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# **HOXIE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

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UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Central Administrative Office in Hoxie, Kansas.

**PRESENT WERE**

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| <b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>  | Michael Bretz, Margery Haas, Reba White, Billi Beckman, Leonard Weber |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>         | Devan Castle, Lola Baalman  |
| <b>SUPERINTENDENT:</b> | Jim Howard  |
| <b>CLERK:</b>          | Mandy Shipley   |
| <b>PRINCIPAL:</b>      | Mark Wildeman   |
| <b>GUESTS:</b>         | Molly Foote, Andrew Foote   |

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

The Board and all in attendance recited the flag salute.

Mike Porsch entered the meeting at 7:01 PM.

The agenda for the Board meeting was approved as amended, moving the audit report to immediately follow recognition of visitors in the opening, and adding the approval of the Budget Hearing Minutes to the Consent Agenda (Haas/Weber 5-0).

The Board recognized the visitors present

Cyndie Aumiller entered the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Taylor Heim with Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball presented the 2018-2019 Fiscal Audit Report.

Taylor Heim left the Board meeting at 7:08 PM.

The Board approved the Audit Report as presented (Bretz/Haas 5-0).

The Board addressed guests Andrew and Molly Foote and they spoke about their upcoming trip to the National FFA Convention. Each student spoke about what they would be competing in; Andrew- extemporaneous speech and Molly-Creed Speaking. The pair are the first ever Hoxie FFA students to compete at the National FFA level and are the top students in the state of Kansas in their respective events. The Board wished them luck and complimented their success. They left the meeting at 7:12 PM.

The Board addressed guest Mike Porsch, who presented information about the addition of Girls Wrestling at the High School level in the state of Kansas. The Board gave him their full support to pursue and add this activity for Hoxie High School.

Mike Porsch left the meeting at 7:25 PM.

The Board reviewed other communications, which included information about the upcoming KASB convention in December and a letter from the Sheridan Sentinel.

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda for business reports as presented (Haas/Weber 5-0).

The Board reviewed and discussed their goals, including an update on when new staff would be evaluated (including our student teacher), the technology report, which mainly discussed updates on the network rollover with Denton George and year four technology needs and purchases, and finally, reviewed the Guidance Department report provided by Tennille Giancola which mainly covered student internships, online courses, and the use and plan for seminar time this year in grades 7-12.

Jim Howard shared the principals' report for Hoxie Grade School. He shared enrollment numbers and covered events at the Grade School since the last regular meeting including the STUCO BBQ and vision screenings.

Mark Wildeman share his principal's report for Hoxie JR/SR High. He shared enrollment numbers and then touched on adding KAY as an activity for High School, having added it at the Jr. High level last year. He then spoke about Homecoming week (Sept 16-21) and informed the Board that the students would be working on floats the second half of the day on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> and that they planned to again have a K-12 pep rally in downtown Hoxie. The whole week will also be spirit week, where the students will be able to dress according to different themes each day. He then provided the Board with Fall Sports numbers for 7-12 and concluded by informing the Board the Russell High School and Junior High have requested full inclusion into the MCL beginning in the 2020-2021 school year.

For the Transportation/Maintenance report, the Board was informed that the yellow bus was back in the district, having been painted to look similar to the new Big Red. It was on an activity trip to Ness City, so it was not available for them to look at. The new Malibu has also arrived and is being prepared for use this week. The persistent railing issue outside the auditorium doors has been fixed and the Board briefly discussed the district bus routes.

Devan Castle was not present to deliver a report for the most recent NKESC Board Meeting but copies of the last meeting minutes were provided and reviewed.

Margery Haas gave a brief legislative update.

The Board reviewed the Food Service Report.

Jim Howard shared his Superintendent's report. He covered many topics including the Superintendents Council in Oakley, which is at the beginning of every month and is starting to gain attendance through the addition of lead teachers and other administration throughout the 19 schools in the cooperative. He touched on the Community Daycare initiative through the Community Doing that he is the chair of and asked for input from the Board on how to proceed. He then had a discussion with the Board on door locking/safety concerns. They would like for him to research the matter further and present information at a future Board meeting. He then briefly covered the fall MAP testing window and updated them on progress with KESA, provided an update with the Toothaker Estate, and recapped the beginning of the year teacher in-services. He also informed the Board that Hoxie and 4 other schools have been working with Oakley and Sublette to add training for our teachers in western Kansas. They have been provided a schedule for the training opportunities and it will be important for the schools to encourage and provide the chance to attend them.

The Board moved to appoint Michael Bretz and Devan Castle to review the new board policies (Haas/Weber 5-0). Policy reviews/recommendations and the approval and adoption of policy changes will take place in the October meeting.

The Board moved to appoint Lola Baalman to the sick leave bank committee for the 2019-2020 school year (Bretz/White 5-0).

Cyndie Aumiller left the meeting at 8:20 PM

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:21 PM to discuss individual employee performance, resignations, and new hires pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 27 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, and Mark Wildeman present, returning to open session at 8:48 PM in the BOE room (White/Weber 5-0).

The Board moved to approve the hiring of Cheryl Schwarz as part-time teacher/office aid for the 2019-2020 school year at the hourly rate presented (Haas/Weber 5-0).

The Board moved to approve the hiring of Jackie Carder as part time office sub for the 2019-2020 school year at the hourly rate presented (Haas/White 5-0).

The Board moved to approve the addition of KAY as a High School Activity and approve Megan Beiker as the sponsor for the 2019-2020 school year at the salary presented (Weber/White 5-0).

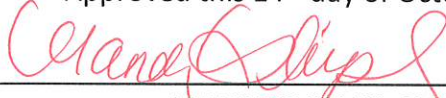
Billi Beckman adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

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BILLI BECKMAN, PRESIDENT

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019

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MANDY SHIPLEY, CLERK