

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4

Monday, February 17, 2020

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6:00 P.M. - BOARDROOM

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Springfield School District was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by board president, Larry Duncan
- A. ROLL CALL:
1. MEMBERS PRESENT: Clinton Arbuthnot, Larry Duncan, Tyler Gibson, Kay Maes, Jennifer Swanson.
 2. MEMBERS ABSENT: None
 3. SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT: Richard Hargrove, Kyle Lasley, Pam Hartley and Melissa Viney.
 4. GUESTS PRESENT: Joe Stewart

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

III. APPROVE THE AGENDA: Clinton Arbuthnot made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kay Maes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. ROUTINE ITEMS:

- A. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE January 20, 2020, Regular Meeting: Tyler Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 20, 2020. Jennifer Swanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. FINANCIAL REPORTS: The board reviewed and discussed the financial reports.
- C. CLAIMS PAYABLE – February 17, 2020: Kay Maes made a motion to approve the February 17, 2020 claims payable. Clinton Arbuthnot seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IF YOU ARE HERE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

Welcome to the open forum portion of our meeting. We appreciate your interest in participating in this conversation time with the Springfield School District RE-4 Board of Education. A sign-up sheet was provided at the entrance to the Board meeting for all persons wishing to address the Board. It is requested that comments be limited to five minutes per speaker. Patrons are invited to share comments with the Board in an orderly manner that is consistent with the respect and dignity that should be part of a Board of Education public meeting. The Board will require that speakers and audience members adhere to basic standards of civility and, with limited time available, as the Board President, I may need to limit or terminate discussion to maintain decorum or to give as many people as possible the opportunity to speak. The Board will not take any action during this time. It is the preference of the Board that comments concerning District personnel be addressed in executive session. Discussion of individual students must occur in executive session. Please inform the Board if you intend to make comments concerning District personnel or students so those comments may be heard in executive session.

- A. CORRESPONDENCE: Board Vice-President read a thank you note from Renee Loflin expressing her appreciation for the boards' support and the Christmas cash bonus.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. BEST GRANT UPDATE AND GRANT STATUS: Superintendent Hargrove updated the board on the Safety & Security Best Grant. He stated that bids are currently being solicited for asbestos abatement. A recent walk-thru was done to determine the best alternative for running wiring and cable with consideration being done to avoid asbestos abatement as much as possible. The vestibule remodeling is going to require abatement. Mr. Hargrove also reported on the status of the Best Grant application for new construction and remodeling. This application is due next week with final funding decisions to be made by May. He also discussed proposed floor plans and possible finance scenarios that will have to be considered if the grant is approved.
- B. DISCUSS AND APPROVE JANUARY CASB POLICIES (IHCDA, IHCDA-R, JICDA, JKD/JKE. JKD/JKE-R, JKD/JKE-E): Superintendent Hargrove explained that the CASB policies are required by law to be adopted. He summarized the changes to each policy and recommended that the board adopt each policy. Jennifer Swanson made a motion to approve January CASB Policies IHCDA, IHCDA-R, JICDA, JKD/JKE, JKD/JKE-R, JKD/JKE-E. Tyler Gibson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. DISCUSS AND APPROVE SFSP: A brief summary of last years' Summer Food Service Program was provided to the board. A total of 3583 child meals and 570 adult meals were served. The Baca County Salvation Army paid a total of \$6394.05 in food cost with the bulk of state reimbursement being used for cost of labor to prepare and serve meals. Without the financial assistance from Salvation Army the program would operate with a deficit. With the assistance there is a small excess of funds that must be used to benefit the operation of the SFSP or other child nutrition program. Jennifer Swanson made a motion to approve Springfield School District sponsoring the 2020 Summer Food Service Program contingent on the securement of a cost of food donation from the Baca County Salvation Army. Kay Maes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. 2020 – 2021 CALENDAR DISCUSSION: Mr. Hargrove presented a proposed 2020-2021 school calendar. He invited board comment and discussion. This is not the final calendar. He expects to have the final calendar ready for board review and approval at the March regular meeting.
- C. RATIFY LATE START ON FEBRUARY 11, 2020: Due to icy road conditions, the start of school on Tuesday, February 11 was delayed till 10:00 a.m. Clinton Arbuthnot made a motion to approve late start of school on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 due to poor road conditions. Jennifer Swanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERINTENDENT TO SIGN LOAN FOR BUS:
Mr. Hargrove updated the board on the status of the new bus purchase. He explained to the board that there were some budget amounts that were reassigned which made additional funds available for the bus purchase. The loan amount needed for the bus will be approximately \$35,000.00. Community State Bank has agreed to carry the loan and has ask for a resolution from the board to authorize Richard Hargrove, Superintendent, to sign the loan documents. Tyler Gibson made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing Richard Hargrove, Superintendent to negotiate and sign loan documents with Community State Bank for the purchase of a new bus. Jennifer Swanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. APPROVE RESIGNATION: Board Vice-President read a letter of resignation from Mr. Timothy Biggers stating his intentions to not return to the Springfield School District for the 2020-2021 school year. Kay Maes made a motion to accept the resignation of Timothy Biggers effective for the 2020-2021 school year. Jennifer Swanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (f) (h): The board entered into executive session at 6:45 p.m... Richard Hargrove and Kyle Lasley were invited into executive session at approximately 7:10 p.m. The board returned to regular session at 7:24 p.m.

- A. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION
B. PERSONNEL (spring coaches)
C. STUDENT MATTER

IX. ACT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION: Board President, Larry Duncan, called for a motion on Superintendent Contract renewal. Kay Maes made the motion to extend the superintendent contract for Richard Hargrove through June 30, 2021 with a \$6,000.00 annual increase in salary. Tyler Gibson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Hargrove made the following recommendations for spring coaches:

Head high school track – Mike Jaco

Assistant high school track – Brooke Hartley, Shuamay Cooper, Spencer Stewart

Head junior track – Mike Jaco

Assistant junior high track – Spencer Stewart

Head high school baseball – Danny Kelly

Clinton Arbuthnot made a motion to approve spring coaches as recommended by Superintendent Hargrove.

Kay Maes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

X. REPORTS

- A. JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL –KYLE LASLEY: Mr. Lasley reviewed the items on his February 2020 Board Report. These items included: FBLA and FCCLA state qualification, Snowcoming Dance, National FFA Week activities, Regional Science Fair, drama class production, state wrestling, district basketball, the local spelling bee and changes in CMAS testing.

B. SUPERINTENDENT/ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT – RICHARD HARGROVE: Mr. Hargrove expressed appreciation to TBK bank for their contributions during the Springfield-Wiley basketball games. He also shared that the elementary teachers will be administering the CMAS test in their rooms and applauded their willingness to train in preparation for this. He shared that the kindergarten and 6th grade students will be offered a free dental evaluation by Walsh Dental Clinic. The 100th Day will be celebrated soon at the elementary school as well as Read Across America. Mr. Hargrove offered his congratulations to Larry Duncan on being elected as the President of the Southeast Colorado BOCES Board.

XI. OTHER ITEMS TO DISCUSS: None

XII. BOARD MEETING DATES:

1. REGULAR BOARD MEETING – March 23, 2020

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD: None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by consensus of the board at 7:45 p.m.

Larry Duncan, President

Clinton Arbuthnot, Vice President

Kay Maes, Secretary

Tyler Gibson, Treasurer

Jennifer Swanson, Director