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**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting –May 10, 2023**

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

Troy Hilt made a motion to approve the agenda with one change, omit under New Business (e) Cheerleader Uniforms. The motion was seconded by Danielle McAtee 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 18, 2023. b) A list of bills being paid on direct deposit slips numbering 0419001 – 0419073 and on checks numbering 12192-12204 on BANKWEST, and checks numbering 16546-16601 on FNB Bank for a total of $326,875.39. c) The Cash Summary Report (including two transfers: $9,542.81 from the General Fund to the At-Risk Fund, and $29,728.00 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, 2023. d) The Board approved the following gift offers: 1) $500.00 from Mary Neitzel for the Cheyenne County Cruisers Scholarship in memory of LeeRoy Neitzel; 2) $5,794.75 from the St. Francis Recreation Commission to pay for the mini-split system installed in the fitness room; and 3) the board approved requesting $1,000.00 from the Cheyenne County Community Foundation for the Vic Oelke Memorial Scholarship.

No Audiences.

Committee Reports: The Hiring Committee discussed Jacob Butler, as a full-time cook, and Kim Ritter, as a part-time cook.

Superintendent reported on a couple of legislative issues currently being discussed: 1) school board members being paid for their services; and 2) homeschool participation in athletics. He will keep the board informed of these issues.

Next, Superintendent Penka reported that we have received verbal resignations from the following: Abbey McWilliams resigned her position as the At-Risk director and Iliany Araujo resigned her position as a high cook. Chris Hingst made a motion to accept the resignations; seconded by Dustin Andrist and carried.

Next, the hiring committee recommended Jacob Butler as a full time cook and Kim Ritter as a part-time cook for the 2023-2024 school year. Also, Scott Carmichael as the JH head football coach. J. W. Milliken made a motion to approve these new hires; the motion was seconded by Chris Hingst and carried.

Next, Troy Hilt 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. Troy Hilt moved to approve the Title I program be continued in grades K-5 for the 2023-2024 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 J. W. Milliken and carried.

Superintendent Penka next recommended appointing Megan Swihart as the K-5 At-Risk director and Meghan Kinen as the 2nd grade teacher. It was the consensus of the board to approve the movements.

Next, it has been requested by the Jr./Sr. high wrestling coaches to move the wrestling practice facilities to the old wrestling room. With this, they can separate the girls and boys better. It was the consensus of the board to use the old wrestling room.

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 19th 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 2nd this year) if (s)he is resigning from their position.

It was requested that Superintendent Penka research and see what other districts in the area are paying for substitute teachers, he will report at the June meeting.

Next, Superintendent Penka discussed the KESA Accreditation Summary with the Board. The Summary shows very good progress.

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Thursday, **June 15, 2023, at 7:00 A.M.**

At 7:52 a.m. Dustin Andrist moved that the meeting adjourn; the motion was seconded by J.W. Milliken and carried.

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