## James Howard, Superintendent



# HOXIE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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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, February 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Central Administrative Office in Hoxie, Kansas.

PRESENT WERE

**BOARD MEMBERS:** 

Michael Bretz, Billi Beckman, Devan Castle, Margery Haas, Reba White, Lola

Baalman

ABSENT:

Leonard Weber

SUPERINTENDENT:

Jim Howard

CLERK:

Mandy Shipley

PRINCIPAL:

Mark Wildeman

**GUESTS:** 

Casey Johnson, Kendra Amos, Erika Carter, Dalene Oelke, Gerald Rahier, Molly

Rahier, Jaylen Herl, Ty Fenner

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 amended, with the addition of item (f) under the Opening, Transportation/Maintenance Report and item (g) under New Business, Executive Session for Matters Affecting a Student (Bretz/White 6-0).

The Board recognized the visitors present.

Communications to the Board were reviewed and included thank you cards and Read & Run t-shirt forms.

Casey Johnson and three of her fourth grade students gave a presentation on becoming a published author, as part of a new item on the agenda called "Best Practices." Mrs. Johnson introduced the topic and each student shared information on each step of the process. Copies of the book were provided for the Board to look at as each student read their page in the book. The kids did a great job and were applauded by all in attendance.

Casey Johnson, Gerald Rahier, Molly Rahier, Jaylen Herl, and Ty Fenner left the meeting at 7:10 PM.

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The Board then reviewed bids and proposals for spring and summer projects for Transportation and Maintenance. They had a few questions for Tom Feldt who was not in attendance, so they requested his presence at the next meeting so that he could answer them.

The Board moved to approve the consent agenda as presented (Haas/White 6-0). Casey Johnson reentered the meeting at 7:16 PM.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:17 PM to discuss fall coaching contracts pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 10 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, and Mark Wildeman present, returning to open session at 7:27 PM in the BOE room (Baalman/Haas 6-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:28 PM to discuss fall coaching contracts 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 7:33 PM in the BOE room (Baalman/Haas 6-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:34 PM to discuss fall coaching contracts 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 7:39 PM in the BOE room (Baalman/Haas 6-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:40 PM to discuss fall coaching contracts 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 7:45 PM in the BOE room (Baalman/Haas 6-0).

The Board moved to approve the fall coaching list as presented (Bretz/White 6-0).

The Board reviewed their goals.

- 1. All employees will receive effective evaluations that reflect their actual performance.
  - Teacher evaluations for both buildings and the JH/HS principal evaluation were available but were reviewed in executive session later in the meeting.
- 2. Technology will be developed to complement student learning
  - Jim Howard delivered the technology report. He reviewed insurance and warranty claims, discussed issues that Denton has been addressing on the Friday's he's in the district, and gave them an update on the new phone system.
- 3. The Guidance Department will be developed to assist all students to have success in our District.
  - The Board reviewed a report provided by Tennille Giancola with an update on progress with this goal.

Jim Howard shared his Principal's report for Hoxie Grade School. He discussed enrollment and exits, and also events at the Grade School since the last Board meeting including the BLT meeting that took place earlier in the day, Ameritown training for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers as well as himself, The African Drum and Dance and Mask of Deception assemblies, the book fair, family fun night, and the read and run kickoff. He also announced that the Grade School had decided to move Parent/Teacher conferences from Monday,

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March 2, 2020 back to Tuesday, March 17, 2020. A message will be sent to parents/patrons closer to the date of the calendar change.

Casey Johnson left the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Mark Wildeman shared his Principal's report for Hoxie JR/SR High. He updated them on High School Library improvements, assemblies held over vaping and identity protection/predators on social media, and progress with the newly formed Courtyard Committee. He announced that Hoxie would host the 2020 MCL High School Volleyball tournament to be held on Thursday October 15, 2020 and Saturday October 17, 2020. He also shared results of the High School MCL basketball tournament, and gave an update on the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge, letting them know that we currently have 8 students participating.

Devan Castle gave a brief report on the latest NKESC meeting and minutes from the meeting were provided.

Margery Haas gave a brief legislative update.

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 which included the City Meeting he attended, Superintendents Council in Topeka and Oakley, teacher in-service, and a follow up on the community day care project. There was discussion on this topic and with the Board and Mr. Howard will continue to look at and get information on all possibilities moving forward. He also shared the news that astronaut Nick Hague will be unable to come to Hoxie in May as originally planned due to an unexpected conflict with his job with the US Air Force. Hopefully, when that assignment is fulfilled, Mr. Howard can work with NASA about rescheduling. He concluded his report by informing the Board that he had been accepted into the Leadership of Tomorrow program through KASB, which is a great honor for him and a great representation of Hoxie.

The Board moved to authorize the Clerk of the Board to destroy fiscal records for school year 2013-2014 and payroll records for calendar year 2014 pursuant to K.S.A. 72-5369 and 72-5370 (Castle/White 6-0).

The Board moved to approve the 2020-2021 One Page Calendar as presented (Baalman/Haas 6-0). The calendar will be posted on the district website and contains basic information such as first and last day of school, teacher work days/in-service and holiday breaks.

Dalene Oelke, Kendra Amos, and Erika Carter left the meeting at 8:30 PM.

The Board took a break at 8:31 PM and returned to open session at 8:37 PM.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:38 PM to discuss the JH/HS principal evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 37 minutes with the Board and Jim Howard present, returning to open session at 9:15 PM in the BOE room (Castle/White 6-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:16 PM to discuss individual employee performance, resignations, and new hires pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 1 hour and 5

minutes with the Board, Jim Howard and Mark Wildeman present, returning to open session at 10:21 PM in the BOE room (Bretz/White 6-0).

The Board moved to transfer Bailey Jurek from 5th Grade teacher to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher for the 2020-2021 school year (Baalman/Bretz 6-0).

The Board moved to approve the hiring of Billi Wilson as Elementary Title 1 teacher for the 2020-2021 school year (Bretz/Castle 6-0).

The Board moved to approve the hiring of Carly Spresser as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher for the 2020-2021 school year (Baalman/Haas 6-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 10:26 PM to discuss a student concern pursuant to the matters affecting a student exception under KOMA for 6 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, and Mark Wildeman present, returning to open session at 10:32 PM in the BOE room (Bretz/Haas 6-0).

Billi Beckman adjourned the meeting at 10:33 PM.

BILLI BECKMAN, PRESIDENT

Approved this 9th day of March, 2020

MANDY SHIPLEY, CLERK