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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, May 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Hoxie Grade School Library in Hoxie, Kansas.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT WERE:

BOARD MEMBERS: Billi Beckman, Margery Haas, Leonard Weber, Lola Baalman, Michael Bretz, Reba White, Devan Castle
SUPERINTENDENT: Jim Howard
CLERK: Mandy Shipley
PRINCIPAL : Mark Wildeman
VIRTUAL GUESTS: Five virtual guests, with all but one leaving the meeting prior to adjournment

Special Note: The meeting was broadcasted using audio only zoom link features regarding Board members with Superintendent Jim Howard serving as the “face” of the meeting, with his device being the only one with the video feature enabled. Thank you for your patience as we work out unexpected challenges with technology for the foreseeable future.

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

The Board and all in attendance recited the flag salute.

Leonard Weber moved and Reba white seconded his motion to approve the agenda as presented. Billi Beckman announced the result of the vote as 7-0 in favor.

The Board recognized the virtual visitors present.

There were no Communications to the Board to address.

Billi Beckman announced that the Unapproved Minutes from the April 13, 2020 meeting were going to be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

Michael Bretz moved and Margery Haas seconded his motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Billi Beckman announced the result of the vote as 7-0 in favor.

Margery Haas moved and Lola Baalman seconded her motion to approve the Minutes from the April 13, 2020 regular board meeting as amended. Billi Beckman announced the result of the vote as 7-0 in favor.

The Board reviewed their goals.

1. All employees will receive effective evaluations that reflect their actual performance.
 - Teachers requiring two formal evaluations this school year were discussed later in the meeting under the executive session for personnel.
2. Technology will be developed to complement student learning
 - Jim Howard delivered the technology report. He received two devices back from insurance claims, commended Denton George for his flexibility and dedication to our technology vision, and gave the Board an update on the new phone system regarding faxing capabilities. He concluded with a brief update on Category 1 & 2 E-rate.
3. The Guidance Department will be developed to assist all students to have success in our District
 - The Board reviewed a report previously provided to them by Tennille Giancola. Mark Wildeman had no information to add to her report.

Jim Howard shared his Principal's report for Hoxie Grade School. He discussed summer school dates and gave his input and interpretation of what the Governor's Ad Astra plan meant for this annual opportunity for our students. He also gave them an overview of the new reading series to be approved later in the meeting.

Mark Wildeman shared his Principal's report for Hoxie JR/SR High. He discussed the possibilities surrounding graduation and prom, updated the Board on plans for Drivers Education, and noted that since the Safer at Home order had been lifted, some students had been able to meet with their teacher or para in person and in small groups. He concluded by letting them know 95% of the students had been pre-enrolled for the next school year.

Devan Castle gave a brief report on the latest NKESC Board meeting. He encouraged everyone to go to the NKESC website and look at the information related to the EVERS grant. Minutes were provided.

Margery Haas had nothing to report for a Legislative Update.

The Board reviewed the Food Service Report.

Jim Howard shared his Superintendent's report. He discussed events (mainly online meetings) that he had attended, gave an update on our year three KESA visit, and provided summer project updates. He also gave an update on the Greenhouse and held a discussion with the Board on future ideas for curriculum. He obtained a consensus from the Board to pursue the beginning stages of plans to build and/or renovate the concession stand and restrooms at the stadium. He concluded by letting them know he would be pursuing his doctorate starting in August, and that he had been nominated to be a KSSA Board member for our region. He will share the results of that nomination when they are available.

The Board held a discussion on the possibility of opening our facilities to outside organizations at the current time. The consensus was that under normal circumstances this would not be an issue, but due to the overall uncertainty on interpretations of Governor Kelly's Ad Astra plan, it would be better to hold off on making that decision at this time.

Margery Haas moved and Leonard Weber seconded her motion to approve the increase of adult lunch prices by .10 cents for the 2020-2021 school year. Billi Beckman announced the result as 7-0 in favor.

Leonard Weber moved and Reba White seconded his motion to approve a monthly cell phone stipend for the three salaried secretaries in the amount presented beginning June 1, 2020. Billi Beckman announced the result as 7-0 in favor.

Lola Baalman moved and Margery Haas seconded her motion to accept the quote from Wonders for the K-6 reading series as presented. Billi Beckman announced the result as 7-0 in favor.

The Board took a break at 8:00 PM and returned to open session at 8:05 PM.

The Executive Session for Negotiations was not held, as there was no update to discuss.

Lola Baalman moved and Margery Haas seconded her motion to enter into executive session at 8:06 PM to discuss individual employee performance, resignations, and new hires pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard and Mark Wildeman present, returning to open session at 8:21 PM in the Grade School Library. Billi Beckman announced the result as 7-0 in favor.

Lola Baalman moved and Margery Haas seconded her motion to enter into executive session at 8:22 PM to discuss individual employee performance, resignations, and new hires pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 10 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard and Mark Wildeman present, returning to open session at 8:32 PM in the Grade School Library. Billi Beckman announced the result as 7-0 in favor.

Michael Bretz moved and Devan Castle seconded his motion to accept the resignation of Lacy Dillehay as school cook at the completion of the 2019-2020 school year. Billi Beckman announced the result as 7-0 in favor.

Margery Haas moved and Leonard Weber seconded her motion to accept the hiring of Hannah Franklin as summer office aid. Billi Beckman announced the result as 7-0 in favor.

Billi Beckman adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.



BILLI BECKMAN, PRESIDENT

Approved this 8th day of June 2020



MANDY SHIPLEY, CLERK