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Regular Meeting
 Board of Education
 Unified School District #211
 May 14, 2018
 7:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education USD 211, was called to order at 7:30pm at the Alice Tweed Center, 105 E. Waverly, Norton, Kansas, by Craig Renner, President. Six members were present so a quorum was declared.

Call to Order
 Quorum

MEMBERS PRESENT:
 Craig Renner, President
 Bill Jones
 Chris Harting
 April Karnopp
 Jennifer Miller
 Deena Wentz

OTHERS PRESENT:
 Phil Wilson - Superintendent
 Gina Riley - Clerk
 Corey Roy - Principal
 Dustin McEwen - Principal
 Rudy Perez - Principal
 Kelli Perez – NTA Rep
 Erin Manning – Technology Dept. Rep.
 Jill Lively – NJHS Kay Sponsor
 Keith Hauser – Technology Director
 Lucas Melvin – Teacher/Coach
 George Rossi – Teacher/Coach
 Jeremy Hawks – Wellness Director
 Joan Bolt – EES Physical Ed. Teacher
 Students and Parents – See attached list.

MEMBERS ABSENT:
 Sean Kats, Vice President

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to approve the consent agenda as revised, moving items 12A and 14 to follow item 7 on the agenda for May 14, 2018. Motion carried 6-0. Approved in the consent agenda were agenda for May 14, 2018, as revised; the minutes for the regular meeting of April 9, 2018; and monthly bills, transfers, and payroll. Bills and payroll approved for payment total:

Consent
 Agenda

	PAYROLL	BILLS
	Apr & May	
General Fund	\$ 704,875.91	\$ 10,962.74
Construction Fund		6,651.00
CTE	17,466.79	2,103.71
Capital Outlay		1,788.80
Food Service	38,320.41	28,808.83
Title I	17,402.80	15.00
Special Education	19,228.03	128,340.46
At-Risk	33,273.78	
Professional Development		318.65
Supplemental General	35,143.50	69,913.10
Title II-A	107.75	2,679.45
Contingency		26,451.00
Gifts & Grants		1,580.59
	\$ 865,818.97	\$ 279,613.33

During the public forum, Lucas Melvin, speaking on behalf of District 211 coaches, asked the board for permission to use district transportation for summer team activities and/or camps, requesting an allowance of one time for each sport.

Comments
from Public

Supt. Wilson informed the board that the district had its first outside visitation team visit for the new curriculum requirements under KESA and that he felt the visit went very well. This new program allows them to observe what other schools are doing so they can learn from each other. He and Mr. Hawks will be visiting Oberlin as part of their outside visitation team this week. Mr. Wilson reminded the board of the special meeting on May 23rd, to discuss board of education goals for the future for our students, culture, facilities, and other items. He is also working on getting some estimates for some much needed improvements at the auditorium, which may or may not be feasible at this time.

Supt. Report

NJHS KAYS Sponsor, Jill Lively, along with two student KAYS representatives gave a presentation about “NJHS has Heart” campaign, which promotes physical activity before, after, and during school as part of a statewide “Be the Spark” challenge. The students and Mrs. Lively had applied for grants for purchasing heart monitors and exercise equipment for the school, and were awarded grants from the KAYAN Board in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas and from the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation. The group asked the board to approve acceptance of the grant money.

NJHS KAYS
Presentation

Motion by April Karnopp, seconded by Deena Wentz, to approve acceptance of a \$3,100 grant from Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation and a \$4,225.32 grant from KAYAN Board in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas to be used by NJHS KAYS for the “NJHS has Heart” campaign. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve
Grant
Acceptance

Erin Manning and several NJHS students gave brief presentations of their business projects that were developed as part of their technology class and in conjunction with Norton County Economic Development and Norton County Community Foundation. The projects tied into technology as each student developed a website for their business as part of the project.

Curriculum
Presentation

Jeremy Hawks, Wellness Director, spoke with the board about the current Wellness Policy being outdated and asked the board’s permission to update the policy for the next year. The board agreed and Mr. Hawks will have an updated policy for the board to approve before the start of the next school year.

Wellness
Policy update

Jill Lively, Erin Manning, Jeremy Hawks, Joan Bolt, students and parents left the meeting at 7:57pm.

The board held a discussion about implementing a student drug and alcohol testing policy. Supt. Wilson presented materials that were given to him by the district’s legal council as well as KASB legal advisors, which reflected different viewpoints. The board discussed the pros and cons of having a testing policy in place. Motion by Bill Jones, seconded by Chris Harting, to follow the initial recommendation of KASB & local legal council to not adopt a student drug testing policy at this time to allow for further research. Motion failed 2-4. April Karnopp, Jennifer Miller, Craig Renner, and Deena Wentz voted no. After further discussion, the item was tabled to follow #18 on the agenda later in the meeting.

Student Drug
Testing

Lucas Melvin, George Rossi, and Keith Hauser left the meeting at 8:40pm.

Motion by April Karnopp, seconded by Deena Wente, to approve the 2018-19 KASB membership renewal for \$8,413.36 and 2018-19 KASB Legal contract renewal for \$2,100.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve
KASB
renewals

Motion by April Karnopp, seconded by Deena Wente, to go into executive session to discuss the potential acquisition of property pursuant to the KOMA exception for preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:54pm. Motion carried 6-0. Supt. Wilson stayed in the executive session.

Executive
Session

The board returned to open meeting at 8:54pm.

Open Meeting

Motion by April Karnopp, seconded by Deena Wente, to approve the purchase of Lot Seven, Block One, High School Addition, City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, more commonly known as 109 W. Wilberforce, Norton, Kansas, at a total cost(including closing fees) not to exceed \$3,802.64, contingent upon the city granting appropriate zoning, and to make final settlement on or before July 31, 2018.

Approve Real
Property
Purchase

Motion by Deena Wente, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to approve the purchase of AC units, plumbing, fencing and other materials needed for summer maintenance projects at a total cost of \$19,310.30. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve
Maintenance
Purchases

Motion by April Karnopp, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to approve the purchase of 120 Chromebooks for the 5th and 9th grades according to the developed rotation plan from DHE Computer Systems for \$35,000.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve
Chromebooks
Purchase

Motion by Chris Harting, seconded by Deena Wente, to approve the rental of Kyle Wright’s personally owned dump truck for hauling topsoil to the elementary for summer projects. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve
Truck Rental

April Karnopp reported on the agenda for the upcoming NCKSEC meeting, Craig Renner did not have a report for PDC, and Deena Wente gave an update from the last Curriculum Council meeting.

Board Reports

Craig Renner reported that progress is being made on the water situation at Travis Field, and the board instructed Supt. Wilson and Mr. Renner to continue moving forward with negotiations with the city council, favoring the installation of a well for irrigation purposes contingent on the cost analysis.

Travis Field
Water Report

Supt. Wilson presented the summer activity schedule for groups that have requested use of district owned buildings. Motion by Jennifer Miller, seconded by April Karnopp, to approve summer building usage by coaches and the community for various camps and clinics as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve
Summer
Building Use

Motion by Deena Wente, seconded by Chris Harting, to approve republishing the 2017-18 Budget, with the Budget Hearing to be held at the June 11, 2018 board meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve
Republishing
Budget

Motion by April Karnopp, seconded by Deena Wentte, to go into executive session to discuss personnel job assignments pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:48pm. Motion carried 6-0. Supt. Wilson and Principals Roy, McEwen and Perez stayed in the executive session.

Executive Session

The Board returned to open meeting at 9:48pm.

Open Meeting

Motion by Jennifer Miller, seconded by Deena Wentte, to accept the resignations of Crystal Montgomery as NCHS Tennis coach; Don Burge as Asst. NCHS Golf coach and Student Advisory Council sponsor; Ben Gordon as K-8 Art Teacher, Asst. NCHS Football coach and Asst. NCHS Scholars Bowl coach; and Barb Smith as EES cook for purpose of retirement with thanks for her 23 years of service; effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Accept Resignations

Motion by Deena Wentte, seconded by April Karnopp, to renew contracts and work agreements to all current staff who have not resigned or been terminated from their positions with salary and benefits to be determined. Motion carried 6-0.

Renew Contracts/Work Agreements

Motion by April Karnopp, seconded by Deena Wentte, to approve the hiring of Rebecca Jones as NCHS Social Studies teacher, and Melissa Granberry as NJHS and EES Art teacher, for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Hires

Motion by April Karnopp, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to approve the hiring of Kathy Richards, Tony Fiscus, and Carla Sumner as summer maintenance help, and Hadley Hauser and Lucas Melvin as summer technology help. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Hires

Motion by Deena Wentte, seconded by April Karnopp, to approve the hiring of Angela Alexander as School Nurse for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Hire

Motion by Deena Wentte, seconded by April Karnopp, to approve the renewal of Kevin Jilka and Doug Reusink as Drivers Education instructors for summer 2018, with a 2.5% increase in salary. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Renewals

Motion by Deena Wentte, seconded by April Karnopp, to approve the hiring of Stephanie Atkins as EES At Risk Educator for the 2018-19 school year; Mandi Fick as Bus Driver starting immediately; Steve Vance as Math Curriculum Chair for the 2018-19 school year; Lucas Melvin as Summer Weight Room Supervisor; and George Rossi and Jeremy Hawks as Summer Weight Room Assistants. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Hires

Motion by Deena Wentte, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to approve the coaching and supplemental assignments for the 2018-19 school year as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Coaches /Sponsors

Motion by Chris Harting, seconded by Bill Jones, to approve the PDC points as presented from the May 14, 2018 meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve PDC Points

Motion by April Karnopp, seconded by Deena Wentte, to go into executive session to discuss potential certified staff negotiation items pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 10:05pm. Motion carried 6-0. Supt. Wilson stayed in the executive session.

Executive Session

The Board returned to open meeting at 10:05pm.

Open Meeting

The Board returned to the Student Drug Testing Policy discussion and was in agreement that the policy that had been presented was not complete and had errors, and that more specific details needed to be worked out. Motion by April Karnopp, seconded by Deena Wentz, to continue moving forward with implementing a drug and alcohol testing policy to be effective beginning with the 2018-19 school year, notify parents/guardians by letter that a policy will be in place, review policy again at the June regular board meeting, and adopt the finalized policy at the July regular board meeting. Motion carried 4-2. Chris Harting and Bill Jones voted no.

Student Drug Testing (cont.)

A committee was formed to work on the Student Drug Testing Policy, with April Karnopp, Jennifer Miller, Supt. Wilson, and Principal Perez being named to the committee.

Committee Formed

Motion by Chris Harting, seconded by Craig Renner, to not allow usage of district transportation for summer activities and camps, since these are voluntary non-school sponsored activities. Motion carried 5-1. April Karnopp voted no.

Transportation Non-approval

President Craig Renner adjourned the meeting at 10:26pm.

Adjourn

Gina Riley
Clerk of the Board