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Regular Meeting
Board of Education
Unified School District #211
September 14, 2020 - 7:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, U.S.D. 211, was called to order at 7:31pm by Deena Wentz, President, at the Alice Tweed Center, 105 E. Waverly, Norton, Kansas. Six members were present so a quorum was declared.

Call to Order

Quorum

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deena Wentz, President
Jennifer Miller, VP
Jamie Amlong
Sean Kats
Abby Rice
Michael Terry

OTHERS PRESENT:

Phil Wilson- Superintendent
Gina Riley - Clerk
Corey Roy - Principal
Dustin McEwen - Principal
Julie Schrum – Principal
Sara Terry – NTA Rep

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Craig Renner

Motion by Jamie Amlong, seconded by Michael Terry, to accept the consent agenda as presented. After further discussion, an additional executive session was added to the agenda as item 14d. Motion by Jamie Amlong, seconded by Deena Wentz, to accept the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0. Items approved on the consent agenda included: Agenda for Sept. 14, 2020; Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 10, 2020 and Budget Hearing on August 10, 2020; and approval of bills as presented. Expenditures approved for payment total:

Consent
Agenda

	PAYROLL (Aug & Sept)	BILLS
General Fund	\$ 646,553.00	\$ 55,425.32
CTE	16,372.18	909.53
Capital Outlay		194,597.79
Food Service	17,246.06	18,900.98
Drivers Education		149.00
Title IV-A		100.00
Title I	18,459.03	269.32
Special Education	12,125.18	223.00
At-Risk	69,570.47	1,245.80
Supplemental General	30,941.16	71,899.67
Summer School	4,601.72	134.46
Butler Scholarship		500.00
Della Connell Scholarship		1,000.00
Title II-A		63.57
Steichen Scholarship		500.00
ESSER Fund	12,045.24	
Gifts & Grants		10,054.10
	\$ 827,914.04	\$ 355,972.54

There were no comments from the public.

Comments
from Public

Supt. Wilson gave an update of the Travis Field track status and expects final painting and completion this week. He informed the board of the security system troubles that have occurred and stated he has found a new company to take over maintenance of the systems at the high school and junior high, which he hopes will alleviate the problems. He mentioned the federal payroll tax forgiveness plan, and informed the board that the district was electing to not participate in this tax deferral plan, which would cause employees to have to pay back extra taxes in the spring. He stated that the school year has started off well, with most everyone happy to be back in school. He informed the board that the state has changed the requirements for the remote learning logs, so the district will be making that change also. The free lunch program that the district used in the spring has been extended through the fall semester, so students will be able to eat for free through December. Additionally, he has been informed that the state has approved the SPARKS program money requested for COVID expenses, so the district will begin purchasing some of those additional items when that money is received.

Supt. Report

The board discussed possible dates for board member training, and narrowed down the dates of November 2nd or 4th for Mr. Wilson to set up a final date with Gary Sechrist from KASB.

Board
Training Date

The Classified Employee Handbook for 2020-21 was presented for final approval. Motion by Michael Terry, seconded by Sean Kats, to approve the Classified Handbook. Motion carried 6-0.

Appr
Classified
Handbook

The board made first reading of the board policy updates recommended by KASB. Final approval will be at the October regular board meeting.

Policy
Updates

The USD 211 2020-21 Activity Handbook was presented for approval. Motion by Jamie Amlong, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to approve the Activity Handbook for 2020-21. Motion carried 6-0.

Appr Activity
Handbook

Principals Schrum, McEwen, and Roy shared information regarding the beginning of the school year at their respective buildings, reporting on new staff, student numbers, and changes that have been put in place.

Principals'
Reports

Sara Terry left the meeting at 8:54pm.

Supt. Wilson presented a Memorandum of Understanding to the board as an addendum to the Master Contract to be effective for the remainder of the current school year. The memorandum would protect the teachers' sick leave days in cases of extended or multiple COVID-19 quarantines resulting from exposure while working at USD 211. Both the board of education and Norton teachers association would need to approve the memorandum for it to become effective. Motion by Jamie Amlong, seconded by Michael Terry, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve
Memorandum
Of
Understanding

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Michael Terry, to go into executive session to discuss personnel job assignments pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under

Executive
Session

KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:05pm. Motion carried 6-0. Supt. Wilson stayed in the executive session.

Corey Roy, Dustin McEwen and Julie Schrum left the meeting at 9:00pm.

The board returned to open meeting at 9:05pm.

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Sean Kats, to accept the resignations of Rachel Kuehn as At Risk Tutor and Jerry Jones as Concessions Coordinator. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jennifer Miller, seconded by Abby Rice, to approve the hiring of Neal Willmeth as Custodian, and Laura Mahood as part-time EES cook. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Michael Terry, seconded by Sean Kats, to approve the August 18 and August 31, 2020, PDC meeting minutes and points. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Jamie Amlong, to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:20pm. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to open meeting at 9:20pm.

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Jamie Amlong, to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:30pm. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to open meeting at 9:30pm.

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Jamie Amlong, to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:40pm. Motion carried 6-0. Supt. Wilson stayed in the executive session.

The board returned to open meeting at 9:40pm.

President Wentz adjourned the meeting at 9:40pm.

Gina Riley
Clerk of the Board

Open Meeting

Accept
Resignations

Approve
Hires

Approve PDC
Minutes

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Adjourn