

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on December 13, 2021 at the Unified District Office. Those present were Juanita Morris, Rani Pecenka, Warren McDougal, Jeremiah Van Doren; Administrators Craig Gantenbein, Steven Kimmi and Clay Mettlen; Superintendent Pam Irwin, Clerk Cindy Regnier and 5 guests. Robert Miller participated in the meeting by Zoom.

President Juanita Morris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting was adopted. Motion by Rani Pecenka, seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Warren McDougal to adopt the consent agenda, approval of November 15, 2021 minutes,, checks 63975 through 64109 totaling \$147,253.76 and out of district requests as recommended by principals. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 5-0.

The board recognized Jaxon Lovendahl, student at Bennington High School with a Civic Engagement Award. The board also recognized Warren McDougal in appreciation for his 8 years of service to the board of education.

Motion by Warren McDougal to adopt the resolution as presented to allow an account to be established with the Pooled Money Investment Board for the purpose of bond fund deposits. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Warren McDougal to adopt the proposed change in the professional development and P/T Conference Comp days on the 21-22 school calendar and to approve the early release days at Tescott campus for hosted track meets. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 5-0.

Ray Swearingen arrived at 6:55 p.m.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between USD 240 and KSU Rural Professional Development School. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to support the proposed protocol for in house COVID testing supported by the KDHE Grant. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Warren McDougal to approve staff attendance at the proposed out-of-state conferences. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren to remove documentation of schedules from the student handbooks to allow administration to make adjustments to the schedules. Seconded by Ray Swearingen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to approve the facilities use requests as presented. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 6-0.

The board discussed Continuous Improvement and SEL Curriculum.

Motion by Warren McDougal that the board enter executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Rani Peceka. Motion carried 6-0. The board entered executive session at 9:02 p.m.

The board reconvened at 9:32 p.m. Motion by Warren McDougal that the board re-enter executive session for 50 minutes to continue discussing personnel. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. The board entered executive session at 9:32 p.m.

The board reconvened at 10:22 p.m. Motion by Rani Pecenka to accept the retirement resignations of Debra Aksamit and Jill Werner effective at the end of the 21-22 school year, to approve the hiring of Rebekah Farmer as Title I Aid at BGS, and to approve the list of students who've exceeded the 40 hour rule to temporarily attend school through remote learning. Seconded by Ray Swearingen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to extend Superintendent Irwin's contract through the 2023-24 school year. Seconded by Warren McDougal. Motion carried 6-0.

President Juanita Morris adjourned the meeting.

Cindy Regnier
Clerk of the Board