

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, November 12, 2018 7:00 PM Central

HS CONFERENCE ROOM
705 North 9th Street
Arlington, NE 68002-0580

John Neary: Present
Matt O'Daniel: Present
Bruce Scheer: Present
Jessi Scheer: Present
Luanne Sundberg: Present
Shanon Willmott: Present
Present: 6.

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Also present were Superintendent Lynn Johnson, High School Principal Aaron Pfingsten, High School AD/Assistant Principal James Shada, Elementary Principal Jacqueline Morgan, recording secretary Jenny Hansen.

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

1.4. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

Motion to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Jessi Scheer and a second by Bruce Scheer.

John Neary: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Bruce Scheer: Yea, Jessi Scheer: Yea, Luanne Sundberg: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

2. WELCOME TO GUESTS AND PUBLIC FORUM

Kathy Rhea spoke on her concerns that it is time to make a decision on the wrestling room and to tell the parents so that they can decide whether to opt their children elsewhere. She also expressed concern that the board should not have the same views. Divergent views creates better outcomes. She feels everybody here has to agree. She is concerned with who is representing us if everybody is thinking and doing the same.

3. REVIEW OF ANNUAL DISTRICT PLAN

Lynn Johnson briefly discussed the updates made this quarter and asked for any additional updates. The document tracks the district goals on a quarterly basis.

4. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

4.1. Mr. Pfingsten's Report

Aaron Pfingston highlighted his written report.

4.2. Mrs. Morgan's Report

Jacque Morgan highlighted her written report.

4.3. Mr. Shada's Report

James Shada highlighted his written report.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

5.1. ESU#3 Annual Report

Mrs. Johnson shared that our District annual report is pushed back as it contains information from the state that is embargoed until December 21st.

5.2. Enrollment Figures: PS-6 374; 7-12 332 Total 706

Mrs. Johnson reported that the format of the reports shared for enrollment will have a slightly different look this month. All board members agreed to keep using this new formatting.

5.3. Staffing Update

Mrs. Johnson reported that we have had one hire and one resignation in the non-certified area in October. Julie Fritz was hired as an elementary paraprofessional and Faye Arthur resigned as an elementary paraprofessional.

6. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

6.1. Americanism/Education Evaluation

6.2. Buildings and Grounds Committee

Bruce Scheer reviewed the written report.

6.3. Finance Committee

Matt O'Daniel reviewed the written report.

6.4. Negotiations Committee

Matt O'Daniel reviewed the written report.

6.5. NASB Legislative Representative

6.6. Professional Development Sharing

The board discussed attendance at the state conference.

6.6.1. NASB Monthly Highlight

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to purchase a scoreboard for the baseball field.

Motion to approve the purchase of a new score board for the baseball field in the amount of \$18,173.61 as presented Passed with a motion by John Neary and a second by Bruce Scheer.

John Neary: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Bruce Scheer: Yea, Jessi Scheer: Yea, Luanne Sundberg: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

The board expressed their appreciation to Two Rivers Bank and McKinnis roofing for their generous donations.

7.2. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to lease offices at the bus barn to Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Motion to approve the lease agreement which leases office space at the bus barn to Washington County Board of Supervisors as presented Passed with a motion by Matt O'Daniel and a second by Bruce Scheer.

John Neary: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Bruce Scheer: Yea, Jessi Scheer: Yea, Luanne Sundberg: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

After some discussion the board agreed that this is a positive situation for the school district, the community and Washington County.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to approve the resignation of Superintendent Johnson.

Motion to accept the resignation of Superintendent Johnson at end of contract terms Passed with a motion by Jessi Scheer and a second by John Neary.

John Neary: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Bruce Scheer: Yea, Jessi Scheer: Yea, Luanne Sundberg: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

Mrs. Johnson shared words of thanks to the community and board members expressed their gratitude for her service. Mrs. Johnson has collectively spent 31 years with APS and has a total of 36 professional years in education.

8.2. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action in determining the process and/or search firms to be used in hiring a new superintendent.

Motion to enter into an agreement with McPherson and Jacobson search firm for the purpose of hiring a superintendent Passed with a motion by Matt O'Daniel and a second by Jessi Scheer.

John Neary: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Bruce Scheer: Yea, Jessi Scheer: Yea, Luanne Sundberg: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

The board reviewed proposals from three search firms and after much discussion decided to enter a contract with McPherson Jacobsen based upon the breadth of their experience, the fact that they are a neutral entity and past positive experience with the firm.

8.3. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to enact a resolution that recognizes the lease purchase of computers.

Motion to approve a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a master governmental lease with Lease Finance Group to lease computers Passed with a motion by Jessi Scheer and a second by Bruce Scheer.

John Neary: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Bruce Scheer: Yea, Jessi Scheer: Yea, Luanne Sundberg: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

8.4. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to enter into an MOU with the Washington County Public Safety Communications Agency to undertake the discounted purchase of radio devices for the district.

Motion to approve entering into the memorandum of understanding with Washington County Public Safety Communications Agency to purchase radio devices at a cost savings to the district Passed with a motion by Bruce Scheer and a second by Matt O'Daniel.

John Neary: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Bruce Scheer: Yea, Jessi Scheer: Yea, Luanne Sundberg: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

The board expressed intention to continue use of radio communications and this purchasing mechanism affords us the best price to make necessary and required equipment upgrades.

8.5. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to approve the purchase of radio subscriber devices through the Washington County Public Safety Communications Agency.

Motion to approve the purchase of 14 APX1500 Mobiles, 1 APS4500 Control Station, 2 APX 900 portable radios for \$44,495.81 and flash upgrades to two radios for \$924.18. Passed with a motion by Jessi Scheer and a second by John Neary.

John Neary: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Bruce Scheer: Yea, Jessi Scheer: Yea, Luanne Sundberg: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

8.6. Discuss, Consider and Review Policy 5417 School Wellness.

Mrs. Johnson shared that as per law, this policy must be reviewed. Matt O'Daniel asked for patron comments and board comments. No comments were received.

8.7. Discuss, Consider and Review Policies 4013-4141.

During this discussion, all mentioned policies were reviewed by board members. Mrs. Johnson recommended changing Policy 4133 to reflect current practice, board agreed. She also recommended adopting a policy addressing board members as employees and provided sample policy. The board agreed to review proposed policy again in December.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Matt O'Daniel and a second by Jessi Scheer.

John Neary: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Bruce Scheer: Yea, Jessi Scheer: Yea, Luanne Sundberg: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

9.1. Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting(s): October 8, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

9.2. Monthly Financial Reports

Mrs. Johnson shared that we changed formats of the financials and the board agreed that it seemed sufficient and easier to read.

9.3. Approve staffing - hiring of Julie Fritz and resignation of Faye Arthur

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

Matt O'Daniel adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

