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UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 412  
SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 412 met for their regular meeting on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Central Administrative Office in Hoxie, Kansas.

PRESENT WERE

BOARD MEMBERS:

Stacey Heim, Michael Bretz, Lola Baalman, Billi Beckman, Devan Castle,  
Leonard Weber, Margery Haas

SUPERINTENDENT:

Jim Howard

CLERK:

Mandy Shipley

TREASURER:

Diane Stithem

PRINCIPALS:

Gary Johnson

GUESTS:

Tom Feldt, Casey Johnson, Erika Chandler, Joel Kuchera, Rachel Farber,  
Viktorija Briggs, Jeremy Messner, Dave Perry

ABSENT:

Lola Baalman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Board and all in attendance recited the flag salute.

Lola Baalman and Jim Howard presented Stacey Heim with plaque's commemorating 12 years of service on the USD #412 Board of Education. The district's new board member will take her seat the second Monday of January, 2018.

Brad Weese entered the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Viktorija Briggs, Rachel Farber, and Brad Weese left the meeting at 7:03 PM.

The Transportation/Maintenance report was moved to Communications to the Board and item G, a discussion about lighting at the High School, was added to New Business.

The agenda for the Board meeting was approved as amended (Haas/Beckman 7-0).

The Board recognized the visitors present.

Tom Feldt introduced Dave Perry with Kansas Truck and Jeremy Messner with Midwest Bus sales.

Both men gave a presentation on their companies and went over the activity bus bids provided to the Board prior to the meeting. They also answered questions pertaining to the specifications of the buses and the purchasing process.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:28 PM to discuss the potential purchase of an activity bus pursuant to the exception for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, and Gary Johnson present, returning to open session at 7:43 PM in the BOE room (Heim/Weber 7-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:45 PM to discuss the potential purchase of an activity bus pursuant to the exception for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, Gary Johnson, Tom Feldt, Jeremy Messner, and Dave Perry present, returning to open session at 8:00 PM in the BOE room (Heim/Weber 7-0).

Jeremy Messner and Dave Perry exited the executive session and left the meeting at 7:55 PM.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:01 PM to discuss the potential purchase of an activity bus pursuant to the exception for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships under KOMA for 10 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, Gary Johnson and Tom Feldt present, returning to open session at 8:11 PM in the BOE room (Heim/Weber 7-0).

Tom Feldt provided the Board with an update on the claim for hail damage to the roof and buildings.

Tom Feldt left the meeting at 8:12 PM.

The Board reviewed the remaining communications including a thank you letter from State Board Representative Sally Cauble and a letter of interest from The Hoxie Times.

The current bills were approved as presented (Haas/Weber 7-0).

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented (Heim/Beckman 7-0).

Jim Howard and Gary Johnson reviewed the activity funds for the Hoxie Grade School and Hoxie JR/SR High for the month of November.

The activity funds for the Hoxie Grade School and Hoxie JR/SR High School were approved as presented (Haas/Weber 7-0).

The Monthly Budget Summary was approved as presented (Castle/Heim 7-0).

The minutes from the November 13, 2017 Regular Board meeting were approved as presented (Weber/Haas 7-0).

Jim Howard recommended that the Board goals be addressed and revitalized at the January Board meeting. Lola Baalman reviewed the Board goals and then listened to suggestions from the Board about goal setting in January.

The Board moved to approve the bid from Hoxie Ag & Radiator for the purchase of the remaindered 2000 IHC Bluebird Bus for \$1,011 and the bid from Allie Repair for the purchase of the remaindered 1987 Chevrolet Suburban for \$355.50 (Haas/Castle 7-0).

The Board took a break at 8:31 PM and returned to open session at 8:36 PM.

The Superintendent Evaluation was tabled to the end of the meeting, after New Business, so that the remaining visitors could leave the meeting at an earlier time.

Jim Howard shared his principals' report for Hoxie Grade School. He discussed enrollment and also gave an overview of various events including the Skate Board Science and Soil Conservation assemblies that had taken place at the Grade School since the last Board meeting.

Gary Johnson shared his principals' report for Hoxie JR/SR High. He discussed winter sports and activities and reported that the JR/SR High students were currently taking the winter MAP tests.

Leonard Weber provided the minutes of the latest NKESC Board meeting for review.

Margery Haas did not present a legislative update.

Jim Howard shared the technology report. He stated that the technology committee had selected the device that will be used for one to one at the high school next year, and had the device at the meeting for the Board to physically review. He also discussed various repairs done mainly at the High School and our monthly visit from Denton George.

The Board reviewed the Food Service Report and asked questions about when and how to eat lunch with the students when the Holiday meal is served on Friday, December 15, 2017.

Jim Howard presented his Superintendent's report. He discussed the Council of Superintendents meeting he attended, the KASB Annual Conference, gave an update on the new accreditation model, KESA, and provided the Board with his walkthrough data. He also commended the football team on their state victory and gave his thoughts on the assembly that took place the week after.

The Board moved to approve Board Policy update BCBK (Beckman/Weber 7-0).

Diane Stithem left the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Jim Howard began a discussion concerning the JH/SH principal search. It was decided to enter into executive session to discuss the candidates, so the remaining visitors were given the opportunity to leave the meeting.

Joel Kuchera, Casey Johnson, and Erika Chandler left the meeting at 9:06 PM.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:07 PM to discuss the candidates for JH/SH principal search pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 25 minutes with the Board, Gary Johnson, and Jim Howard present, returning to open session at 9:32 PM in the BOE room (Weber/Beckman 7-0).

The Board moved to approve Jackie Campbell as Junior Class Sponsor and Junior High Scholars Bowl Sponsor for the 2017-2018 school year (Castle/Haas 7-0).

A discussion was held concerning the lighting around the outside of the JH/SH building. The concerns were noted and the Administration will check with Tom Feldt and report back to the Board at a later date.

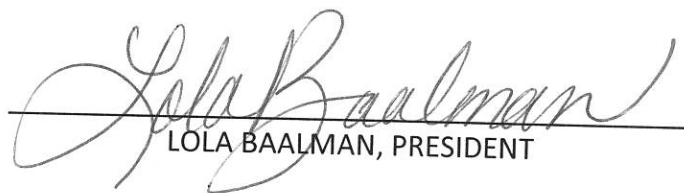
Gary Johnson left the meeting at 9:37 PM.

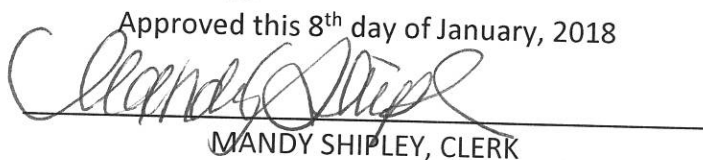
The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:38 PM to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board only, returning to open session at 9:53 in the BOE room (Weber/Heim 7-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:54 PM to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 5 minutes with the Board and Jim Howard present, returning to open session at 9:59 in the BOE room (Weber/Heim 7-0).

Stacey Heim shared some final thoughts and words of wisdom with the Board about her vision for both the school and community moving forward.

Lola Baalman adjourned the meeting at 10:01 PM.

  
LOLA BAALMAN, PRESIDENT

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018  
  
MANDY SHIPLEY, CLERK