intimidating, but definitely easier than Zoom, where it was more difficult trying to communicate. He's happy to see everyone. Mr. Blair will be at the next board meeting, which will start at 5:30 p.m. with a KASB training session. He feels the board needs to continue to work on being a team, the goal is to put students' first, focus on teaching, and improving young people. He further said that staff will need lots of support this fall.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS:

Mike Mathes thanked Stacie Horton for applying and receiving a \$10,000 grant from the Bovay Foundation. He also thanked Becky Mayes for doing the legwork for Mobilizing Literacy. This year the district will receive an additional \$17,000 to help pay for kindergarten teacher salaries.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Public comments have been suspended until further notice.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Angela Anderson (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed. (7-0)

6. DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS BY CONSENT:

Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to approve consent items as follows. Motion passed. (7-0)

- a. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting held on May 13, 2020
- b. Approval of Expenditures from May 1 – May 31, 2020
- c. Approval of Treasurer Report from May 31, 2020
- d. Approval for Paying all Final Bills due and Transfers up to and including June 30, 2020
- e. Approval of the Resignation from Joe Buchanan, NHHS Edgenuity Teacher, for the end of the 2019-20 school year.
- f. Approval of Donations, \$222 from Liberty Steel & Wire Peoria for NHHS FFA.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. HEAR FALL SCHOOL START UP:

Mr. Mathes gave an update on multiple plans for the beginning of the new school year. It is still a work in progress. Becky Mayes and a team of teachers continue to work on plans for different scenarios. The State plans to release new guidance mid-July.

b. HEAR NHHS PAINT BIDS:

Mr. Mathes shared NHHS paint bids with the Board. The lowest bid is \$61,395. There was some discussion on how to move forward. Mr. Mathes will have the maintenance department determine if painting is necessary and make a recommendation to the board.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

a. CONSIDER SUMMER CONDITIONING PLAN:

The plan has been approved by Lyon County. Angela Anderson (Mitchell Maxfield) moved to approve the proposed summer conditioning plan. Motion passed. (7-0)

b. CONSIDER CHROMEBOOK BIDS:

Tim Burton (Angela Anderson) moved to approve the 2 bids from Trinity 3 for 70 and 30 Chromebooks, totaling \$25,900. Motion passed. (7-0)

c. CONSIDER PROMETHEAN BIDS:

Mitchell Maxfield (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to approve the bid from Haddock Corporation for 13 promethean boards totaling \$54,715.

9. PERSONNEL:

a. CONSIDER POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Tammie Reed thanked Joe Buchanan for his years of service at NHHS and thanked him for continue coaching for the district. She wished Mike Mathes a wonderful retirement.

Gary Heine wished everyone an enjoyable summer.

Tim Burton thanked Joe Buchanan and Mike Mathes for all they have done for the district.

Angela Anderson dittoed Tim's comments, she further thanked Stacie Horton and Becky Mayes for their work on the grants. She thanked Mike Mathes for getting the district through some tough times over the past 2 years, he got patrons and staff thinking in a new way.

Mitchell Maxfield thanked Mike Mathes.

David Goldsmith Jr said he feels for the students, especially the graduates for the way the school year ended. He thanked Becky Mayes and team for working on a supplemental plan for the next school year and thanked Mr. Mathes.

Matt Horton agrees with all previous comments. Said that Mr. Blair is ready to hit the ground running. He thanked Mike Mathes for everything. He further mentioned that if he's voted president again he would prefer the vice president sign district checks. He then suggested that board members walk through our buildings to look at what needs repaired, and to remember that the exterior is visible but the interior is what's important.

Mike Mathes thanked the board for letting him lead the district for the past 2 years. He really wanted to get a bond resolution passed, but with COVID that was not possible. He pointed out that the district has done about 2 million dollars in improvements over the last couple years.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Mitchell Maxfield (Gary Heine) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. (7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Nicolette Nuessen, Board Clerk

"These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next meeting."