

MINUTES
USD #325 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020

The Board of Education of Unified School District #325 met in regular session at the Administration Building on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Members present when the meeting was called to order were: Todd Kennedy, President; J.C. Sauer, Vice-President; Shawn Hoover, member; Jed Keeten, member; and Patty Northup, member. Danielle Bohl, member, arrived at 6:02; and Brock Johnson, member, arrived at 6:24.

Officials present: Michael Gower, Superintendent; and Angela Thompson, Board Clerk; Russ Bowman, treasurer, was available by phone.

Other interested persons listening by speakerphone outside the Boardroom: Crystal Laurin, Elementary School Principal; Nathan Strasburg, Middle School Principal; Todd Bowman, High School Principal; and Darin Moon, patron.

CALL TO ORDER

Todd Kennedy, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA

J.C. Sauer moved the consent agenda including March 9, 2020 regular meeting minutes, March 26, 2020 special meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and warrants be approved as presented. Patty Northup seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Prairie Horizon letter

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS
BEFORE THE BOARD

None

REPORT TO THE BOARD
BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Board received an update on the Continuous Learning Plan. Overall, distance learning is going well, and participation is good. Teachers and principals continue to take time to reach out to students who need extra help.

Mr. Gower presented two options for the installation of HVAC in the High School Newlin Gymnasium and the area south of the gym. Following discussion, Todd Kennedy moved the Board accept the bid in the amount of \$200,707.15 to install split heating and cooling units in Newlin Gym and the area south. J.C. Sauer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Gower further discussed future projects including the replacement of Middle School rooftop units and updating the Elementary School playground.

The Superintendent shared that he and the principals have a Kansas Education Systems Accreditation meeting on April 15th. The meeting will be conducted through Zoom instead of by site visit.

Following extensive discussion, the Board rescheduled Senior Graduation for Sunday, June 7th at 2:00 p.m. with the hopes current restrictions will be lifted. If not, preparations will be made in advance to present the graduates virtually at that time. Prom is tentatively rescheduled to Friday, June 5th if current restrictions are lifted. The District's priority is keeping everyone and their families safe while finding alternative ways as necessary to recognize students for this year's accomplishments.

NEW BUSINESS

KASB 2020-2021 DUES AND
LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Jed Keeten moved the Board authorize payment of \$8,204.31 for the 2020-2021 KASB dues and \$2,100.00 for the KASB legal assistance fund. Brock Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. (A copy of the agreement is attached to, and becomes a part of, these official minutes.)

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE RENEWAL

Following discussion, Shawn Hoover moved the Board accept the renewal from Health Special Risk, Inc. for student insurance for 2020-2021 in the amount of \$11,951.85, as recommended by the Superintendent. There is a \$500 per incident deductible. Danielle Bohl seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

TEXTBOOK/TECHNOLOGY FEES

Following discussion, Patty Northup moved the Board keep the Textbook/Technology fees for all buildings at \$40 per student for all students K-12. No Fees will be waived. Jed Keeten seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PRICES FOR 2020-2021

Following discussion, the Board determined that there should be no increase in meal prices at this time. Meal prices will remain the same for the 2020-2021 school year.

SECTION 125 PLAN AMENDMENT

Following discussion, Todd Kennedy moved the Board approve the Amendment as required by the CARES Act. Brock Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

NCKSEC INTERLOCAL #636 REPORT

Brock Johnson reported on the recent interlocal meeting.

PERSONNEL

Todd Kennedy moved the Board enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes, until 7:31 p.m., for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Mr. Gower and Mr. Bowman were asked to be present. Jed Keeten seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Bowman left the executive session at 7:25, and Mr. Strasburg entered. Mr. Strasburg left the executive session at 7:28, and Mrs. Laurin entered. Mrs. Laurin left the executive session at 7:31, and the Board returned to regular session at 7:31 p.m.

Todd Kennedy moved the Board re-enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes, until 7:37 p.m., for the same purpose as stated above. Mr. Gower was asked to remain. Jed Keeten seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:37 p.m.

Todd Kennedy moved the Board re-enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes, until 7:43 p.m., for the same purpose as stated above. Mr. Gower was asked to remain. Jed Keeten seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:43 p.m. No action taken.

2019-20 TEACHER REVIEW AND 2020-21 CONTRACTS

Todd Kennedy moved the Board renew certified staff for USD #325 for the 2020-2021 school year as recommended. Shawn Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. (A list of staff is attached to, and becomes a part of, these official minutes.)

WORK AGREEMENT APPROVAL

Patty Northup moved the Board approve the following work agreement:

Littrell, Gary – High School Custodian effective March 17, 2020

Danielle Bohl seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

OUT OF DISTRICT REQUESTS
TO ATTEND USD #325

Brock Johnson moved the Board approve the list of out of district requests to attend USD #325 for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Shawn Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. (The list is attached to, and becomes a part of, these official minutes.)

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

MINUTES RECORDED:

DATE: