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**MINUTES  
USD # 325 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

The Board of Education of Unified School District #325 met in regular session at the Administration Building on Monday, September 13, 2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Members present when the meeting was called to order were: Todd Kennedy, President; J.C. Sauer, Vice-President; Patty Northup, member; and Danielle Bohl, member, by telephone. Shawn Hoover, member; Jed Keeten, member; and Brock Johnson, member, were absent.

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** Patty Northup moved the consent agenda including August 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and warrants be approved as presented. J.C. Sauer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS** Thank You Card

**COMMUNITY  
PRESENTATIONS** None

**REPORT TO THE BOARD BY  
THE SUPERINTENDENT**

The Superintendent shared current enrollment numbers for an approximate total of 566, down from last year's FTE of 579.5. The September 20th count will be the official number.

Mr. Gower announced that the Middle and High schools will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 24th, prior to the 2:15 p.m. start of the Homecoming parade. The parade will take the same route through the business district as in past years with the pep rally held back at the stadium. The Elementary school will be at the airport for the Fly Kansas Tour beginning at 1:30 p.m. Buses will run on their regular schedule.

Mr. Gower further discussed capital outlay projects including the elementary school playground, high school windows, a new activity bus to replace the old coach bus, Bluetooth projectors, a possible key card door entry system at the high school, and replacement of other rooftop units as needed.

Mr. Gower congratulated the high school as it was selected as 1 of 36 Kansas schools to receive the KSHSAA Performing Arts School of Excellence Award. He further congratulated the high school yearbook staff for the induction of the 2021 yearbook into the Walsworth Gallery of Excellence.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2021-2022 BUDGET  
HEARING** Following discussion, J.C. Sauer moved the Board approve the 2021-2022 Budget as published. Danielle Bohl seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**2021-2022 REVENUE NEUTRAL  
RATE HEARING** Following discussion, Todd Kennedy moved the Board authorize by resolution, exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate to finance the 2021-2022 Budget. J.C. Sauer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS (Continued)**

**KASB/SYMMETRY ENERGY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**APPROVAL** Following discussion of the settlement agreement including a 50% discount on the price of natural gas in February 2021, Patty Northup moved the Board approve the settlement agreement with Symmetry Energy as presented. J.C. Sauer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**KANSAS BOARD SOLUTIONS, INC MEMBER AGREEMENT (KASB ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM)**

**(WoodRiver Energy)** Following discussion, J.C. Sauer moved the Board approve the new member agreement with Kansas Board Solutions, Inc. as the agent for the KASB Energy Management Program with WoodRiver Energy as presented. Patty Northup seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2021-2022 SITE**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS** Following discussion, J.C. Sauer moved the Board approve the updated membership list for the school improvement and site council committee for 2021-2022 as presented. Patty Northup seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. (A copy of the list is attached to, and becomes a part of, these official minutes.)

**NCKSEC INTERLOCAL**

**#636 REPORT** Todd Kennedy reported on recent activity.

**PERSONNEL** None

**RESIGNATION** Patty Northup moved the Board accept the following resignation:

Fulghum, Sharon – Kitchen Worker effective August 30, 2021

Patty Northup seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**APPROVAL:** J.C. Sauer moved the Board approve the following supplemental agreement:

Blank, Emily – Middle School SIT Coordinator effective 2021-2022 School Year

Patty Northup seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**REQUEST FOR USE OF  
SCHOOL FACILITIES** Information

**ADJOURNMENT** With no further business, President Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

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DATE: