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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, September 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Central Administrative Office in Hoxie, Kansas.

PRESENT WERE

BOARD MEMBERS:	Leonard Weber, Michael Bretz, Billi Beckman, Devan Castle, Margery Haas, Reba White
SUPERINTENDENT:	Jim Howard
CLERK:	Mandy Shipley
TREASURER:	Diane Stithem
PRINCIPALS:	Mark Wildeman
GUESTS:	Taylor Heim, Christy Heim, Peggy Eland, Lucas Burmeister
ABSENT:	Lola Baalman

Billi Beckman called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

The Board and all in attendance recited the flag salute.

The agenda for the Board meeting was approved as presented (Weber/Haas 6-0).

Lola Baalman entered the meeting at 7:03 PM.

The Board recognized the visitors present.

The Board reviewed communications which included information about the KASB Convention in December and a thank you card from Gayle Tacha for the plant in memory of her father.

Taylor Heim with Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball presented the 2017-18 Fiscal Audit Report. The Board approved the Audit Report as presented (White/Castle 7-0).

Taylor Heim left the meeting at 7:13 PM.

Ed Weiner entered the meeting at 7:13 PM.

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

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

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

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

The minutes from the August 13, 2018 Regular Board meeting were approved as presented (White/Haas 7-0).

The minutes from the August 20, 2018 Special Board meeting (Budget Hearing) were approved as presented (Baalman/White 7-0).

A discussion was held on whether or not to move forward with painting the 2016 Yellow Thomas Activity Bus to match the new activity bus received in August. The prior bid from Kansas Truck, approved earlier in the year, was no longer valid due to an unforeseen increase in cost above the approved amount.

Lola Baalman made a motion to accept the bid from Body Worx out of Kearney Nebraska for the paint job but the motion failed (Baalman/Haas 3-4).

The Board would like to see if any more bids are received prior to the next Board meeting, and will readdress the topic as needed.

Jim Howard shared his principals' report for Hoxie Grade School. He discussed new and exited students since the last meeting, the BLT meeting that took place earlier in the day, and events and projects currently in progress or planned for the near future. Some of those include writing a local grant to the Sheridan County Community Foundation for continued playground improvements including a GAGA pit, paint and stencils for games to be placed on the concrete, trash cans, and signs. Others projects include Grow Kits, spearheaded by Mrs. Carter, character building lessons and exercises designed for students with use of the book "Take it from Me" by Bill Snyder, with a special thanks to Mrs. Aumiller for the idea, and Art projects including the goal tree in the front hallway, painted by Kristin Johnson, stenciling around the building, and a potential mural painted by the students on the north white wall outside in the playground area.

Mark Wildeman shared his principal's report for Hoxie JR/SR High. He touched on exited students and upcoming professional leave for staff. He also provided the board with enrollment numbers for students taking dual credit classes through Northwest Kansas Technical College, and the number of students taking online courses through Colby Community College. He also shared participation numbers for fall sports and activities. He gave the Board a brief run-down of activities planned for Homecoming week, and mentioned that Mr. Baar was searching for additional games for the high school JV-C volleyball team. He was able to add a game for that team on September 24th at Hill City, the same night as JV football at the same location, with the time TBA. He also notified them of two calendar changes. One on October 8th; The high school JV football game was re-scheduled to a home game versus St. Francis, since Atwood could not field enough

players for a JV game, and NO SCHOOL for ALL students PreK-12 on Monday, October 15th, since the school is host to the Junior High NWKL A team tournament that day, with play scheduled to begin in both gyms at 10 AM.

Leonard Weber gave a brief update on the most recent NKESC Board Meeting and copies of the latest meeting minutes were provided to the Board.

Margery Haas did not have a legislative update.

Jim Howard shared the technology report. He informed the Board that the student laptops have been successful, with most issues so far being addressed in a timely manner. He gave them an update on additional items purchased for year three of the technology plan, and provided a copy of the monthly report from K12itc for their review. He also informed them of an increase in Title IVA funding this year, that will help offset some costs of technology needs for the district. The technology committee will meet on September 26th and start planning for year four, elementary one-to-one.

The Board reviewed the Food Service Report.

Jim Howard shared his Superintendent's report. He discussed events in the district since the last regular Board meeting, including a presentation from the Kansas Commissioner of Education, Randy Watson, on September 4th. He shared a bid proposal for a new phone system from Nex-tech, and noted that this was not an immediate need, but would need to be addressed in the next 3 years, as the system is dated and starting to have more problems as time progresses. He also shared a bid for a new camera system at the JR/SR High, an item on the agenda for discussion under New Business. Lastly, he reviewed MAP testing data from the fall testing cycle, and compared it to the first testing cycle administered in the fall of 2016. The data has improved overall which is a testament to academic progress district wide.

Diane Stithem left the meeting at 8:25 PM.

The Board moved to appoint Michael Bretz and Devan Castle to review the new board policies (Weber/White 7-0). Policy reviews/recommendations and the approval and adoption of policy changes will take place in the October meeting.

The Board moved to appoint Devan Castle to the sick leave bank committee for the 2018-19 school year (Haas/White 7-0).

Ed Weiner presented a report on where the district stands with career cruising and answered questions from the Board about other counseling related events and opportunities.

Ed Weiner left the meeting at 8:41 PM.

The Board held a brief discussion on charging for facilities usage and came to a consensus that they would like to keep things as they are, and not charge outside groups and community members fees for usage of the facilities.

Jim Howard and Mark Wildeman presented the Board with five goals, narrowed down from prior meetings for their consideration.

The Board moved to approve three goals from the list provided; 1) All Employees will receive effective evaluations that reflect their actual performance, 2) Guidance department and pathways will be developed to bring all USD 412 students success in our district 3) Technology will be developed to complement student learning (Bretz/Weber 7-0).

The Board held a brief discussion concerning the security camera bid presented to them by Mark Wildeman.

The Board moved to approve the Security Camera bid from G&H Computer Services, LLC (Castle/White 7-0).

The Board took a break at 8:57 PM and returned to open session at 9:03 PM

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:04 PM to discuss individual employee performance, resignations, and new hires pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, and Mark Wildeman present, returning to open session at 9:19 PM in the BOE room (Haas/White 7-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:20 PM to discuss individual employee performance, resignations, and new hires pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 5 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, and Mark Wildeman present, returning to open session at 9:25 PM in the BOE room (Haas/White 7-0).

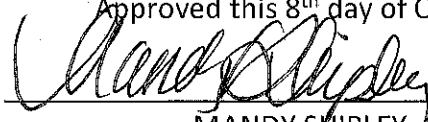
The Board moved to approve the full time hire of Miranda Marez-Scanlon as paraprofessional, and the part time hire of Alex Harris, Andrea Ziegler, and Alecyia Boese as teacher's aid (Baalman/Haas 7-0).

Billi Beckman adjourned the meeting at 9:24 PM.



BILLI BECKMAN, PRESIDENT

Approved this 8th day of October, 2018



MANDY SHIPLEY, CLERK