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USD #292 GOVE COUNTY – WHEATLAND SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Board Room – Wheatland High School
Monday, October 9, 2017

APPROVED

President Nick Zerr called the regular Board of Education meeting to order on Monday, October 9, 2017, at 7:30 pm.

Board members present were Aaron Dohm, Harvey Heier, Connie Lewis, Damian Melgoza, Steve Watts, Nick Zerr and Richard Zimmerman. Gary Kraus, Superintendent; Paula Chapin, Clerk; Todd Flinn, Admin. Intern; and Terry Ostmeier, AD.

Those present recited the Pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Heier and second by Melgoza to approve the agenda as amended with addition of Item #9f – KASB Lunch and Learn. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Watts and second by Lewis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 11, 2017, as read. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Motion by Zimmerman and second by Dohm to approve the regular bills check journal #17987-#18034 in the amount of \$38,474.28; electronic checks #2018177-#2018179 in the amount of \$8,458.23; check journal #18035-#18046 in the amount of \$2,386.13; and to approve the September financial statements as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

GUESTS: No additional guests were present.

CURRICULUM REPORT: Ms. Laura Palma highlighted her academic focus for the 4th graders. She outlined the activities for English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. The students also use several online programs to enhance the classroom lessons.

GOVE CO. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Members of the Gove Co. Economic Development Committee with a focus of the retention of young adults in Gove County presented a possible work study program. They have talked with local business who would be interested in the program. Members present at the meeting were Liz McDonald, Dee Foster and Caroline Nelson. They shared a packet of information and forms to support the program.

WHS ART CLUB TRIP REQUEST: The board discussed the overnight trip request to Kansas City on November 10 and 11. The club and individual students will be responsible for all costs. Motion by Heier and second by Melgoza to approve the overnight trip request for the WHS Art Club on November 10 and 11. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS:

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

- The fan on the condenser unit of the walk in freezer quit running and a replacement is ordered;
- Some of the bleacher boards are rotten and will be replaced this week;
- The boiler has been switched to heating cycle.

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Technology Report: Les Barnhart submitted a written report on the technology issues he addresses weekly. The student data has been uploaded to KSDE for funding purposes. He installed software at the elementary in addition to updating student access to KITE and adding a computer cart to the 3rd grade room.

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

- Upcoming WKLL meeting on Nov. 2 at Golden Plains in conjunction with WKLL vocal clinic;
- Thanked the Thunderhawk Booster Club for organizing the homecoming bonfire and hot dog feed. Thanked the participants in homecoming parade;
- This week is KSHSAA Activities Week with a special theme for each day;
- Cross Country runs at home on Thursday. WKLL tournament pool play begins Thursday at Wheatland and Grinnell;
- Football team hosts Golden Plains on Friday night;
- Regional Cross Country is at Tribune with sub-state Volleyball at Sharon Springs on Saturday, October 21;
- Wheatland and Grinnell are host sites for the WKLL middle school volleyball tournament;
- Attending the KSHSAA fall regional meeting and the KIAA fall workshop in Topeka this month.
- WKLL leadership activity is Nov. 8 at Grinnell.
- Russell Athletics is no longer selling uniforms;
- Discussed an updated scoreboard and sponsorship for the scoreboard.

WHS Report: Mr. Flinn reported on the following:

- Good attendance at the parent-teacher conferences on Sept. 25;
- Homecoming week was Oct 2nd – 6th with excellent participation;
- Thanked the booster club for sponsoring the hot dog feed;
- Elementary students traveled to Hoxie to tour the Body Venture;
- Melissa Bixenman was recognized as a Kansas Honor Scholar;
- Drug dog and handler conducted a routine inspection of Wheatland High School;
- Highlighted the many upcoming activities for both buildings.

Administrative Report: Mr. Kraus reported on the following:

- Reviewed the Kansas Supreme Court decision on the Gannon v. Kansas school finance lawsuit;
- Received KSDE approval for USD #292 and USD #291 to address accreditation as a single system. The team will meet with the Outside Visiting Team Chairperson on Monday in Hays;
- Upcoming teacher inservice will be with both districts to discuss a single Mission Statement and Exit Outcomes as well as Career Cruising;
- Shared the SO66 Superintendent's Report and explained the FTE that determines district funding;
- CPA Audit fieldwork begins next Monday. Office staff has been already provided electronic reports and documents.
- KASB Annual Convention begins Dec. 1 in Wichita.

Motion by Melgoza and second by Lewis to approve the community grant from the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation in the amount of \$1,800 to purchase software for Wheatland Elementary School. Motion passed 7-0.

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NKESC Report: Steve Watts provided the minutes of the September 21, 2017, board of directors meeting for NKESC.

KASB Lunch & Learn: Steve Watts recently attended a KASB information session. They discussed the insurance package as well as worker's comp options provided by the Risk Management Department.

PERSONNEL: Motion by Heier and second by Dohm to enter into executive session with Mr. Kraus and Mr. Flinn present for 15 minutes beginning at 9:25 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 9:40 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

The board returned to open session at 9:40 pm with no action taken.

Motion by Zimmerman and second by Melgoza to enter into executive session with Mr. Kraus and Mr. Flinn present for 10 minutes beginning at 9:42 pm to discuss confidential student information pursuant to exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at ~~9:40 pm~~ 9:52 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

The board returned to open session at 9:52 pm with no action taken.

Motion by Zimmerman and second by Melgoza to enter into executive session with Mr. Kraus and Mr. Flinn present for 10 minutes beginning at 9:53 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 ~~9:40 pm~~ 10:03 pm. Motion passed 7-0.


The board returned to open session at 10:03 pm with no action taken.

Motion by Dohm and second by Watts to ratify the school nurse contract for Jeanita Losey as presented. Motion passed 7-0.


Motion by Dohm and second by Melgoza to enter into executive session with Mr. Kraus and Mr. Flinn present for 10 minutes beginning at 10:06 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 10:16 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

The board returned to open session @ 10:16pm with no action taken.
The date the next executive committee meeting with Grinnell is pending.

Chairman Zerr declared the meeting adjourned at 10:18 pm.



Board President



Board Clerk



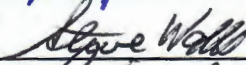
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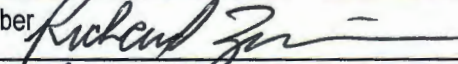
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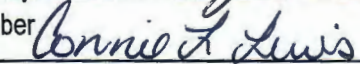
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