

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on February 22, 2021 at the Unified District Office. Those present were Rosemary Neaderhiser, Juanita Morris, Jeremiah Van Doren, Ray Swearingen, Rani Pecenka, Warren McDougal and Robert Miller; Administrators Craig Gantenbein, Steven Kimmi and Curtis Nightingale; Superintendent Pam Irwin, Clerk Cindy Regnier and 3 guests.

President Juanita Morris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting was adopted with one addition. Motion by Robert Miller, seconded by Ray Swearingen. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to adopt the consent agenda, approval of January 18, 2021 minutes, and checks 62693 through 62795 totaling \$71,797.97. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 7-0.

Representatives from McGowan Gordon presented their findings on possible renovations or additions and estimated costs. Motion by Rosemary Neaderhiser to allow the superintendent to procure a Construction Management At-Risk firm for a possible future project. Seconded by Warren McDougal. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren to cease all compulsory temperature checks per the recommendation of the Ottawa County Health Dept. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 6-1, Neaderhiser opposed.

Motion by Warren McDougal to approve moving forward with the application process for the Ks Advocates for Equity, Education and Health Grant. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Robert Miller to approve the acceptance of the Patterson Family Grant for COVID related purposes. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to approve the early release of students for track meets on 4/1/21, 4/26/21, 5/4/21 and 5/6/21 at Tescott schools and on 3/26/21, 4/22/21 and 5/14/21 at Bennington schools. Seconded by Rosemary Neaderhiser. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren to approve the 2021-2022 calendar as presented. Seconded by Rosemary Neaderhiser. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren to approve the facility use request of Lincoln USD 298. Seconded by Rosemary Neaderhiser. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to approve out-of-district requests as recommended by principals. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 7-0.

The board discussed Continuous Improvement.

Motion by Robert Miller that the board enter executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Warren McDougal. Motion carried 7-0. The board entered executive session at 10:05 p.m.

The board reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

Motion by Robert Miller that the board enter executive session for 10 minutes to discuss negotiations. Seconded by Warren McDougal. Motion carried 7-0. The board entered executive session at 10:15 p.m.

The board reconvened at 10:25 p.m.

Motion by Warren McDougal to approve the hiring of Kylie McKinney as BGS Elementary Instructor, and the transfer of Linda Rickman to District art instructor effective with the 21-22 school year, and the hiring of Jennifer Bartlett as BHS Asst. Track coach, and Ken Woodward and Jerid Arnold on a split contract for BHS asst. Baseball coaches effective immediately. Seconded by Rosemary Neaderhiser. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Warren McDougal to extend contracts to the three principals through the 22-23 school year. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Rosemary Neaderhiser that the board enter executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel without Superintendent Irwin present. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 7-0. The board entered executive session at 10:30 p.m.

The board reconvened at 10:35 p.m.

President Juanita Morris adjourned the meeting.

Cindy Regnier  
Clerk of the Board