

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES until approved by the Board of Education.

MINUTES

of Regular Meeting
of Unified School Board No. 208
WaKeeney, Kansas

October 9, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Libby Ziegler at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

On order of the President, the Clerk recorded attendance as follows:

Members: Libby Ziegler
Dale Pfannenstiel
Jason Dinkel
Jerry Sherfick
Dawn Howard
Lee Sells

Superintendent: Tavis Desormiers

Clerk: Kasandra Bliss

Guests: Shea Rothchild, Ron Freeman, Ross Jamison, Libby Frost, Taylor Sells, Gracie Pfannenstiel, Paige Post, Adrienne Carr, Allie Mattke

Libby Ziegler declared that a quorum was present.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

Add: ITEM 6: \$150 donation from Lee and Tina Sells for TCHS Volleyball shirts.

Add: ITEM 10: Nomination of Troy Leiker, Grounds/Maintenance; nomination of Judy Helget, Paraprofessional.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA (Action 18021)

It was moved by Dawn Howard, seconded by Jason Dinkel, to approve the consent agenda as amended, the minutes of the September 11, 2017 regular board meeting, clerk's report and manifest of bills, including the following warrants: First Federal Savings & Loan checks 43997 through 44079, totaling \$360,104.32, the treasurer's report, the petty cash and activity account reports. Motion carried with six affirmative votes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS (Action 18022)

It was moved by Dawn Howard, seconded by Jerry Sherfick, to accept the \$150.00 donation from Lee and Tina Sells to go toward TCHS Volleyball shirts. Motion carried with six affirmative votes.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Ron Freeman:

- Reported how the repairs to the TCHS and TGS HVAC systems are going. They are almost finished with both buildings.
- He installed five locking thermostats at TCHS.

Ron Freeman left the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Ross Jamison:

- Reviewed the damages to the transportation fleet due to the August 10, 2017 hail storm.
- Our insurance and the body shops are working with us to get busses repaired.
- During the week of October 2, 2017, he looked at a bus we could purchase to begin restoring the fleet. It could be used as a route bus and activity bus.

Ross Jamison left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

P & G Design:

- Taylor Sells presented the financials of the school business, P & G Design.
- There are twelve student employees this year.
- They have longer hours, and have seen more foot traffic as a result. They've got several big jobs they are currently working on.

Taylor Sells left the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

KAY:

- Allie Mattke, Gracie Pfannenstiel, and Libby Frost presented a few things KAY is working on.
- They are working with the junior high KAY group on a mental health project.
- TCHS KAY has 37 members this year.

Libby Frost, Gracie Pfannenstiel, Paige Post, Adrienne Carr, and Allie Mattke left the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Shea Rothchild:

- Adrian Dietz will represent TCHS at the state tennis tournament on October 13 and 14.
- At the MCL Cross Country meet, Bernard Giefer won Individual Boys Cross Country Champion, Helen Giefer won Individual Girls Cross Country Champion, the boys' team received runner-up, and the girls' team placed third.

- Gave a summary of TCHS' ranking in the 2017 spring assessments. TCHS is above the state median in Math, just below the state median in English/Language Arts, and just below the state median in Science.
- Attended a principals' forum the prior week at the service center in Oakley. The main discussion covered an administrator's role in identifying and recommending special education services within buildings.
- TCHS and TGS teachers attended inservice in Hays, hosted by the FHSU Department of Education's Field Experience Office. Lori Dietz and LaTrisha Flax presented on P & G Design during an afternoon session.
- Beginning second semester, TCHS will be offering online courses through Colby Community College's Wind Technology and Solar Photovoltaic Certificate Programs. These will be dual credit courses which are free to students through Senate Bill 155, with the exception of minimal textbook fees.
- Joleen Schoenthaler has been working with TCHS classes on fall career cruising benchmarks. Schedules are being drafted for next year to include a seminar period.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up at the end of the month.
- KSHSAA released that the district will remain classified as a 2A school. We are classified as Eight Man Division I in football.
- There are several events coming up, including: MCL Volleyball Tournament, State Tennis, Substate Volleyball, Regional Cross Country, FFA National Convention, Scholar's Bowl season kickoff, and District Football.

Tavis Desormiers:

- The Book Fair will be going on during Parent/Teacher conferences.
- Our September 20 enrollment count date total was 388 students.
- Reviewed the unencumbered cash balances.
- Discussion is ongoing to seek alternative Kindergarten readiness avenues.
- The Heartland Community Foundation is encouraging residents to attend a public session to discuss ideas for community improvement projects at 6:00 p.m. on October 16, 2017.
- The BOLD initiative for aspiring superintendents will kick off at the end of the month.

Technology:

- Mr. Desormiers explained that discussion is ongoing to determine the role technology should play both inside and out of the classroom.

CCC:

- Mr. Desormiers reported that every committee had met prior to the CCC meeting and had something to present. Reviewed a couple discussions from the meeting, and summed up that the meeting went exceptionally well.

Government Relations:

- Dawn Howard reported that a panel of three judges determined that the state's new school finance system is unconstitutional and does not adequately fund education.
- Teacher vacancies remain high for this school year.
- The average teacher salary increase for the school year was four percent.
- Kansas is 31st in the nation for funding, and tenth in performance.

NKESC:

- No report.

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Discussion continued from the previous meeting. Mr. Rothchild gathered and presented information from other schools showing how they determined valedictorian and salutatorian.

HAIL DAMAGE UPDATE

Mr. Desormiers reviewed how hail damage repairs are going for Deines Construction and High Plains Roofing. Deines Construction is waiting on parts to finish the greenhouse and replacement windows for the bus barn. They are currently working on getting the walls completed in the concession stand. High Plains Roofing is waiting for insulation to arrive.

FOOTBALL FIELD SPRINKLER SYSTEM (Action 18023)

It was moved by Lee Sells, seconded by Jason Dinkel, to approve the acceptance of the Riedel Garden Center bid, in the amount of \$30,355, for replacement of the TCHS football field sprinkler system. Motion carried with six affirmative votes.

VISION AND EDUCATIONAL PLAN

Discussion continued from the previous meeting.

LONG RANGE CAPITAL OUTLAY PLAN

Mr. Desormiers presented a copy of the Long Range Capital Outlay Plan. Due to damages from the hail storm, the plan will need to be modified. Suggestions for ideas to include on the revised plan were made.

SUPERINTENDENT SELF EVALUATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Action 18024)

It was moved by Jason Dinkel, seconded by Dale Pfannenstiel, to go into executive session at 7:37 p.m., with the superintendent present, to discuss an employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume at 7:47 p.m., in this room. Motion carried with six affirmative votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Action 18025)

It was moved by Lee Sells, seconded by Dawn Howard, to go into executive session at 7:51 p.m., with the superintendent present, to discuss nominations and resignations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume at 8:01 p.m., in this room. Motion carried with six affirmative votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Action 18026)

It was moved by Dale Pfannenstiel, seconded by Jason Dinkel, to go into executive session at 8:02 p.m., with the superintendent present, to discuss nominations and resignations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume at 8:07 p.m., in this room. Motion carried with six affirmative votes.

CONSIDERATION OF DISTRICT PERSONNEL (Action 18027)

It was moved by Jason Dinkel, seconded by Dawn Howard, to approve the following resignations, nominations, and transcripts as amended: resignation of Josh Eberle, Maintenance/Groundskeeper; nominations of Rebecca Windholz, Paraprofessional, Judy Helget, Paraprofessional, and Troy Leiker, Maintenance/Groundskeeper; PDC transcript for Jeremy Samson. Motion carried with six affirmative votes.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION ON THE NOVEMBER AGENDA

Valedictorian and salutatorian.

MEETING ADJOURNED (Action 18028)

It was moved by Jason Dinkel, seconded by Lee Sells, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried with six affirmative votes.

Libby Ziegler, President

Kasandra Bliss, Clerk

The minutes of the October 9, 2017 meeting, approved in regular session, November 13, 2017.

Libby Ziegler, President

Kasandra Bliss, Clerk