

**UNNOFFICIAL MINUTES** until approved by the Board of Education.

**MINUTES**

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

May 8, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Jason Dinkel at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Members:	Jason Dinkel Libby Ziegler Dale Pfannenstiel Jerry Sherfick Dawn Howard Lee Sells Seth Kastle
Superintendent:	Tavis Desormiers
Clerk:	Kasandra Bliss
Guests:	Craig Malsam, Keagan Shubert, LaTrisha Flax, Chris Carr

Jason Dinkel declared that a quorum was present.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA**

Item 9 PERSONNEL ACTION: Add: Resignation from Nora Schoenthaler, STUCO Sponsor; retirement for Robbie Uhl, Science teacher and CCC.

Item 6 COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Add: \$199 donation from Glennis and Beth Billinger and \$199 donation from Peggy Lang to purchase picnic tables for the outdoor classroom; \$100 donation from the Mary Jo Hafliger Agency for the third grade field trip.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA** (Action 17122)

It was moved by Dawn Howard, seconded by Jerry Sherfick, to approve the consent agenda as amended, the minutes of the April 10, 2017 regular board meeting, clerk's report and manifest of

bills, including the following warrants: First Federal Savings & Loan checks 43576 through 43621, totaling \$74,721.93, the treasurer's report, the petty cash and activity account reports. Motion carried with seven affirmative votes.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

LaTrisha Flax:

- Presented on behalf of the school business, P & G Design. Explained they are staying busy and have not had the need to advertise thus far.
- One of the goals was to offer scholarships to seniors in the future. The business is doing well enough that scholarships can be awarded this year.

LaTrisha Flax left the meeting at 5:42.

Craig Malsam:

- Explained some future potential changes that could occur in football.
- High school students participated in the Trig-Star mathematics contest, which is a competition administered throughout the state. One of our students received fourth place.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS** (Action 17123)

It was moved by Libby Ziegler, seconded by Dawn Howard, to approve the \$50 donation from The Dentist, P.A. for TGS activities, the \$199 donation from Glennis and Beth Billinger and \$199 donation from Peggy Lang to purchase picnic tables for the outdoor classroom, and the \$100 donation from the Mary Jo Hafliger Agency for the third grade field trip. Motion carried with seven affirmative votes.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** (Continued)

Chris Carr:

- Spoke about how *Pathways to Reading* and *Journeys* reading programs have been working well together to assist children learning to read.
- Presented ideas to utilize these programs in the classroom and find ways to make them work for each individual child.

Chris Carr left the meeting at 5:56.

Tavis Desormiers:

- Reminded board that the deadline to file for the next board election is June 1, 2017.
- The playground equipment has all been delivered and set-up should begin in early June.
- Explained the premium changes for the district's Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance.

CCC:

- Lee Sells reported that the by-laws were discussed at the last meeting.

Government Relations:

- Dawn Howard explained that a special House committee began discussing a plan to increase annual state aid by \$762 million over the next five years. Attorney John Robb stated that this number was inadequate, and he believes that a proposal of an \$893 million increase over two years would be more suitable.
- Explained that schools in High Achieving states were funded \$2,855 more per pupil than schools in Kansas.

NKESC:

- Jason phoned in to the last meeting and will forward the minutes to the board each month. Libby will try to attend the next meeting.

**PERSONNEL ACTION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** (Action 17124)

It was moved by Lee Sells, seconded by Jerry Sherfick, to go into executive session at 6:12 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for nonelected personnel with the superintendent and high school principal present, and the board would return to the open meeting at 6:27 p.m., in this room. The executive session is required due to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Motion carried with seven affirmative votes.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

The meeting was reconvened at 6:27 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** (Action 17125)

It was moved by Dawn Howard, seconded by Lee Sells, to go into executive session at 6:28 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for nonelected personnel with the superintendent and high school principal present, and the board would return to the open meeting at 6:33 p.m., in this room. The executive session is required due to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Motion carried with seven affirmative votes.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

The meeting was reconvened at 6:33 p.m.

It was moved by Dale Pfannenstiel, seconded by Libby Ziegler, to approve the following nominations and resignations as amended:

- Resignations: Gwen Hammerschmidt, TCHS Social Studies, PDC, TCHS NHS Sponsor, TCHS Senior Class Co-Sponsor; Donnie Shubert, TGS Head Boys Basketball Coach; Stephanie Hafliger, TCHS Assistant Volleyball Coach; Nora Schoenthaler, STUCO Sponsor.
- Retirements: Robbie Uhl, Science and CCC.
- Nominations: Shelly Jones, First Grade Teacher; Tina Walt, Fourth Grade Teacher; Donnie Shubert, TCHS Head Girls Basketball Coach; Shelby Crawford, TCHS Assistant

Girls Basketball Coach; Kate Shubert, TCHS Head Volleyball Coach; Kristin Hafliger, TCHS Assistant Volleyball Coach; Nolan Smith, TCHS Assistant Football Coach; Doug Malay, TGS Head Wrestling Coach; Jeff Hafliger, TGS Assistant Wrestling Coach.  
Motion carried with six affirmative votes. (Action 17126)

**2017-2018 SCHOOL HOURS** (Action 17127)

It was moved by Lee Sells, seconded by Dale Pfannenstiel, to change the start time to 8:15 for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried with seven affirmative votes.

**VISION**

Tavis Desormiers presented a visual showing a breakdown of current academic and professional achievements for a previously graduated class. He can obtain a similar graph for most graduated classes. Discussion followed for ideas to encourage students to express their post high school goals to their peers and teachers.

**DISTRICT OFFICE ROOF** (Action 17128)

Three bids were obtained for the repair of the downtown district office roof. High Plains Roofing and Tom's Repair submitted bids to replace the roof with a flat roof. Deines Construction submitted a bid for a sloped metal roof to go over the existing roof.

It was moved by Jerry Sherfick, seconded by Dawn Howard, to pay half of the estimate from Deines Construction for the roof repair totaling \$26,400. Motion carried with seven affirmative votes.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Seth Kastle suggested that the board pursue additional revenue for funding, aside from state aide. This topic would be revisited at the August meeting.

**ITEMS TO CONSIDER FOR THE JUNE AGENDA**

- Educational Plan
- Set prices for lunch items
- Superintendent evaluation

**MEETING ADJOURNED** (Action 17129)

It was moved by Jerry Sherfick, seconded by Seth Kastle, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried with seven affirmative votes.

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Jason Dinkel, President

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Kasandra Bliss, Clerk

The minutes of the May 8, 2017 meeting, approved in regular session, June 12, 2017.

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Jason Dinkel, President

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