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MINUTES
USD #325 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022

The Board of Education of Unified School District #325 met in regular session Monday, February 14, 2022, at the Administration Building. Members present when the meeting was called to order were: Todd Kennedy, President; J.C. Sauer, Vice-President; Danielle Bohl, Member; Shawn Hoover, member; Brock Johnson, member; and Justin Taylor, member. Tyson Wisinger, member, was absent.

Officials present: Michael Gower, Superintendent; Russ Bowman, Treasurer; and Angela Thompson, 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

J.C. Sauer moved the consent agenda including January 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and warrants be approved as presented. Brock Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank You Cards

COMMUNITY
PRESENTATIONS

None

REPORT TO THE BOARD BY
THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent reported that no bids had been received for the high school window replacement project at this time. Any future bids will be presented to the Board at a later date. Mr. Gower further reported on bills in the Kansas Legislature that may impact public education.

The Superintendent presented the possible option of allowing Senior students to graduate early. The students would be required to declare their intentions during their Junior year, then upon meeting all requirements, they would graduate in December of their Senior year. Graduates would no longer be considered students and would be ineligible for all student activities. The Board members agreed to consider the option to determine if it would ultimately benefit students.

Following discussion, the Board consented to ease Covid protocols at this time, including less social distancing during lunch, which will allow all students to eat in the lunchroom.

Mr. Gower reported the Amendment had received a grant from the Morgan Foundation in the amount of \$1,500.00. J.C. Sauer moved the Board accept the Morgan Foundation grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the Amendment. Shawn Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Due to the long wait to receive new route buses, Mr. Gower proposed placing an early order for a route bus from the State Bid List. Following discussion, J.C. Sauer moved the Board approve the order and purchase of a 29-passenger route bus in the amount of \$61,439.00 as listed on the State Bid List from Midwest Bus Sales. Brock seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gower shared a proposal to partner with the Phillipsburg Child Care Center. This partnership would involve moving the district's current preschool to the Phillipsburg Child Care Center. While the district's current preschool provides special education services, the move would allow the preschool to expand and extend services to 3 and 4-year-old At-Risk students as well as regular education students. At-Risk funding is available from the Kansas State Department of Education, which would allow for the hiring of an additional licensed teacher. The preschool would operate on the same schedule with morning and afternoon classes Monday through Thursday. Following discussion, the Board requested more information before making a decision.

DRIVERS EDUCATION
DATES & INSTRUCTORS

One session of driver's education is scheduled for May 16, 2022 through June 30, 2022. J.B. Covington and Aaron Beckman will be instructors. Shawn Hoover moved the Board approve the driver's education sessions and staff, as recommended. A fee of \$100 will be charged for all USD #325 students and a \$125 fee for out of district students. Justin Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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 6:53 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. J.C. Sauer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:53 p.m.

Todd Kennedy moved the Board re-enter executive session for a period of 5 minutes, until 6:59 p.m., for the same purpose as stated above. Mr. Gower was asked to remain. J.C. Sauer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:59 p.m. No action taken

RESIGNATION

Danielle Bohl moved the Board accept the following resignation:

Chestnut, Shirley – Route Bus Driver effective February 6, 2022

Justin Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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: