

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LINCOLN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 298
LINCOLN, KANSAS

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Board Members:

D. Bell
M. Breneman
J. Eckhart
TJ Jonsson
P. Winters
R. Wright
D. Zachgo

Others:

Dr. Betty Summers, Superintendent
Greta Obermueller, Clerk
Denise Schmidt, LES Principal
Scott Miller
Blake Lee
Adam Boyd
Brenda White

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, TJ Jonsson. He welcomed everyone including guests in the audience.
2. Motion by Rhonda Wright, seconded by Jeana Eckhart, to adopt the agenda.
Aye-7 No-0
3. There were no delegations to address the Board of Education.

7:01 p.m. Christi Walter arrived.
4. Motion by Patti Winters, seconded by Monty Breneman, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2019. Aye-7 No-0
5. Motion by Monty Breneman, seconded by Rhonda Wright, to accept the Clerk's and Treasurer's Reports. Aye-7 No-0
6. Motion by Jeana Eckhart, seconded by Patti Winters, to accept the bills for payment.
Aye-7 No-0
7. Blake Lee, first year Jr. High Science Teacher, shared with the Board of Education the projects and assignments he and students are working on in his first hour Astronomy Class. Included are the constellations, lives of stars, lives of planets, the black hole, lives of galaxies, rocketry, NASA and Space Science in general. Students will be launching model rockets they built this coming Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. from the field behind the school. If schools are a member of the Dane Hansen Foundation, the Cosmosphere provides for reverse field trips. Having worked as a camp counselor and director for the Cosmosphere, Mr. Lee invited staff from the Cosmosphere to the Lincoln Jr./Sr. High School to present to

seventh grade students. They also presented to eighth grade students later and spent time with 5th and 6th grade students at Lincoln Elementary School.

8. Scott Miller, Division General Manager of DS Bus Lines, was travelling through the district and wanted to check in to see if he could be of assistance or answer any questions that anyone might have. Mr. Miller reported they have a bus driver ready to be licensed. He spoke briefly of the changes in the Department of Transportation that have affected the scheduling piece of getting drivers certified. His company is working with these new guidelines in hopes of getting an additional driver tested next week.
9. Denise Schmidt led a Power Point presentation on a fundraiser called *FlipGive*. Lincoln Elementary Site Council would be the organization to benefit from this easy ongoing fundraiser with a percentage of online sales. This is designed to run on campaigns for any designated length of time. A percentage of sales (1% to 10%) from each online purchase would then come back to the online group selected. Denise Schmidt stated that the LES Site Council would like to have this up and running before the holidays. The LES Site Council will use these proceeds for Teacher Grants, Pathways, Curriculum and general items needed in the classroom. She was familiar with this fundraising in her previous school.
10. Dr. Betty Summers updated board members on the Lincoln Elementary School HVAC project, sharing the installation schedule. Mrs. Schmidt and Mr. Pittenger walk through the building periodically to make certain that staff and students are comfortable. Hopefully by the holidays, the windows will all be installed. Dr. Betty also expressed appreciation to Mr. Pittenger, Mr. Lange, TJ Jonsson, and David Bell for their thoughts, assistance and revamp of the basketball goals in the LES gym working around the new ductwork. The goals are ready for rec ball and basketball season.
11. The Lincoln Jr./Sr. High School Community Access is once again up and running. Dr. Betty Summers thanked Christi Walter for her patience as she learned this system. Patrons are currently charged \$10 for their card to gain access to the gym. This is a one time fee and as long as the card continues to work, it never needs to be replaced or pay additional fees for continued use. The card itself carries a cost of \$8 per card. Dr. Summers inquired if board members might consider a \$10 annual fee to offset the expenses of lights, heat and equipment.

12. Brenda White updated board members on the E-Rate process. She distributed Category 2 Budget Estimate Status Quo. In the past, schools were entitled to so much per student. FCC has not decided yet if that will remain the practice for next year. If current enrollment remains the same, this would be the best guestimate. Mrs. White reviewed changes and items that the district will request. Priority II is a list of items to ask for now to see if the district receives E-Rate funding. If these items are not listed now, they can not be added later so it is better to have an expanded list. The FEMA Safe Shelter will need wiring pulled and hardware as well. Brenda White will keep the Board up to date on the progress.
13. The Calendar Committee will be meeting during the month of November. There will be more information available at the December meeting for consideration.
14. Dr. Betty Summers reported that the roof top heating units on the metal/wood shop continue to go out in the wind. Mr. Pittenger has expanded the metal barriers down closer to the roof and this has helped with that issue. The snow removal equipment is ready to go, salt is by the doors, blades are on the John Deere tractor and truck. The Board may need to consider hiring a part time person for snow removal. The grounds look nice, lines are painted on the fields, and the wild flowers cuts down. Jason Chard, Waterworks, LLC, has winterized the sprinkler system at Mettner Field, and the basketball goals are done and in place for LES students and Lincoln County Recreation Commission games. Dr. Betty Summers thanked TJ Jonsson, David Bell and James Lange for their assistance with this project.
15. The 2019 Yearly Civic Ready contract with Lincoln County is listed in the bills payable for the month. The district is charged .39 per child. Previously this system was used for weather alerts or county wide notifications. After board member inquiry about the district using the system, it was clarified that the district uses Apptegy for delivering messages.
16. The USD 298 Education Foundation approved paying for the printing on the shirts that Paw Print has just completed for the newly created "Families" at Lincoln Elementary School. They also have agreed to pay \$10 per student for junior high pupils to attend Careers Day at ESSDACK for a total cost of approximately \$400. This will fit in with KESA requirements. USD #298 Education Foundation has agreed to help solicit beef for the Beef to School program, get things organized, and get information out to patrons.

17. Under the Superintendent's report, Dr. Betty Summers reported that a construction meeting was held last week for an update. The huge footings were poured in all of the wind today with an anticipated completion in the spring. All of the kitchen staff is back to work and subs have been relieved of their extra duties. Recent ACT scores have come in and scores are up. The cost for the district audit is up slightly but in comparison to surrounding firms, the cost is comparable. The Mitchell County Partnership for Children Parents as Teachers was the recipient of the Blue Ribbon Award as a National Model Affiliate. This coming Monday will be a Teacher Inservice Day for district staff. The State is asking school districts to call attention to the upcoming census. School districts are asking patrons to pay particular attention to the census. It will be so important as the Title I, Food Programs, Special Education and After School Programs are currently being funded from the 2010 Census. This census count will highly impact schools for the upcoming ten years. NAEP testing continues with one of the findings being there has possibly been too much emphasis in this era on test scores and not enough on life skills. KSDE indicates there is wide spread concern that this is at the expense of teaching and delivering well rounded students. A Kansas Can Star Recognition program is approaching whereby all schools will receive a rating by the end of the year, such as Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Copper.
18. Under the Elementary Principal's report, TJ Jonsson stated that Mrs. Schmidt's board report was included in the board book but asked if she wanted to add anything. She reported that she and Mandi Crist attended the LCP (Local Consolidated Plan) training, which oversees Title I and Title II, recently where the importance of the 2020 Census was stressed. Officials are concerned that people may not complete the census. It was suggested at this training that schools partner with local agencies to assist county health agencies, local hospitals, those with a language barrier or anyone who might struggle with the completion of the census. For every man, woman or child who does not get counted, the state stands to lose \$2,200 per person and possibly a representation in the House of Representatives. Mrs. Schmidt suggested that computers be in place at spring conferences and assistance be given to anyone who may need anything. Lincoln Elementary School was awarded an Innovative Breakfast grant for \$4,400 that Mr. Koch applied for prior to his leaving. Mrs. Schmidt answered board member questions. She is familiar with this program as the Grab -N- Go or Second Chance Breakfast as established in the district where she previously worked. There are only about 45 students currently eating breakfast at Lincoln Elementary School.
19. Under the Principal's Report, Mrs. Walter congratulated the 2019 Cross Country State Team. The team placed third overall and the team placed as follows: Jaycee Vath, back to back State Champion, Raegen Stewart placed 15th, Shelby Ford placed 31st and Alex Biggs placed 59th. Mrs. Walter has been contacted by KU offering a free five minute student survey regarding an Emotional Character Development program whereby students respond to questions on the climate in the building, bullying, do students feel safe, etc. This survey

will go toward KESA goals and the data supports the findings. The results will be sent back to schools for their information.

20. TJ Jonsson stated that Nikki Flinn, representing Lincoln County Recreation Commission, submitted a written report and it is included in the board packet as Addendum #2.
21. The First United Methodist Church of Barnard, Kansas, took up a special collection from their congregation for USD #298 Lincoln teachers last Sunday to be used for teaching supplies for the 2019-20 school year. This will need to be accepted later in the meeting.
22. Discussion on KASB policy GCRI and policy JGFF was held. After review, GCRI will need attention and brought back next month for approval.
23. The Lincoln Elementary School KSDE Innovative Breakfast Grant was discussed. The laptop required for this program could be the same computer or point of sale system used for lunch. Mrs. Schmidt stated it would be a bit of a hassle but they could make things work if necessary for dollars to work for the grant awarded. Remaining requirements would then be a vending cart and a refrigerator placed on the stage.
24. Dr. Betty Summers called attention to Addendum #5 which is a change request for the LJSHS Safe Room and Hallway VCT resulting from a walk through with staff. The area in question is the tile that is intended to be replaced in a couple of years. Weins and Company put this out for bid. To incorporate this tile project at this time would be an add on for a total cost of \$3,719.00. The tile would match the current project. There is board member concern about the lack of funds for this project.
25. James Lange received a Perkins Grant for a Scotchman Hydraulic Ironworker Porta Fab 45 in the amount of \$6,201.70. This will be a multi-purpose tool that Mr. Lange is excited to receive and put into use. The Perkins grant will completely cover this expenditure.
26. The Upward Bound Summer Program has been in place for several years for district students. Transportation (560 miles) will need to be provided for students for this upcoming summer. Dr. Betty Summers stated that the district has an available vehicle but the driver and fuel expense would need to be borne by the district for the four week period of time. This will be an action item later in the meeting.
27. TJ Jonsson reminded board members of the upcoming November 13, 2019, Special Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. to meet with KASB Leadership Specialist, Gary Sechrist, for the Superintendent search.

28. Motion by Jeana Eckhart, seconded by David Bell, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education accept the donation from the First United Methodist Church in Barnard, Kansas, in the amount of \$49.08 to be used for teacher supplies. Aye-7 No-0
29. Motion by Debora Zachgo, seconded by Jeana Eckhart, that U.S.D #298 Board of Education approve the changes to Policy JGFF as proposed. Aye-7 No-0
30. Motion by Monty Breneman, seconded by David Bell, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education approve the KSDE Innovative Breakfast Grant in the amount of \$4,759.00 for Lincoln Elementary School. Aye-7 No-0
31. Motion by David Bell, seconded by Debora Zachgo, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education approve the purchase of the Scotchman Hydraulic Ironworker Porta Fab 45 in the total amount of \$6,890.70 with Perkins Grant Funds. Aye-7 No-0

TJ Jonsson thanked Mr. Lange for pursuing the Perkins monies to benefit LJSHS shop equipment.

32. Motion by Rhonda Wright, seconded by Debora Zachgo, that U.S.D. Board of Education approve providing transportation for this Upward Bound Summer Program for the 2020 summer. Aye-7 No-0
33. Motion by Monty Breneman, seconded by Jeana Eckhart, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education approve holding a special board meeting on November 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. with Gary Sechrist, KASB Leadership Specialist, for the Superintendent Search. Aye-7 No-0
34. Motion by Debora Zachgo, seconded by Rhonda Wright, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education go into executive session at 8:30 p.m. for 20 minutes with the Superintendent for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the Board return to open meeting at 8:50 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel under KOMA. Aye-7 No-0

8:35 p.m. Christi Walter joined executive session.

8:40 p.m. Christi Walter left executive session.

8:50 p.m. The Board returned to open session.

Motion by Rhonda Wright, seconded by Patti Winters, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education go back into executive session at 8:50 p.m. for an additional 10 minutes with the Superintendent for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the Board return to open meeting at 9:00 p.m. in the Board of Education

Conference Room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel under KOMA. Aye-7 No-0


9:00 p.m. The Board returned to open session.

Motion by Jeana Eckhart, seconded by Monty Breneman, that U.S.D. #298 Board of Education go back into executive session at 9:00 p.m. for an additional 15 minutes with the Superintendent for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the Board return to open meeting at 9:15 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel under KOMA. Aye-7 No-0

9:15 p.m. The Board returned to open meeting.

35. There were no board information requests.
36. Motion by David Bell, seconded by Jeana Eckhart, that the meeting be adjourned.
Aye-7 No-0

Time: 9:16 p.m.



Greta Obermueller, Clerk

Approved:



TJ Jonsson, President