

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on November 15, 2021 at the Unified District Office. Those present were Jeff Shamburg, Juanita Morris, Robert Miller, Ray Swearingen, Rani Pecenka and Warren McDougal; Administrators Craig Gantenbein, Steven Kimmi and Clay Mettlen; Superintendent Pam Irwin, Clerk Cindy Regnier and 13 guests.

President Juanita Morris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting was adopted as amended. Motion by Ray Swearingen, seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to adopt the consent agenda, approval of October 18, 2021, checks 63869 through 63974 totaling \$273,912.17 and out of district requests as recommended by principals. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 6-0.

The board recognized student athletes from Bennington High School, Thayne Trout and Ashlyn Harbaugh for outstanding performance at State Cross Country.

The superintendent recognized those who worked on the recent bond election with special thanks to Darren Irwin, Tammy and Rob Jilka, Rosemary Neaderhiser, Kriston Phelps and the USD 240 Board of Education.

Steve Shogren of Stiefel Financial presented a plan for the upcoming sale of bonds. Motion by Ray Swearingen to adopt resolution 11-5-21 authorizing the Offering for Sale of General School Building Bonds Series 2022 by USD 240. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Warren McDougal to approve the purchase of a vehicle, primarily to be used by the Parents as Teachers program, with administrator and AD access. Seconded by Jeff Shamburg. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Warren McDougal to accept the grant funds from the Patterson Foundation. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Jeff Shamburg to accept the gift of a bench in honor of Janice Schmidt. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Warren McDougal to approve the facilities use requests as presented. Seconded by Jeff Shamburg. Motion carried 6-0.

The superintendent announced the receipt of KSDE Star Recognition Awards, specifically the Commissioner's Bronze Award for postsecondary effectiveness, the Copper Award for student academic preparation for high school graduation and the Bronze Award for Graduation numbers.

The board discussed Continuous Improvement and academic data.

The board discussed a possible addition of BHS Golf with AD Jason Feil. More information will be acquired.

Motion by Robert Miller that the board enter executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel and student information. Seconded by Jeff Shamburg. Motion carried 6-0. The board entered executive session at 9:40 p.m.

The board reconvened at 9:50 p.m. Motion by Jeff Shamburg to approve the hiring of Shana Watson as BJH cheerleading sponsor and Dustin Murk as BJH Wrestling Coach. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Warren McDougal to approve the list of students who have exceeded the 40 hour rule to temporarily attend school through remote learning as presented. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 6-0.

President Juanita Morris adjourned the meeting.

Cindy Regnier
Clerk of the Board