



MINUTES  
USD 325 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

The Board of Education of Phillipsburg USD 325 met in regular session Monday, April 8, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office, 240 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Phillipsburg. Members present when the meeting was called to order were: Todd Kennedy, President; Shawn Hoover, Vice-President; Danielle Bohl, member; Rick Dusin, member; Brock Johnson, member; Tyson Wisinger, member; and Justin Taylor, member, by phone.

Officials present: Michael Gower, Superintendent; and Angela Thompson, Board Clerk.

Other interested persons: Crystal Laurin, Elementary School Principal; Nathan Strasburg, Middle School Principal; and Todd Bowman, High School Principal.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT AGENDA

Shawn Hoover moved the consent agenda including March 7, 2024 regular meeting minutes, treasurer’s report, and warrants be approved as presented. Tyson Wisinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS  
BEFORE THE BOARD

None

REPORT TO THE BOARD  
BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent updated the Board on active bills in the Kansas Legislature.

Mr. Gower presented a second revision to the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar. Following discussion, Danielle Bohl moved the Board approve the revised calendar as presented. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gower presented the details of the proposed 3-year technology lease with Apple Inc. in the amount of \$322,842.33. The lease will include new iPads and cases for grades 3 through 12, desktop computers for PTV, and laptops for high school computer applications classes and as needed. Following discussion, Shawn Hoover moved the Board approve the technology lease with Apple Inc. in the amount of \$322,842.33. Danielle Bohl seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Superintendent reported that the district had received the following grant:

Grant: Dane G. Hansen Foundation - \$5,000 for the ES Playground Project  
Tyson Wisinger moved the Board accept the grant as listed. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gower presented the recommended capacity of 60 students per grade level to determine the open seats available to nonresident students for the 2024-2025 school year. Following discussion, Shawn Hoover moved the Board approve the recommended capacity of 60 students per grade level and open seats available to nonresident students based on expected enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Brock Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. The open seats available will be published on the district website by June 1<sup>st</sup> with applications accepted from June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Gower discussed coaching and sponsor openings including high school volleyball, middle school scholars bowl, and KAY; if there is no KAY sponsor for the 2024-2025 school year, the program will be discontinued.

REPORT TO THE BOARD  
BY THE SUPERINTENDENT  
(Continued)

Mr. Gower presented three bids for a new mower. Following discussion, Tyson Wisinger moved the Board approve the lowest bid in the amount of \$5,027.49 from Landmark Implement for a 60-inch John Deere mower. Brock Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Superintendent updated the Board with the current bids for the old route bus and cargo van for sale through Purple Wave Auction.

Mrs. Laurin shared information for the new playground with the Board and the plan to move a portion of the old playground equipment to the new preschool. Following discussion, the Board determined that the remaining playground equipment should be dismantled and made available for local bids.

NEW BUSINESS

TEXTBOOK/TECHNOLOGY/  
PROGRAM SUPPORT FEES

Following discussion, Danielle Bohl moved the Board approve the following Textbook/Technology/Program Support fees: \$40 for elementary and middle school students and \$70 for high school students. No fees will be waived. Brock Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST  
PRICES FOR 2024-2025

Following discussion, Tyson Wisinger moved to keep the lunch and breakfast prices the same for the 2024-2025 the school year. Shawn Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

NCKSEC INTERLOCAL  
#636 REPORT

Todd Kennedy reported on the recent interlocal meeting.

PERSONNEL

Todd Kennedy moved the Board enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes, until 6:46 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 was asked to be present. Shawn Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:46 p.m.

Todd Kennedy moved the Board re-enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes, until 6:57 p.m., for the same purpose as stated above. Mr. Gower was asked to remain. Shawn Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:57 p.m. No action taken.

RESIGNATIONS

Brock Johnson moved the Board accept the following resignations:

Gehring, Blake – MS Assistant Boys Basketball effective end of 23-24 School Year  
Pinkerton, Kelsey – 5-12 Vocal Music Teacher effective end of 23-24 School Year  
Sides, Keith – HS Head Boys Basketball effective end of 23-24 School Year

Danielle Bohl seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

2023-24 TEACHER REVIEW  
AND 2024-25 CONTRACTS

Shawn Hoover moved the Board renew certified staff for USD 325 for the 2024-2025 school year as recommended. Danielle Bohl 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

Tyson Wisinger moved the Board approve the following work agreement:

Behrens, Chloe – PreK Certified Teacher Aide effective 2024-2025 School Year

Brock Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT  
APPROVALS

Shawn Hoover moved the Board approve the following supplemental agreements:

Breon, Caleb – HS Assistant Girls Wrestling effective 2024-2025 School Year

Dusin, Michael – HS Assistant Girls Wrestling effective 2024-2025 School Year

Gehring, Blake – HS Assistant Boys Basketball effective 2024-2025 School Year

Gehring, Brent – HS Head Boys Basketball effective 2024-2025 School Year

Sides, Keith – HS Assistant Boys Basketball effective 2024-2025 School Year

Swenson, Ben – MS Assistant Boys Basketball effective 2024-2025 School Year

Danielle Bohl seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

REQUEST FOR USE  
OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Information

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

MINUTES RECORDED:

DATE: