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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 412
SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 412 met for their regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Central Administrative Office in Hoxie, Kansas.

PRESENT WERE

BOARD MEMBERS:	Michael Bretz, Billi Beckman, Devan Castle, Margery Haas, Reba White, Lola Baalman
SUPERINTENDENT:	Jim Howard
CLERK:	Mandy Shipley
TREASURER:	
PRINCIPALS:	Mark Wildeman
GUESTS:	Lance Baar
ABSENT:	Leonard Weber, Diane Stithem

Billi Beckman called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

The Board and all in attendance recited the flag salute.

The agenda for the Board meeting was approved with the addition of Old Business, item 2 (Winter Coaching Evaluations) and 2a (Executive session for personnel), and Department Reports, item g (Transportation/Maintenance Report). (Haas/White 6-0).

The Board recognized the visitors present.

Communications to the Board were reviewed, which included an invitation for the Board members to attend a very special business meeting and coffee break provided by the first graders and their teachers on April 24th at 9:00 AM in the new STEAM room (old cafeteria). They are also extending the invitation to Community Leaders, and hope to have a good crowd to share their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) activities with.

The Board moved to approve the consent agenda as presented (Castle/Haas 6-0).

Board Goal updates included teacher evaluations, to be discussed later in the meeting in an executive session under New Business.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:10 PM to discuss Winter Coaching Evaluations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 11 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, Mark Wildeman, and Lance Baar present, returning to open session at 7:21 PM in the BOE room (White/Castle 6-0).

The Board moved to approve the Winter Coaches for the 2019-2020 school year as presented (Haas/White 6-0).

The Board moved to approve the sponsors for the 2019-2020 school year as presented (Castle/Haas 6-0).

Lance Baar left the meeting at 7:24 PM.

Jim Howard then reviewed the technology report, discussing the technology plan for the elementary for the 2019-2020 school year, the district's 2019-2020 contract with Denton George, insurance and warranty claims on student laptops, and then concluded with a discussion on buying out of the contract with K12itc.

Mark Wildeman gave a brief post-secondary update, informing the Board that the district both needs and plans to continue its efforts to develop and provide guidance to students so they are better prepared for their life after high school. The internships have been successful and a huge step in the right direction for this goal.

Jim Howard shared his principals' report for Hoxie Grade School. He discussed enrollment and touched on several events that had taken place at the Grade School since the last regular Board meeting including spring break, Pre-K jumpstart, and the BLT meeting that took place prior to the Board meeting. He gave the Board a list of the field trips each grade would be taking as well as the dates. He also provided the Board with a final draft of the schedule for the grade school (PE/Music/Art) for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mark Wildeman shared his principal's report for Hoxie JR/SR High. He provided Drivers Education participation numbers and reminded the Board about the senior trip on May 4th and 5th, as well as informing them about a change in the plan for the eighth grade trip. Instead of going to the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, they will be traveling to the Tanganyika Zoo in Wichita.

He then discussed an 8-hour class schedule for the 2019-2020 school year that he has drafted. If it's approved through negotiations and the district fills current teacher vacancies, he would like to pre-enroll all students before school is out this year.

He also spoke about the KAY organization and their plans to hold a 6th grade orientation before school is out, so that students entering the 7th grade have an easier transition into Junior High.

His report concluded with a discussion on the possible transition to the MCL, to be approved later in the meeting under New Business.

Minutes from the most recent NKESC Board meeting were provided, but no report given due to the absence of Leonard Weber.

The Board reviewed the minutes provided from the latest NWKTC meetings.

The Board reviewed the Food Service Report and discussed who could help grill hot dogs on fun day (May 15, 2019).

Margery Haas gave a brief legislative update.

Leonard Weber entered the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Jim Howard shared his Superintendent's report. He discussed events in the district since the last regular Board meeting which included YEC day, KESA training he attended over spring break, rotary with Linda Frazey, who presented information on dislexia, a foundation meeting that both he and Mr. Wildeman attended, the technology committee meeting, and prom. He provided the Board with a list of education bills currently in the house and senate for consideration, gave a brief update on KESA, and held a brief discussion on county meetings he's attended recently.

He then turned his report over to Margery Haas for an update on the Toothaker estate.

The Board reviewed bids for concrete underneath the new stadium bleachers and made a motion to approve the bid from Erwin Construction LLC as presented (Castle/Weber 7-0).

The Board took a break at 8:34 PM and returned to open session at 8:38 PM.

Jim Howard gave the Board a brief overview of the NASA downlink scheduled for May 10th.

The Board moved to approve the buyout from K12itc for no more than the amount presented to be paid with funds from the 2019-2020 school year (Castle/Baalman 7-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:54 PM to discuss the budget for the 2019-2020 school year pursuant to the exception for data relating to financial affairs under KOMA for 10 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, and Mark Wildeman present, returning to open session at 9:04 PM in the BOE room (White/Haas 7-0).

The Board moved to accept the invitation to join the MCL starting with a transition in the 2019-2020 school year and fully joining in the 2020-2021 school year (White/Haas 7-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:06 PM to discuss the opening letter for negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA for 5 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, Mark Wildeman and Mandy Shipley present, returning to open session at 9:11 PM in the BOE room (Baalman/Weber 7-0).

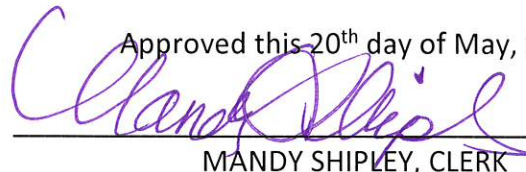
The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:14 PM to discuss individual employee performance, resignations, and new hires pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 36 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard and Mark Wildeman present, returning to open session at 9:50 PM in the BOE room (Castle/Baalman 7-0).

Billi Beckman adjourned the meeting at 9:52 PM.



BILLI BECKMAN, PRESIDENT

Approved this 20th day of May, 2019



MANDY SHIPLEY, CLERK