

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held in August 21, 2017 at the Unified District Office. Those present were Rosemary Neaderhiser, Jeremiah Van Doren, Juanita Morris, Ray Swearingen and Lorraine Pecenka: Administrators Steven Kimmi, Curtis Nightingale and Craig Gantenbein, Superintendent Fred Van Ranken, Clerk Cindy Regnier and three visitors.

Vice President Rosemary Neaderhiser called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting was adopted. Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren, seconded by Juanita Morris. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Lorraine Pecenka. Motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of July 17, 2017 and expense checks 57452 through 57507 in the amount of \$184,801.77.

Tracy Piepho presented a report on the 2017 summer basketball program. Jeremiah Van Doren moved to approve the program for 2018. Seconded by Ray Swearingen. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Van Ranken publicly commended Ray Swearingen for his work with the concrete for the new bleachers.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren to approve the attendance or denial of out-of district students as recommended by the principals. Seconded by Juanita Morris. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren to approve the request for part time student attendance at Bennington High School. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Vote 3-2 with Morris and Swearingen opposed. Motion not carried due to lack of quorum vote.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren that the board enter into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel, inviting high school principals to attend. Seconded by Ray Swearingen. Motion carried 5-0. The board went into executive session at 7:25 p.m.

The board reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren that the board reenter executive session for 10 minutes with high school principals in attendance. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 5-0. The board entered executive session at 7:35 p.m.

The board reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to approve the proposed salary split in FFA sponsorship with the understanding that Mr. Luthi is designated as the head sponsor. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 4-1, Neaderhiser opposed.

A work session was scheduled for September 11, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to discuss Kansas Can Redesign.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren that the district interview and hire a ½ time para for Pre K at Bennington to accommodate increased enrollment and to stay within the parameters of the grant. Seconded by Juanita Morris. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen that the board enter executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. The board went into executive session at 8:10 p.m.

The board reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Rani Pecenka left the room.

Ray Swearingen moved that the classified salaries be approved as presented. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 4-0.

Rani Pecenka returned to the meeting. Ray Swearingen left the room.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren that certified salaries be approved as presented. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 4-0.

Ray Swearingen returned to the meeting.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren to approve the hiring of Tom Ehlers as transportation supervisor at Tescott and approve the hiring of co-National Honor Society Sponsors, Janet Castillo and Rachel Ehlers at Tescott. Seconded by Ray Swearingen. Motion carried 5-0.

Vice President Rosemary Neaderhiser adjourned the meeting.