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USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting

216 S. Jefferson, Smith Center, KS 66967

Board Minutes for Monday January 10, 2022

Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Theron Haresnape called the meeting to order.

7:00 PM

Present for the call to order, President Theron Haresnape, Jessica Weltmer, Bob Dietz, Steve Overmiller, Sara Pruden and Libby McDonald, not present for the meeting was Marty Hanson. Also present was Elementary Principal Michelle Stamm, Jr-Sr High Principal Greg Koelsch, Superintendent Dustin McEwen and Board Clerk Roberta Reinking. Monica Wagner, Mason Teselle and Nolan Lehmann here to represent the FFA department.

ITEM 2. OATH OF OFFICE

Oath of Office to reelected and new board members, the Oath of Office was signed by Theron Haresnape, Sara Pruden and Elizabeth McDonald.

7:01 PM

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bob Dietz move to approve the agenda, Jessica Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

7:02 PM

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

Reviewed the consensus items and no one had any questions.

Steve Overmiller made a motion to approve the consensus items, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

7:03 PM

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF 4 FFA STUDENTS ATTENDING MO WELDING INSTITUTE COMPETITION JANUARY 27TH IN NEVADA MO.

Nolan Lehmann and Mason Teselle requested the use of a vehicle and fuel to attend the Missouri Welding Institute Competition in Nevada Missouri on January 27th. Each attendee has the opportunity to receive a \$1,000 scholarship if they continue their education there. FFA has raised the money for the rooms and Monica will be the only sponsor that goes. Neither of the boys have attended this competition but feel it will be really good experience for them.

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Steve Overmiller made a motion to approve the use of a vehicle and fuel for the trip, Jessica Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **7:05 PM**

Monica Wagner, Mason Teselle and Nolan Lehmann left the meeting.

ITEM 6. PUBLIC FORUM

The parent that had requested to attend the meeting is sick and had to cancel.

ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL GOLF ASSISTANT FOR ALEX HOBELMANN

Alex is willing to be available to help with practice and go to meets as needed.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approve a co-coach for Alex with Greg, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **7:07 PM**

ITEM 8. SECOND READING KSDE BOARD POLICIES

Mr. McEwen went over what had changed and asked the board if they had any questions, the one there was a concern with was KGA Use of District Personal Property and Equipment. Jessica Weltmer felt maybe it needed a little bit different wording, she would like to see the administrators review and maybe redo the building usage contract. It was brought up that with the utilities going up and the budget going down maybe charge something to cover the utilities.

Jessica Weltmer approved all but KGA and wants to see it reviewed by March or April and make changes as needed, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **7:24 PM**

ITEM 9. REPORTS

Bob Dietz reported for NCKSEC Interlocal, he has not attended a meeting, the first one will be Monday. Mr. McEwen talked about Acellus and how the structure is changing, he feels like they are trying to leave out the smaller districts. There are other options that he would like to look into, he has talked to other superintendents as they also are looking into other options.

Greg Koelsch, Jr. Sr. High Principal, after the December board meeting, Greg received a call from the Kansas Travel and Tourism about the opportunity for Chansonaires to sing at the Home on the Range Cabin. It will be videotaped and looking into the possibility of having a drone also. This is very exciting for the district and a great opportunity for the kids.

Michelle Stamm, Elementary Principal, she apologized for not getting the report out before the packets went out, she is covering for music and is very short on time. The board asked her how it was going and her comment was "it's only been 3 days". The board members were very happy with how well the programs were, they felt the teachers, paras and the staff did an excellent job.

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Dustin McEwen, Superintendent, he will meet with the local providers tomorrow, January 11, to go over the new CDC guidelines for Covid. He has been working on the schedule for Teacher in-service January 17th, ESSER funds, and KESA. He plans to work with the staff on ways to use the ESSER II and ESSER III funds, as well as working on the ESSER III application. There was no remote learning to approve this month. Audit was started but because of the weather they weren't able to get it finished, rescheduled for February 9.

Jessica Weltmer left the meeting.

7:42-7:44 PM

Mr. MCEwen asked the board members about the Friday notes, they all really like them and feels like it keeps them involved between the board meetings.

ITEM 10. RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The board likes to have the election follow the fiscal school year and prefer to keep it that way.

Bob Dietz made a motion to leave the election in July as it has been in the past, Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

7:51 PM

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to go into Executive Session – Personnel for five (5) minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

7:52 PM

The board asked Mr. McEwen, Mr. Koelsch and Mrs. Stamm to stay for closed session.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

7:57 PM

ITEM 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION – STUDENT MATTERS

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to go into Executive Session – Student Matters for five (5) minutes, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

8:05 PM

The board asked Mr. McEwen and Mrs. Stamm to remain for the closed meeting.

Roberta Reinking and Greg Koelsch left the meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

8:10 PM

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to go into Executive Session – Student Matters for five (5) minutes, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

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Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

8:15 PM

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to go into Executive Session – Student Matters for five (5) minutes, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

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Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

8:20 PM

Bob Dietz made a motion to approve the out of district Pre-K student, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

8:21 PM

January is School Board Appreciation month, Mr. McEwen presented certificates to each of the current board members and thanked them for all they do.

Bob Dietz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

8:25 PM

....."it shall be my constant endeavor to devote time, thought and study to the duties and responsibilities of a school board member so that I may render effective and credible service....."

School Board Member Code of Ethics

Theron Haresnape, President

Roberta Reinking, Clerk

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