**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – November 9, 2023**

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

Chris Hingst made a motion to approve the agenda with the following two additions: 6) New Business e) Girls’ Wrestling and f) third grade aide. The motion was seconded by Dustin Andrist and carried.

Items on the Consent Calendar were next considered. Following review of these items, Dustin Andrist moved, J.W. Milliken seconded, and it carried to approve the consent calendar, including the following items: a) The minutes of the regular Board meeting on October 12, 2023. b) The list of bills being paid on direct deposit slips numbering 1019001-1019076 and on checks numbering 12300-12315 on BANKWEST in the amount of $281,404.61 and checks numbering 16942-17029 on FNB Bank totaling $195,175.69 for a grand total of $476,580.30. c) The Cash Summary Report (including one transfer: $49,595.00 from the General Fund to the Special Ed Fund), the Grade School Activity Fund Report, and the High School Activity Fund Report - all as of October 31, 2023. d) A gift offer of $5,000.00 was accepted from the Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation to be used for the Indians Weekend Backpack Program.

Audiences: Mr. Bruce Swihart was present to observe.

No Committee reports.

No Old Business.

Next under new business, Superintendent Penka reviewed with the Board the Workers Compensation update for the 2023-2024 school year.

Next under new business, Superintendent Penka reported that there were 59 contract amendments returned for signature.

The annual review of the USD 297 Emergency Management plan was discussed. Danielle McAtee made a motion to approve the plan, seconded by Chris Hingst and carried.

Superintendent reviewed with the board the bid received from Plains Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of $17,980 to put heat in the Welding and Wood shops. Shawna made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Chris Hingst and carried.

Superintendent Penka discussed with the board a request from the girls wrestling coach that we hire an assistant coach. The consensus of the board was to decline the request but offer to have a coach fill in during time of need.

Next, Superintendent Penka reported that an aide was needed for third grade. Interviews will be set up to find a suitable aide. Chris Hingst made a motion to approve the hiring of a third grade aide, seconded by Shawna Blanka and carried.

Under miscellaneous, Superintendent Penka had a request from Jessica Matthies to donate one paper towel and one soap dispenser for the new daycare and set up continuous replacements for the paper towels and soap. It was the consensus of the board to give the daycare a towel and soap dispenser that had been taken down but still in good shape as well as the leftover towels that go with it, only this time.

Superintendent Penka informed the board of a KASB training for board members in January if any wished to attend.

Jessica Matthies also wanted the board to know how much she appreciates the work that Delbert Barnhart does at the high school. She said the weight room has never been so clean!! Good job Delbert!!

Next, Principal Morrow reported that he is still working on a tardiness policy, it seems to be helping the situation.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on December 14, 2023, at 7:00 a.m.

At 8:26 a.m., Dustin Andrist moved that the meeting adjourn; the motion was seconded by J.W. Milliken and carried.

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