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USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting

Board Minutes for Monday July 12, 2021

216 S. Jefferson, Smith Center, KS 66967

Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the USD #237 was called to order by President Theron Haresnape. **7:01 PM**

Board members present for the call to order – Bob Dietz, Jessica Weltmer, Marty Hanson, Steve Overmiller, and Tim Weltmer, Jessica Hawkins was not present for the call to order.

Superintendent Mr. Dustin McEwen, Board clerk Roberta Reinking and parent Ron Peterson.

ITEM 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2021-2022

a. Board President

Bob Dietz nominated Theron Haresnape as board president, Jessica Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **7:02 PM**

b. Board Vice President

Bob Dietz nominated Jessica Weltmer as Vice President, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **7:03 PM**

ITEM 3. APPOINTMENT OF NCK INTERLOCAL #636 BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE

Steve Overmiller nominated Jessica Hawkins as Board Member Representative for NCK Interlocal #636, Tim Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **7:04 PM**

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADD/DELETE

Steve made a motion to approve the Agenda with the most current changes, Bob seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **7:05 PM**

ITEM 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION – STUDENT MATTERS

Tim made a motion to go into Executive Session for 10 minutes for student matters, Bob seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **7:07 PM**

Roberta Reinking and Ron Peterson left the closed meeting.

Roberta Reinking and Ron Peterson returned to the open meeting. **7:17 PM**

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ITEM 6. APPROVE CONSENSUS ITEMS.

Theron asked if anyone had any questions about the consensus items, Tim Weltmer asked about the Insurance and the Special Ed extra, the insurance rates have changed and we also moved from the due date in March to July to match up with yearend. The Special Ed is flow thru money. Tim asked about the money for the gym floor, we have received the insurance to pay for that, the board mentioned how nice it looked. There was a question about the calendar, they thought it had been approved, we need to approve the snow days.

Tim Weltmer made a motion to approve the consensus items, Jessica Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

7:22 PM

ITEM 7. PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing for tonight.

ITEM 8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR USE OF 2 BUSES FOR "RACE TO THE CENTER" HALF MARATHON – SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 – KELLI ARMKNECHT

Tim Weltmer was really impressed with the letter that Kelli had written, in the past he didn't feel like the board really knew what the buses were for. Kelli had submitted the letter and a bus request form, Steve McNary had signed off on the form also.

Tim Weltmer made a motion to approve the use of 2 buses, waive the fee but that they follow the requirements of the release form, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

7:26 PM

Jessica Weltmer made a motion we move to Item 11 for the KASB July 2021 Board Policy as we are ahead of schedule and the FFA kids aren't here at this time, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

7:27 PM

ITEM 9. CONSIDERATION OF FFA TRIP TO NIOBRARA RIVER AUGUST 7 & 8 ASKING FOR 2 SUBURBANS AND APPROVAL OF WADE WAGNER AS A SPONSOR

Board meeting is ahead of schedule, the FFA kids haven't arrived yet, moved to item 10.

Colton Haresnape and Kaley Wagner arrived at the meeting **7:38 PM** to asked the board to approve the FFA trip to the Niobrara River. They are requesting 1 suburban for the trip, they plan to leave on August 7 and go to Valentine, NE. They will visit Smith Falls State Park, Cowboy Trail Bridge and will Kayak down the Niobrara River. The board approved the trip and asked to see pictures when they got back.

Bob Dietz approved the use of the suburban for the trip, Jessica Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

7:45 PM

ITEM 10. DETAILED ESTIMATE FOR COMPLEX FROM BILLY DAVIS CONSTRUCTION

The detailed bid was handed out for the board to review.

ITEM 11. KASB JULY 2021 BOARD POLICY UPDATES & FIRST READING

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Jessica Weltmer had read through the recommended updates, she had a question about how and where the Board Policy changes were published? How are the board members and the public notified of the changes? She asked that we check into that and maybe post in the paper where to find the changes and have them on the school website. Dustin and Roberta will check on that before the next meeting.

Jessica Weltmer also asked about the changes on the JDDC, if and what data is collected can it be shared?

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to go back to item 9, the FFA kids are here, (the board meeting is ahead of schedule) Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

7:38 PM

ITEM 12. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

The Board welcomed Dustin and wished him the best of luck. Today Darren Sasse stopped to let Dustin know the sports program had received a \$1,500 from the Morse Boucher memorial. Darren felt that since Morse had been part of the chain gang for so many years, it would be an honor to Morse to update and get a digital marker and have an emblem put on in remembrance of Morse.

Bob Dietz moved to approve the purchase of the new digital marker, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

7:42 PM

Mr. McEwen went on the talk about the latest with KJUMP, the board feels we have prepared and put the money back for this but would like Mr. McEwen to double check the lawsuit to make sure it good to go ahead and pay.

He talked briefly about Fouts Insurance changing from March to July premium and Student Assurance went up around \$2,000 for the year. The district still paid less than what was paid out by Student Assurance.

A.J. Kuhlmann arrived at the meeting.

7:47 PM

Mr. McEwen turned the meeting over to A. J. so he could talk about the gas leaks, there is a small leak that goes into the Science room. These are not as bad as originally thought to be, Thibault contractors will be here tomorrow so he should know more then. The complex has a bigger leak but they are thinking it might be smaller than originally thought it might be.

The Complex wrap was discussed, A. J. talked to Billy Davis and he had mentioned putting 3 foot of wainscoting around the bottom of the building, the estimate will cover this amount but there would be a \$200 - \$300 additional charge for the trim. A. J. had talked to Mr. McEwen about the color of the wainscoting, the tin will be white and the trim is green, they talked about red, the red may fade but it can be repainted. Marty Hanson mention the fact that the wainscoting would be easier and cheaper to replace than the tin. A. J. has talked to Joe Stansbury about an acrylic Redmen head rather that paint or vinyl, he doesn't have an estimate back from him on that at this time. He did tell Joe that it could be smaller as the one right now is 7 foot.

Tim Weltmer asked A. J. about the light at the west entrance into the Elementary school, A. J. said he wanted to talk to the teacher(s) that had asked so he would have a better idea what they are thinking. A. J. said it wouldn't be a problem getting it done and shouldn't cost very much to put in, he is thinking a dusk to dawn light that is already being used around the school. He will get in touch with the teachers that asked and will get the work done.

A. J. left the meeting.

8:03 PM

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Mr. McEwen talked a little bit about the Revenue Neutral Rate, he explained to the board we would know more when we had more numbers in the budget. He feels right now it would be better to go a little higher and not need the extra than go to low and need more, the board agreed. Mr. McEwen did let the board know that we plan to go to Topeka next week to review the budget and make sure the numbers look good.

Jessica Hawkins arrived at the meeting.

8:13 PM

ITEM 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Jessica Weltmer moved we go into Executive Session Personnel for 10 minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

8:25 PM

The board and Mr. McEwen remained in the meeting, Roberta Reinking and Ron Peterson left the meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

Jessica Weltmer moved we go into Executive Session Personnel for 10 minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

8:35 PM

Roberta Reinking left the closed meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

Jessica Weltmer moved we go into Executive Session Personnel for 10 minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

8:45 PM

Roberta Reinking left the closed meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

Jessica Weltmer moved we go into Executive Session Personnel for 10 minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

8:55 PM

Roberta Reinking left the closed meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

Jessica Weltmer moved we go into Executive Session Personnel for 10 minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:05 PM

Roberta Reinking left the closed meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

a. PERSONNEL ACTION

Jessica Hawkins made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Dayna Weltmer as high school boys'

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basketball coach and Jr. High girls' basketball coach, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

9:07 PM

b. APPROVAL OF ADDED SUPPLEMENTAL

Bob Dietz made a motion to accept the Supplemental positions as presented, Steve Overmiller the motion. The motion passed by a 6-1 vote, Tim Weltmer voting no.

9:10 PM

ITEM 14. EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS

Bob Dietz made a motion to go into Executive Session Negotiations for 10 minutes, Jessica Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:11 PM

The board and Mr. McEwen remained in the meeting, Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

Bob Dietz made a motion to go into Executive Session Negotiations for 5 minutes, Jessica Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:21 PM

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

9:26 PM

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to go into Executive Session Personnel for 2 minutes, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:35 PM

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to extend the Board Clerk Assistant contract for Barbara Wilson to December 31, working 24 hours a week, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:36 PM

ITEM 15. BOARD COMMENTS

Jessica Weltmer will not be here on August 9 for the board meeting.

ITEM 16. BOARD ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ITEM 17. ADJOURN

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to adjourn the board meeting, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:37 PM

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School Board Member Code of Ethics

Theron Haresnape

Theron Haresnape, President

Roberta Reinking

Roberta Reinking, Clerk

(NOT YET APPROVED BY THE BOARD)

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