

MINUTES
USD #325 BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

The Board of Education of Phillipsburg USD 325 met in regular session Thursday, March 7, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office, 240 S. 7th 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; and Tyson Wisinger, member arrived at 6:07 p.m. Justin Taylor, member was absent.

Officials present: Michael Gower, Superintendent; Amanda Hudson, Treasurer; and Angela Thompson, Clerk.

Other interested persons: Crystal Laurin, Elementary School Principal; and Nathan Strasburg, Middle 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 February 12, 2024 regular meeting minutes, treasurer’s report, warrants and items added to the agenda be approved as presented. Danielle Bohl seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you card

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS
BEFORE THE BOARD

None

REPORT TO THE BOARD BY
THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent presented the final plans for the Elementary School Playground Project noting that \$310,000 had already been secured with grants and donations, and a playground surfacing grant is pending, which may cover up to half the cost of the playground surface. Following discussion, Brock Johnson moved the Board approve the project in the amount of \$414,571.25 to be completed by Fry Park and Playground. Shawn Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The all-inclusive playground will be completed this summer.

Mr. Gower presented an option to purchase facilities to expand the district’s preschool to include 3 and 4-year-old regular education students. The expansion of the district’s preschool will provide important educational services for more students in the community that are currently underserved and often struggle when entering Kindergarten. While the Board had previously discussed a collaboration with the Phillipsburg Child Care Center, Julie Fischer recently arranged a meeting with Mr. Gower to offer for sale Gingerbread House Preschool to the district. Following discussion, Shawn Hoover moved the Board approve the purchase of Gingerbread House Preschool, equipment, and contents in the amount of \$86,500 with 10% earnest money due now and the remainder at closing May 15, 2024. Brock Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Superintendent reported that the new technology lease is still pending.

Mr. Gower presented the revised 2024-2025 School Year Calendar. Following discussion, Brock Johnson moved the Board approve the revised calendar as presented. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gower shared that the old cargo van and an old route bus will be sold through Purple Wave Auction.

The Superintendent updated the Board on active bills in the Kansas Legislature concerning school finance and vouchers/educational savings accounts that may negatively impact public schools.

NEW BUSINESS

**KASB 2024-2025 DUES AND
LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND**

Danielle Bohl moved the Board authorize payment of \$8,406.46 for the 2024-2025 KASB dues and \$2,750.00 for the KASB Legal Assistance Fund. Tyson Wisinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. (A copy of the agreement is attached to, and becomes a part of, these official minutes.)

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PERSONNEL

Todd Kennedy moved the Board enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes, until 6:24 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 6-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:24 p.m.

Todd Kennedy moved the Board re-enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes, until 6:30 p.m., for the same purpose as stated above. Mr. Gower was asked to remain. Shawn Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:30 p.m. No action taken.

RESIGNATIONS

Shawn Hoover moved the Board accept the following resignations:

Gehring, Hannah – HS Assistant Cheer effective end of 23-24 School Year
Kuhlmann, Kaylene – KAY Co-Sponsor effective end of 23-24 School Year
Pinkerton, Kelsey – KAY Co-Sponsor effective end of 23-24 School Year
Sisson, Belinda – HS Head Cheer effective end of 23-24 School Year
Swenson, Ben – HS Assist. Boys Basketball effective end of 23-24 School Year
Thompson, Patricia – 5th-6th Grade Math effective end of 23-24 School Year

Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

CONTRACT APPROVALS

Danielle Bohl moved the Board approve the following contracts:

Glynn, Nicole – Middle School Teacher effective 2024-2025 School Year
Hendryx, Kelly – Middle School Teacher effective 2024-2025 School Year

Tyson Wisinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**SUPPLEMENTAL
AGREEMENT APPROVALS**

Rick Dusin moved the Board approve the following supplementals:

Gannon, Lindsay – MS Head Volleyball effective 2024-2025 School Year
Hensley, Kayla – HS Head Cheer Sponsor effective 2024-2025 School Year
Imm, Mandra – HS Assistant Cheer Sponsor effective 2024-2025 School Year
Suchsland, Danielle – HS Head Volleyball effective 2024-2025 School Year

Shawn Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

NEGOTIATIONS

Following discussion, Brock Johnson moved the Board approve the letter notifying the Teachers' Association of the intention to begin negotiations for the 2024-2025 school year contracts. Tyson Wisinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

REQUEST FOR USE
OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Information

STUDENT ACCIDENT
INSURANCE RENEWAL

Following discussion, Danielle Bohl moved the Board accept the renewal from Health Special Risk, Inc. for student accident insurance for 2024-2025 in the amount of \$13,937.00 with a \$500 per incident deductible. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

MINUTES RECORDED:

DATE: