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Regular Meeting  
 Board of Education  
 Unified School District #211  
 January 14, 2019  
 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 Sean Kats, President. All members were present so a quorum was declared.

Call to Order  
 Quorum

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sean Kats, President  
 Deena Wente, Vice-President  
 April Karnopp  
 Chris Harting  
 Jennifer Miller  
 Bill Jones  
 Craig Renner

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Phil Wilson - Superintendent  
 Gina Riley - Clerk  
 Corey Roy - Principal  
 Rudy Perez - Principal  
 Teresa Schulze – NTA President  
 Victoria Robison – Fine Arts Dept Chair  
 Kimberly Fiscus – Social Studies Dept Chair  
 Samuel Field – Social Studies Teacher  
 Kendra Lowry – Teacher/NTA Rep  
 Jamie Amlong – Patron/Parent  
 Jeremy Hawks – Curriculum Director  
 Bill Johnson – Teacher  
 Brian Thompson – Mapes & Miller  
 Jim Jackson – Transportation Director  
 Dustin McEwen – Principal, arrived @ 8:19pm

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Craig Renner, seconded by Deena Wente, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0. Approved in the consent agenda were the agenda for January 14, 2019, as presented; minutes for the regular meeting of December 10, 2018 and monthly bills, transfers, and payroll. Bills and payroll approved for payment total:

Consent  
 Agenda

	PAYROLL	BILLS
General Fund	\$ 333,119.74	\$ 85.00
Construction Fund		5,944.28
CTE	7,419.29	2,451.07
Capital Outlay		671.05
Food Service	20,565.97	17,662.87
Title IV-A		3,000.00
Title I	8,730.83	
Special Education	10,739.69	188,966.50
Jep Byrum Memorial Scholarship		200.00
At-Risk	52,296.13	
Supplemental General	23,440.55	66,113.90
Butler Scholarships		4,000.00
Della Connell Scholarship		2,500.00
Title II-A		2,496.31

Louis Welter Scholarship Fund	200.00
Tansill Trust	1,500.00
Gifts & Grants	4,729.21
	<b>\$ 456,312.20    \$ 300,520.19</b>

During the public comments, Jamie Amlong asked if the Drug Policy Committee formed at the last meeting had met yet. Craig Renner responded yes. Mr. Amlong then asked if the results of that meeting would be shared during the board meeting. Mr. Renner responded that the committee had not made any decisions to be reported at this time.

Comments from Public

Teresa Schulze, President of the Norton Teachers Association, thanked the board for their time and efforts dedicated to our district. The association provided cinnamon rolls and water for the meeting in recognition of Board Appreciation Month.

Board Appreciation

Supt. Wilson gave an update on the MCL basketball tournament and informed the board that the teachers would be having an inservice day on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. He indicated that there are have been repeat problems with concrete in some of the same areas as before. The contractor is coming to look at the problem again. Other repairs in the district recently have been some heater repairs at the high school and repairs to the outdoor freezer unit at the high school. Supt. Wilson stated that the calendar committee would be meeting soon for developing the calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. He said there would be a need to schedule in an extra day for an inservice day for a 3 part staff training being arranged. He asked for one board member to join the committee and Jennifer Miller volunteered. Lastly, Supt. Wilson had Jim Jackson give a review and update of problems with route bus #8, with the only option remaining is to have a completely refurbished engine installed. There has been an offer for partial coverage under warranty, but with existing bills, it is an estimated total cost of \$13,000 to 14,000 to repair. Due to the high costs, Mr. Jackson was asking the board for permission to continue with the bus repairs.

Supt. Report

Motion by Sean Kats, seconded by Craig Renner, to approve the continued repairs to route bus #8. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve Bus Repairs

Jim Jackson left the meeting at 7:48pm.

Brian Thompson, from Mapes & Miller LLP, presented the financial audit report for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Motion by Chris Harting, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to accept the financial audit as presented and authorize Mapes & Miller to make the necessary filings with the State of Kansas as required by statute. Motion carried 7-0.

Audit Report

Brian Thompson left the meeting at 8:00pm.

Representing the social studies department, Samuel Field gave an update on classroom activities and studies. He demonstrated games that were made by student groups as part of their study of ancient culture.

Curriculum Presentation

Jeremy Hawks and Victoria Robison were present to field any questions regarding the mid-cycle curriculum changes for the Fine Arts Department. Motion by April Karnopp, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to approve the Fine Arts mid-cycle curriculum changes. Motion carried 7-0.

Fine Arts Curriculum Update

Dustin McEwen entered the meeting at 8:19.

Supt. Wilson gave an update of the high school principal search, stating that applications are being accepted until January 25<sup>th</sup>. He would like the initial search committee to meet January 28<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> to choose finalists, and schedule interviews the last part of January to the first week in February. The three board members that are part of the search committee agreed to meet following the meeting to choose the other members of the committee.

Principal Search

Jeremy Hawks left the meeting at 8:24pm.

April Karnopp gave an update of NCKSEC recent meetings and actions. She indicated that a contract is in place for a school psychologist for next year. Craig Renner had no PDC report, but again stated that the Student Drug Policy committee had met but did not have any updates to report at this time and they are meeting again next week. Deena Wentz gave a recap of the last curriculum council meeting and stated they were meeting again on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

BOE Reports

Supt. Wilson asked for 2-3 board members for the negotiations committee to have an early meeting with the teachers, which would not be for negotiations but for a review of new salary schedule they are working on. Craig Renner and Chris Harting volunteered to be on the committee.

Negotiations Committee

Craig Renner also congratulated the junior high and high school students that participated in the youth entrepreneurship challenge. He stated the work of the students was quite impressive and hopes the program continues to grow.

YEC

Motion by April Karnopp, seconded by Chris Harting, to give permission to destroy records from the 2010-2011 school year that can legally be destroyed. Motion carried 7-0.

Permission to Destroy Records

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by April Karnopp, to go into executive session to discuss confidential student information under the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA, and the the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:35pm. Motion carried 7-0. Supt. Wilson and Principal Perez stayed in the executive session.

Executive Session

Teresa Schulze, Vicki Robison, Kim Fiscus, Sam Field, Kendra Lowry, and Jamie Amlong left the meeting at 8:30pm.

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:35pm.

Open Meeting

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Chris Harting, to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:50pm. Motion carried 7-0. Supt. Wilson, Principal Perez, Principal McEwen, and Principal Roy stayed in the executive session.

Executive Session

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:50pm.

Open Meeting

Motion by April Karnopp, seconded by Deena Wentz, to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:56pm. Motion carried 7-0. Supt. Wilson, Principal Perez, Principal McEwen, and Principal Roy stayed in the executive session.

Executive Session

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:56pm.

Open Meeting

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to accept the resignation of Walder Osorio Diaz as Eisenhower Elementary Bi-lingual Aid. Motion carried 7-0.

Accept Resignation

Motion by Jennifer Miller, seconded by Craig Renner, to approve hiring Vern Keiser as Bus Driver. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve Hire

Motion by Chris Harting, seconded by April Karnopp, to extend the contract with Supt. Phil Wilson through the 2020-2021 school year with salary and benefits to be determined later. Motion carried 7-0.

Extend Contract

Supt. Wilson asked the board to change April 29, 2019, from a student day to a staff inservice day to schedule a trainer from ESSDACK to begin a 3-part training on trauma based learning he feels would be beneficial in our district. The second and third part of the training would be included in the 2019-2020 school year calendar. Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Sean Kats, to approve the calendar change. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve Calendar Change

President Sean Kats adjourned the meeting at 9:06pm.

Adjourn

Gina Riley  
Clerk of the Board