

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting –May 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Board President Cale Rieger on the above date at 7:01 p.m., in a virtual online meeting setting with everyone present.

Chris Hingst made a motion to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by J W Milliken and carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the items on the consent calendar. A motion was then made by J W Milliken, seconded by Chris Hingst, and carried to approve the consent calendar, including the following items: a) The minutes of the regular Board meeting on April 9, 2020. b) A list of bills being paid on direct deposit slips numbering 0417001 – 0417072 and on checks numbering 11572-11585 on BANKWEST, and checks numbering 14396-14439 on FNB Bank for a total of \$292,509.90. c) The Cash Summary Report (including three transfers: \$5,426.02 from Supplemental General Fund to the Career & Tech Education Fund, \$6,052.86 from the General Fund to the At-Risk Fund, and \$39,338.00 from General Fund to the Special Ed Fund), and the High School Activity Fund Report and Grade School Activity Fund Report – all as of April 30, 2020. d) The Board approved the following gift offers: 1) \$1,500 from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation for strength and conditioning equipment; 2) \$3,000 from the St. Francis Recreation Commission for the summer weightlifting program.

The Scholarship Committee reported that they had met and made the recommended selections for one 2020 Alice Gillispie Academic Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (non-renewable) and the 2020 Walter and Lucille Stephenson Memorial Scholarships.

The St. Francis Educational Foundation Fund has a 3-year average balance of \$116,504 as of May 14, 2020. The current Board of Education and current superintendent of schools make the decision on how to spend this money. We are allowed to spend up to 5% of the 3-year average in the fund in a given year. It has been suggested to continue three St. Francis Educational Foundation Scholarships – two for \$1,000 each to be awarded to the recipients of the KSHSAA Citizenship Award that is given each year to a senior boy and a senior girl, and one for \$500 to be given to the recipient of the Dale M. Dennis Award. Also suggested were two more scholarships, one for \$1,500 and one for \$1,000 . These awards are based on ACT scores and activity participation in the senior class as well as being in the top one-third of the class. The total amount of scholarships for 2019-2020 school year will be \$5,000.

Troy Hilt made a motion to approve all scholarships recommended to the Board. The motion was seconded by Shawna Blanka and carried.

Under Old Business, Superintendent Penka presented a contract to consolidate St. Francis Junior High and Cheylin Junior High football for the 2020 season. After discussion and a few changes to the contract, Chris Hingst moved to approve the consolidation for the 2020 season; the motion was seconded by Shawna Blanka and carried.

Next, Superintendent Penka recommended that with the possibility of budget cuts looming from the state that USD 297 not hire a K-12 counselor for the 2020-2021 school year. This will be looked at again as soon as the economy is able to recover. Superintendent Penka also made the recommendation of hiring Nick Fawcett to run the summer weightlifting program. A motion was made by Shawna Blanka and seconded by Dustin Andrist; motion carried.

Next, Troy Hilt made a motion to approve 49 contracts that had been returned for signature; motion was seconded by Chris Hingst and carried.

The school's Title I program was briefly reviewed. Troy Hilt moved to approve the Title I program be continued in grades K-5 for the 2020-2021 school year with the employment of one licensed teacher, if USD 297 receives sufficient Title I funds to maintain the program. The motion was second by Chris Hingst and carried.

The Board was reminded that by law (K.S.A. 72-5411), a school board must notify a teacher in writing on or before the third Friday in May (May 15th this year) if said teacher's contract will not be renewed; and a teacher must notify the school board in writing on or before 14 days after the third Friday in May (May 29th this year) if (s)he is resigning from their position.

Under Miscellaneous – No graduation until after May 18th at the earliest and even then, the numbers that would be allowed to attend would be 90 people. So, we are planning on waiting until July 25, 2020, at 10:00 A.M so the Seniors can have friends and family attending.

All indications are that we will be able to start school like normal. Districts are going to be tasked with making plans in case this happens again next year. The expectations will go up with what students are allowed to do from home.

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on **June 11, 2020, at 7:00 P.M., in the High School Cafeteria so social distancing can be observed.**

At 8:02 P.M., Chris Hingst moved that the meeting adjourn; the motion was seconded by Danielle McAtee and carried.

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