

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting –May 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice-President Troy Hilt on the above date at 7:00 a.m., in administration office with everyone present, except Cale Rieger.

Superintendent Penka made two changes to the agenda; add under old business – letter regarding Cheylin coop decision; and under new business, d) Renewal of Teachers- we will need a 20 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. J.W. Milliken made a motion to approve the agenda with the two additions; the motion was seconded by Chris Hingst and carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the items on the consent calendar. A motion was then made by Chris Hingst, seconded by J.W. Milliken, and carried to approve the consent calendar, including the following items: a) The minutes of the regular board meeting on April 20, 2022, and the special board meeting on May 9, 2022. b) A list of bills being paid on direct deposit slips numbering 0419001 – 0419073 and on checks numbering 11984-11996 on BANKWEST, and checks numbering 15813-15856 on FNB Bank for a total of \$459,889.53. c) The Cash Summary Report (including two transfers: \$8,956.89 from the General Fund to the Food Service Fund, and \$43,015.00 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, 2022. d) The Board approved the following gift offers: 1) \$3,000.00 from Mark & Barbara Brown for the Kevin Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund.

No Audiences.

There were no Committee reports.

Under Old Business, Superintendent Penka shared with the Board a letter that he had received from Kelly Leach, Cheylin Board member. It was the consensus of the board that Superintendent Penka will respond to her letter.

Next, Superintendent Penka reported that we have received resignations from the following: Darla Raile is resigning from her position as Grade School principal. Ms. Raile has been with USD 297 a total of 7 years; Holly Lampe verbally resigned her position as cross country coach. Shawna Blanka made a motion to accept these resignations, seconded by Dustin Andrist and carried.

Next, the hiring committee recommended Amy Grace to fill a grade school teacher position. Also, Rebecca Butler has been hired to paint some of the classrooms at the grade school this summer. Dustin Andrist made a motion to approve these new hires, the motion was seconded by J.W. Milliken and carried.

Next, Dustin Andrist made a motion to approve one contract that had been returned for signature; motion was seconded by Chris Hingst and carried.

The school's Title I program was briefly reviewed. Chris Hingst moved to approve the Title I program be continued in grades K-5 for the 2022-2023 school year with the employment of one licensed teacher, if USD 297 receives sufficient Title I funds to maintain the program. The motion was seconded by Danielle McAtee and carried.

Next, Superintendent Penka requested a 20 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel; the motion was made by Dustin Andrist and seconded by Chris Hingst and carried. At 7:59 a.m. Shawna Blanka made a motion to go back into executive session for 10 minutes, the motion was seconded by J.W. Milliken and carried. The regular meeting resumed at 8:09 a.m.

Chris Hingst made a motion that all certified contracts be renewed for the 2022-2023 school year, knowing that there will be some movement amongst the teachers that are still to be determined. Dustin Andrist seconded the motion and it carried.

Next, there was discussion about adding Cheerleading and Dance uniforms to the 5-year uniform rotation. After discussion Shawna Blanka moved that we allow 12 uniforms to be purchased on a 5-year rotation with the District

paying up to \$1,500.00 toward this purchase of cheerleading uniforms and an additional \$1,500 towards dance uniforms. The motion was seconded by Chris Hingst and carried.

Next, the board discussed the need for a girls wrestling coach. It was recommended talking to Chris LaBarge who has expressed an interest in coaching the girls.

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 20th 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 (June 3rd this year) if (s)he is resigning from their position.

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Thursday, **June 09, 2022, at 7:00 A.M.**

At 8:58 a.m. J.W. Milliken moved that the meeting adjourn; the motion was seconded by Chris Hingst and carried.

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