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Regular Meeting
 Board of Education
 Unified School District #211
 April 13, 2020
 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. The meeting was broadcast live at live.usd211.org for public viewing. Seven members were present so a quorum was declared.

Call to Order
 Quorum

MEMBERS PRESENT:
 Sean Kats, President
 Deena Wente, Vice Pres.
 Jamie Amlong
 Nathan Donahey
 Jennifer Miller
 Craig Renner
 Michael Terry

OTHERS PRESENT:
 Phil Wilson - Superintendent
 Gina Riley - Clerk
 Dustin McEwen - Principal
 Corey Roy - Principal
 Julie Schrum - Principal

Motion by Jamie Amlong, seconded by Nathan Donahey, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0. Approved in the consent agenda were the agenda for April 13, 2020, minutes for the regular meeting of March 9, 2020, minutes for the special meeting of March 24, 2020, and monthly bills, transfers, and payroll. Bills and payroll approved for payment total:

Consent Agenda

	PAYROLL	BILLS
General Fund	\$ 387,364.83	\$ 12,306.04
CTE	6,865.01	409.06
Capital Outlay		13,587.97
Food Service	25,329.55	16,843.50
Title IV-A	592.63	870.30
Title I	9,878.17	
Special Education	12,028.40	136,996.00
Recreation Commission		3,778.25
At-Risk	61,599.88	
Professional Development	1,363.01	170.47
Supplemental General	25,111.49	49,500.67
Title II-A	124.92	66.64
Gifts & Grants		1,167.75
	\$ 530,257.89	\$ 235,696.65

Gina Riley, Board Clerk, read an email received from Leslie Pfannenstiel with her comments and suggestions in support of holding a graduation ceremony for this year's senior class later this summer after COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.

Comments from Public

Supt. Wilson informed the board that KESA is on track, however, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the outside visitation team meeting would be postponed until fall. He updated the board on staffing schedule changes that were made so that there is less in person contact between staff members, again in response to state restrictions that have been put in place. He stated that the meal service participation numbers are growing and are well received. Currently they are serving around 300 breakfasts and lunches per day. He stated that office staff is currently working on requisitions, which is normal for this time of year for end-of-year budgeting and preparing for the next school year. He attended a zoom meeting with state education leaders today, and the update is that funding is an unknown at this time due to current circumstances, so extra planning will be needed for next years budget. The district will receive a little extra from the federal government due to the COVID economy, but again, how much is unknown at this time. He gave an update on the track repair at Travis Field, stating that the top surface is off, the asphalt will need replaced as was expected, and that the subsurface will need some work in some places. This will be an addition to the current contract, and they have submitted a proposal for \$4600 for the soil testing, and will then write up a price guarantee for additional repairs needed to the subsurface. Maintenance staff has been working on a list of summer work projects to be completed, with some being started during the shutdown, but some needing to wait until staff will be allowed to work together again.

Supt. Report

Supt. Wilson stated that the continuing learning plan had passed the initial review and expected final approval from the state department of education. He felt the plans in place had been going well so far and invited each of the principals to update the board on each of their respective schools' progress. Principal Schrum stated that the plans are going well and most students are doing well. She is following up with students that have not responded. Principal Roy informed that board that each week teachers report progress to him. He said that parents have been doing a great job supporting the process. He also stated that the hardest part is the loss of face to face contact with the students. Principal McEwen stated that some initial adjustment for all students had taken place, with using chromebook cameras and email being new to the students. He is also working to follow up with students who are struggling with completing assignments.

Continuing Learning Plan

The board held a discussion regarding high school graduation options. Principal Schrum had conducted a survey with the senior class and reported that the majority would prefer to have a graduation ceremony. She has also spoken with Mrs. Montgomery, the yearbook director, and was informed that in order to be included in the yearbook, graduation could be held no later than the weekend of June 20th. She also stated that July is a very busy month in general and fears that some students would be already moving on to college or other endeavors. She has also been researching other formats in case the current stay-home and group restrictions have not been lifted. It is safe to say at this time that the scheduled date of May 9th is not allowable. Motion by Jamie Amlong, seconded by Nathan Donahey, to tentatively reschedule graduation to June 21, 2020. Motion carried 5-2. Craig Renner and Deena Wentte voted no.

Reschedule Graduation

Motion by Jamie Amlong, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to approve the 2020-21 KASB membership renewal for \$8,601.54. Motion carried 7-0.

KASB Membership

Motion by Deena Wentte, seconded by Michael Terry, to approve the 2020-21 KASB Legal Defense Fund contract renewal for \$2,100.00. Motion carried 7-0.

KASB Legal Contract

Board Member Nathan Donahey submitted his resignation from the Board of Education effective April 30, 2020, due to moving away from the district. Motion by Deena Wenté, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to accept Mr. Donahey’s resignation from the Board of Education, effective April 30, 2020. Motion carried 6-1. Nathan Donahey abstained.

Board
Member
Resignation

Motion by Michael Terry, seconded by Jamie Amlong, to adopt a Board Vacancy Resolution, directing the vacancy to be published in the newspaper and accept applications for the vacancy to be filled. Motion carried 6-1. Nathan Donahey abstained.

Adopt
Vacancy
Resolution

Jennifer Miller gave an update of the most recent NWKSEC board meeting.

Member Update

Motion by Deena Wenté, seconded by Michael Terry, 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 9:00pm. Motion carried 7-0. Supt. Wilson and Principal Schrum stayed in the executive session.

Executive
Session

Corey Roy left the meeting at 8:45pm.

The Board returned to open meeting at 9:00pm.

Open Meeting

Motion by Deena Wenté, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to accept the resignations of Joanna Jiga as Foreign Language/ESL teacher, Peggy Cox as Asst. JH Volleyball Coach, and Lucas Melvin as EES Boys Basketball Coach, each effective at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Accept
Resignations

President Kats adjourned the meeting at 9:02pm.

Adjourn

Gina Riley
Clerk of the Board