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USD #292 GOVE COUNTY – WHEATLAND SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Board Room – Wheatland High School
Monday, October 8, 2018

APPROVED

President Aaron Dohm called the regular Board of Education meeting to order on Monday, October 8, 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 Zimmerman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Gallentine and second by Watts to approve the minutes of the regular September 10, 2018, meeting as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Motion by Zerr and second by Habiger-Bainter to approve the payment of regular bills check journal #18716-#18758 in the amount of \$24,888.80; electronic check #2019189-#2019191 in the amount of \$8,331.37; void check #18696 in the amount of \$650.00; September payroll in the amount of \$75,854.19; September payroll bills in the amount of \$39,581.71 and to approve the September financial statements as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

GUESTS: Sarah Sipe with Landmark Architects, Dawn Beckman and Becky Zerr were present.

BOARD/STAFF RELATIONS:

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

- a. **Facilities** - Building Project: Sarah Sipe with Landmark Architects shared a tentative meeting schedule and initial questionnaire for the Facilities Steering Committee for Wheatland Schools. She discussed the many steps and processes that will take place in addressing facility needs. Ms. Sipe also addressed the fee structure and contract with Landmark Architects.

Motion by Habiger-Bainter and second by Stroda to accept the contract from Landmark Architects at the rate of \$4,000/million to be applied to the bond contract. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Zerr and second by Habiger-Bainter to enter into executive session with Mr. Kraus and Mr. Flinn present for 10 minutes beginning at 7:47 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 7:57 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

The board returned to open session at 7:57 pm with no action taken.

Motion by Zerr and second by Habiger-Bainter to enter into executive session with Mr. Kraus and Mr. Flinn present for 5 minutes beginning at 8:00 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 8:05 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

The board returned to open session at 8:05 pm with no action taken.

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Strategic Planning, continued:

- b. **Cooperative Agreement** – Four Day School Week: The board is in favor of pursuing a four day school week. Discussion continued for a Monday-Thursday week vs. a Tuesday-Friday week as well as daycare, cost savings, practice and activities scheduling, and retention & recruiting. The board discussed an informational brochure as well as community feedback. Discussion will continue in November as additional information is gathered.

APPROVAL OF TRACTOR/EQUIPMENT LEASE: Motion by Dohm and second by Watts to approve the use agreement with the City of Grainfield for the 2018 Case IH Farmall tractor with loader and the Land Pride batwing mower. Motion carried 7-0.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM: Mr. Kraus informed the board that Ericka Nicholson notified him that the Gove County Commissioners made the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan countywide program. Motion by Habiger-Bainter and second by Gallentine to approve moving forward with the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS:

WHS MAINTENANCE: Todd Flinn reported that Butch has been working with the hot water heaters. He has used the City's mower and would like to keep the belly mower to mow the sewer pond.

Technology Report: Les Barnhart left a written Technology report on issues he has addressed including uploading KIDS data that uploaded out of Powerschool for state reporting; setting up a new projector in math room; uploading TASC reports for state practice testing; updating software and installing the new KITE student portal software.

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

- The WKLL meeting is November 1, 2018, at Golden Plains in conjunction with the WKLL vocal clinic and concert.
- Thanked the organizers and helpers with the homecoming bonfire and businesses who supported the parade;
- Oct. 7th – Oct. 13 is KSHSAA activities week;
- Upcoming competitions include: volleyball quad at WaKeeney on Tuesday; Thunderhawk Invitational Cross Country meet is Thursday; WKLL volleyball tournament on Thursday at Wheatland and Golden Plains with final play on Saturday at Brewster; football on Friday is here against Triplains-Brewster; regional cross country is October 20 at Tribune; regional volleyball is October 16 at Hill City;
- Attending the KSHSAA Fall Regional Administrator and board meeting in Oakley on October 15 and the KIAAA Fall Workshop in Topeka on November 4; and the KSHSAA Executive Board meeting on Nov. 13, 14, & 15th;
- Thanked the 2018-2019 score table boosters: Aqua Pump, Hi-Plains Coop, Grinnell Locker, Jack's Automotive, Goetz Trucking, Weiser Insurance, Hoxie Implement, AgStar Land Brokers, Smoky Hill Ag, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Niblock Seeds, MC Auto, Lundgren Angus Ranch; LSTA, Hackberry Creek Farm Supply, Frontier Ag, Eland Law, Dan Schultz Seeds, Better Built Trailers; The Bank, Shaw Motor, Mitten's Inc., Watkins Insurance, Peoples State Bank, High Plains Farm Credit, Eberle Insurance, Farm Credit of Western Kansas with additional sponsors pending.

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WHS Report: Mr. Flinn reported on the following:

- ACT/WorkKeys Testing dates are Feb. 20th and Feb. 21st. All juniors can take the tests for free;
- Discussed communication with parents and patrons. SchoolWay App is available for school updates. Regarding social media, the Fans of the Thunderhawks page is not a school sponsored site and the district has no ownership. Patrons and parents have expressed disappointment in a lack of scores and pictures at certain times. Discussion continued on a school page with concerns on time constraints and assignment of an administrator for the page;
- District received the check for the damage to the 2011 suburban and it will be repaired as soon as possible;
- Contacted Kansas Truck Equipment about the lack of storage, locks and lack of back heaters in the 2018 activity bus. Those features can be added to the bus with the district responsible for the approximate cost of \$5,000. The board asked Mr. Flinn to get a written quote;
- The spending amendment for the Monsanto grant is submitted and the equipment will be purchased soon and thanked the farmers who nominated the school;
- The high school received a \$2,500 gift from the Hoxie Masonic Lodge. These funds will be used for the STEM project;
- Upcoming events: 4th graders visit the mobile "Cosmosphere" in Oakley on Oct. 11th; grades K-4th will attend "Little Red Riding Hood" in Quinter on October 15th; Teacher inservice on October 19th; and FHSU Math Relays – Nov. 8th;
- Thanked Nick Zerr for the donation to the football team for hauling alfalfa.

Motion by Zimmerman and second by Watts to accept the grant fund from Monsanto in the amount of \$10,000, the donation from the Hoxie Masonic Lodge in the amount of \$2,500; and from Nick Zerr to the football team equipment in the amount of \$480. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Dohm and second by Zimmerman to declare the old WHS scoreboard as excess property and offer it on Purplewave. Motion carried 7-0.

NKESC REPORT: Steve Watts shared the minutes of September 20, 2018, NKESC board of directors meeting.

Administrative Report: Mr. Kraus reported on the following:

- Legislative update: mid-term elections are upcoming;
- On-site Office of Civil Rights visit is November 6th;
- Attended Safe & Secure Schools conference with sessions on the issue of being "trauma informed". This is basically related to being aware of and understanding how adverse experiences effect brain development and behavior. This will be the topic of the upcoming teacher inservice; He also attended sessions related to emergency/crisis planning and building security;
- The annual KSDE Annual Conference is Oct. 15th – 17th in Wichita. Monday is primarily devoted to school design;
- KASB/KSSA Fall Regional meeting is in Colby on Wednesday, October 17;
- KASB Annual Conference begins November 30 in Overland Park. The district needs to appoint a voting delegate;
- Smoky Hill Educational Service Center is in the process of renewing the Interlocal Agreement. The board will adopt a resolution to be part of the interlocal as an associate member.

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Motion by Zerr and second by Stroda to appoint Steve Watts as a voting delegate at the KASB Annual Convention with the remaining board members as alternate delegates. Motion carried 7-0.

NEGOTIATIONS: No discussion.

PERSONNEL: Motion by Zerr and second by Gallentine to enter into executive session with Mr. Kraus, Mr. Flinn and Mr. Ostmeyer present for 10 minutes beginning at 9:35 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 9:45 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

The board returned to open session at 9:45 pm with no action taken.

Motion by Gallentine and second by Watts to accept the resignation of Eldon Martell as music teacher. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Zerr and second by Watts to ratify the supplemental contract for Jim Shaw as music director.

Motion by Zerr and second by Watts to enter into executive session with Mr. Kraus and Mr. Flinn present for 5 minutes beginning at 9:56 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 10:01 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:01 pm with no action taken.


Motion by Zerr and second by Habiger-Bainter to enter into executive session with Mr. Kraus and Mr. Flinn present for 5 minutes beginning at 10:03 pm to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 10:08 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:08 pm with no action taken.

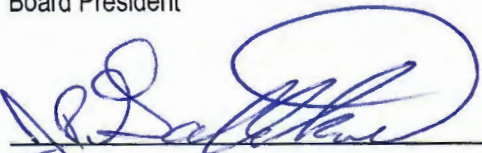
Chairman Dohm declared the meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.



Board President



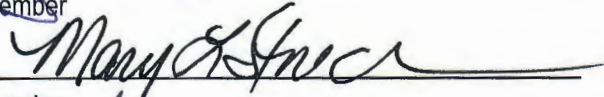
Board Clerk



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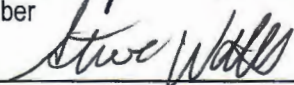
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