**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – December 8, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Cale Rieger in the administration office on the above date at 7:00 a.m. with everyone present except Shawna Blanka and J.W. Milliken.

Dustin Andrist made a motion to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by Troy Hilt and carried.

Audiences: Jessica Matthies was present to discuss with the Board the Cheyenne County Childcare Initiative. She reviewed with the Board what role the school would play in the Childcare Initiative.

Items on the Consent Calendar were next considered. Following review of these items, Chris Hingst moved, Dustin Andrist seconded, and it carried to approve the consent calendar, including the following items: a) The minutes of the regular Board meeting on November 10, 2022. b) A list of bills being paid on direct deposit slips numbering 1118001 – 1118076 and on checks numbering 11906-11922 on BANKWEST, and checks numbering 16262-16321 on FNB Bank for a total of $365,383.21. c) The Cash Summary Report, the Grade School Activity Fund Report, and the High School Activity Fund Report – all as of November 30, 2022.

There were no Committee Reports.

Under Old Business Danielle McAtee made a motion to accept the grant funds for the Cheyenne County Childcare initiative and act as a pass through for the funds. The motion was seconded by Troy Hilt and carried.

Under New Business, we had two contracts, and one contract amendment returned for signature. Chris Hingst made a motion to approve the contracts and the contract amendment, motion was seconded by Troy Hilt and carried.

Next under New Business, Superintendent Penka reported that we have received a letter of resignation from Erin Perrigo resigning her position as 5th grade teacher effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Perrigo has been with USD 297 for six years. Troy Hilt made a motion to accept Ms. Perrigo’s resignation; seconded by Chris Hingst and carried.

Next, Superintendent Penka requested a 30-minute executive session to discuss Administrative Evaluations. Troy Hilt made the following motion: Mr. President, I move that the board recess into executive session to discuss the performance of individual staff members in order to protect their privacy pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:20 a.m. in the board room. The motion was seconded by Danielle McAtee and carried. Shawna Blanka joined for the executive session by phone. The regular meeting resumed at 8:20 a.m.

Chris Hingst made a motion to renew Superintendent Penka and High School Principal David Morrow’s contract for an additional year; motion was seconded by Danielle McAtee and carried.

Principal Morrow reported that the St. Francis Invitational Wrestling Tournament went well and was very well attended.

Superintendent Penka reported that they are on schedule to complete the KESA accreditation by year end and will then submit it to the Outside Validation Team (OVT).

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 7:00 a.m.

At 8:41 a.m., Chris Hingst moved that the meeting adjourn; the motion was seconded by Danielle McAtee and carried.

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