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USD #292 GOVE COUNTY – WHEATLAND SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Board Room – Wheatland High School  
Monday, September 10, 2018

APPROVED

President Aaron Dohm called the regular Board of Education meeting to order on Monday, September 10, 2018, at 7:30 pm.

Board members present were Aaron Dohm, Jerry Gallentine, Rhonda Habiger-Bainter, Mary Stroda, Steve Watts, Nick Zerr and Richard Zimmerman. Gary Kraus, Superintendent; Paula Chapin, Clerk; Todd Flinn, Principal; and Terry Ostmeyer, AD.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Zerr and second by Stroda to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Zerr and second by Habiger-Bainter to approve the minutes of the regular August 12, 2018, meeting as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Motion by Gallentine and second by Zimmerman to approve the regular bills check journal #18648-#18688 in the amount of \$34,247.09; electronic check #2019144-2019146 in the amount of \$7,391.70; August payroll in the amount of \$18,419.84; August payroll bills in the amount of \$9,572.67 and to approve the August financial statements as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**GUESTS:** Ericka Nicholson, Erin Walz, Kacee Braun and Lisa Jacobus were present.

Ericka Nicholson, Gove County Economic Development Director, informed the board of proposed property along I-70 and the Highway 23 corridor that would be added to the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). The program rebates property taxes on new construction. The agreement would be between GCDC, City of Grainfield, Gove County and USD #292.

Mr. Kraus asked board members to reconvene to the math room. He explained the One Note Class notebook for electronic/paperless board packets. Each board member has been set up to use a computer to access the board materials on One Note. The board returned to the board meeting room.

**BOARD/STAFF RELATIONS:** In lieu of a scheduled curriculum report, the board is adding an opportunity for staff and faculty to join the meeting to voice concerns as well as share accolades and successes in the classroom with intents to increase team work within the district.

**APPROVAL OF TRACTOR LEASE:** The board reviewed the proposed tractor lease with the City of Grainfield. Approval was tabled pending clarification of the billing process.

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**APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT POINTS:** Professional development points are earned by faculty members by attending approved professional development opportunities. Points are used for licensure renewal. Motion by Zerr and second by Gallentine to approve professional development points (PDC) earned through June 30, 2018. Motion carried 7-0.

**APPROVE CONTINGENCY RESERVE EXPENDITURES:** As per the budget planning last year, the board needs to access contingency reserves to fund wages as a result of the added positions. The expense is a direct expenditure and cannot be a fund transfer. Motion by Gallentine and second by Watts to declare a contingency and use contingency reserve funds for the September payroll of certified and administrative wages. Motion passed 7-0.

**REPORTS:**

**WHS MAINTENANCE:** Butch Weber left a written report for the board:

- Expressed concern for lack of storage on the activity bus following the first road game last week;
- Put two new deck wheel & tire assemblies on the Grasshopper mower deck;

The board talked about activity bus options and plumbing concerns in the restrooms.

**Technology Report:** Les Barnhart left a written Technology report on issues he has addressed.

**AD Report:** Terry Ostmeyer, AD, reported on the following:

- The WKLL Leadership training team for WHS has been named. The first training is September 26, 2018, in Grinnell;
- Thanked the many sponsors of the Thunderhawk Athletic cards and posters;
- Thanked the sponsors of the Open Spaces Broadcast of the Gove County Classic Volleyball tournament;
- Thanked Nex-Tech for providing the football fan t-shirts as well as donating \$10.00 for every home touchdown;
- The Gove County Classic Volleyball tournament took place at Wheatland and Quinter this past Saturday. The Lady Thunderhawks finished the tournament in first place. The Lady JV Thunderhawks competed at the Oakley tournament and finished the day with second place;
- Thanked workers who helped with the Gove County Classic Volleyball tournament as well as thanking Toby Countryman and John Crist and their staff for providing and working the Quinter site;
- The football team is at home this Friday against Northern Valley. The GAP football camp players will play during halftime.
- Homecoming is September 28 against Greeley County;
- Cross country has competed at Norton and Quinter and is heading to Victoria. The Thunderhawk meet is Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>;
- Thanked GAP, GCDC, Frontier Ag and Thunderhawk Booster Club for sponsoring and organizing the Thunderhawk back to school party;
- The scoreboards and televisions are installed and operating. Thanked the Gove County Community Foundation, Smoky Hill Ag, Hackberry Creek Farm Supply, GCDC and the WHS STUCO for donations to the project;
- The donated pole vault pit has been picked up and is currently being stored in the bus barn. Discussed options and costs for a storage container for the pit that are sealed and rodent proof. Expressed a thank you to Better Built Trailer for use of the trailer to transport the equipment.

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**WHS Report:** Mr. Flinn reported on the following:

- Explained the amended contract for the cross country agreement with Quinter. The salary will be split between the districts as well as practice locations. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the two year agreement;
- Awaiting results of the ACT testing;
- In-service training went well with district-wide required trainings and building-level meetings;
- Students' first day was August 23 with shortened class schedule, class/organizational meetings, handbook review, team work activities, and dying tote bags at WES;
- Transportation routes were adjusted and are working well. Shuttle times are following dismissal and pickup time. No reported behavior issues to date.
- Upcoming events: Grandparents' Celebration @ WES on Sept. 14; Homecoming week activities on Sept. 24- 28 including daily activities, jersey auction, bonfire, parade and games;
- Parent-teacher conferences are September 24 from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

**Administrative Report:** Mr. Kraus reported on the following:

- Provided legislative update on the Governor's race;
- Shared enrollment numbers. The official count date is September 20<sup>th</sup>;
- Attending several upcoming conferences: Safe Schools in Wichita – September 24 & 25; KSDE Annual Conference – Oct. 15-17; and annual KASB Convention in Overland Park on Nov. 30 – Dec. 2;
- Cooperative Agreement: due to the current situation, Grinnell would like to host a high school basketball game when its gym is reopened;
- Paperless board meetings- shared additional information as well as benefits of a paperless and electronic board packet;
- The district was selected for a Civil Rights Audit in November;

**STRATEGIC PLANNING: Facilities:** Mr. Kraus visited with two bond companies. Both companies provided information on project costs, taxes, bond specifics and gave examples of prior projects. Motion by Zerr and second by Stroda to retain the services of the George K. Baum Company of Wichita for the bond services on the building project. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairman Dohm declared a five minute recess at 9:15 pm.

Motion by Dohm and second by Habiger-Bainter to enter into executive session with Mr. Kraus present for 10 minutes beginning at 9:21 pm to discuss real property and land acquisition pursuant to the exception for preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:36 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

The board returned to open session at 9:36 pm with no action taken.

**NEGOTIATIONS:** The teacher representatives to the board-teacher insurance committee are Becky Zerr, Lisa Jacobus and Emily Boyd.

Motion by Dohm and second by Stroda to enter into executive session with Mr. Kraus present for 15 minutes beginning at 9:38 pm to discuss the salary and benefits under the current agreement pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:53 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

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The board returned to open session at 9:53 pm with no action taken.

The board appointed the following to the board-teacher insurance committee: Mary Stroda, Rhonda Habiger-Bainter, and Steve Watts.

**PERSONNEL:** Motion by Zerr and second by Watts to enter into executive session with Mr. Kraus and Mr. Flinn present for 5 minutes beginning at 9:55 pm to discuss individual employee performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 10:00 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:00 pm with no action taken.


Motion by Zerr and second by Gallentine to ratify all certified, classified, supplemental, and administrative contracts as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Stroda and second by Zimmerman to approve the shared teacher contracts with USD #291 for Art, FACS, Counselor and Music. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Dohm and second by Habiger-Bainter to approve the shared contract with USD #291 for Technology services with Les Barnhart. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairman Zerr declared the meeting adjourned at 10:07 pm.

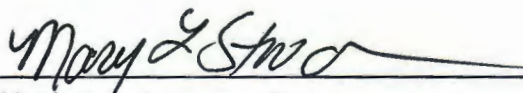
  
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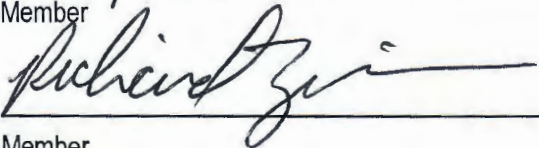
  
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