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MINUTES  
USD #325 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

The Board of Education of Unified School District #325 met in regular session Monday, February 13, 2023, 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 by phone; Shawn Hoover, member; Brock Johnson, member; Justin Taylor, member; and Tyson Wisinger, member.

Officials present: Michael Gower, Superintendent; 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 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes, January 30, 2023 special meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and warrants be approved as presented. Shawn Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank You Card

COMMUNITY  
PRESENTATIONS

None

REPORT TO THE BOARD BY  
THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent reported on bills in the Kansas Legislature that may impact public education including vouchers/educational savings plans that may be extended to homeschooled students.

Mr. Gower further reported that Prairie Land Electric and its employees had generously donated \$800 as well as two large bags of items for student needs. Shawn Hoover moved the Board accept the donation as stated for student needs. Brock Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Superintendent shared that the Kansas State Department of Education had determined the district's general fund budget should be more than the amount the district approved for the 2022-2023 budget year due to additional funding for an unanticipated increase in free meal eligibility extended to a large number of students who receive Medicaid. Mr. Gower recommended republishing the 2022-2023 budget's general fund, so the district will have the authority to spend the additional funds. This will not change property taxes. Following discussion, Todd Kennedy moved the Board approve publishing the Notice of Hearing on Amending the 2022-23 Budget on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 6:05 p.m. at the Board of Education office. Tyson Wisinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gower shared a proposal from USD 326 Logan to form a cooperative for all activities. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to continue to keep the status quo, only offering cooperative agreements for sports not offered by USD 326 Logan including cross country and wrestling.

The Superintendent discussed the proposed elementary school playground project and increasing project costs. The new playground would be all inclusive allowing for wheelchairs and would continue to be available for the community's use. Following discussion, the Board advised Mr. Gower to research available grants and fundraising opportunities to aid in payment of the proposed project.

Mr. Gower reported on continuing issues with the heating and cooling in the high school kitchen. The system is scheduled to be evaluated for a feasible repair or replacement solution.

DRIVERS EDUCATION  
DATES & INSTRUCTORS

One session of driver's education is scheduled for May 15, 2023 through June 16, 2023. J.B. Covington and Aaron Beckman will be instructors. Brock Johnson 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 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 5 minutes, until 6:43 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 7-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:43 p.m. No action taken.

CONTRACT APPROVALS

Shawn Hoover moved the Board approve the following contracts:

Bland, Troy – High School Instructor effective 2023-2024 School Year  
Coomes, Ross – Middle/High School Instructor effective 2023-2024 School Year

J.C. Sauer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

WORK AGREEMENT  
APPROVAL

Brock Johnson moved the Board approve the following work agreement:

Craig, Clinton – High School Custodian effective January 30, 2023

Tyson Wisinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

SUPPLEMENTAL  
AGREEMENT APPROVALS

Brock Johnson moved the Board approve the following supplemental agreements:

Hindman, David – Middle School Assistant Track effective Spring 2023  
Miller, Rachel – High School Assistant Track effective Spring 2023  
Swenson, Ben – High School Assistant Golf effective Spring 2023  
Ratzlaff, Orianna – High School PT Assistant Boys Tennis effective Spring 2023  
Coomes, Ross – HS Head Football & HS Asst. Wrestling effective 2023-2024 School Year

Justin Taylor 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 6:44 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

MINUTES RECORDED:

DATE: