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Regular Meeting
Board of Education
Unified School District #211
October 12, 2020
7:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, U.S.D. 211, was called to order at 7:30pm 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, Vice-President
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
Jeremy Hawks, Curriculum Director
Steve Vance, Math Curriculum Director
Kristen Fahrenbruch – NTA Rep
Jana Hammond – NTA Rep
Angie Alexander – District Nurse
Bill Johnson – Teacher/Coach

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Craig Renner

Motion by Jamie Amlong, seconded by Michael Terry, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0. Items approved with the consent agenda were the agenda for the October 12, 2020 meeting, the minutes of the September 14, 2020 regular meeting and payment of bills. Expenditures approved for payment total:

Consent
Agenda

	PAYROLL	BILLS
General Fund	\$	2,467.41
CTE		402.16
Capital Outlay		21,482.25
Food Service		21,460.34
Title I		311.82
Recreation Commission		11,070.37
Professional Development		650.00
Supplemental General		46,719.39
Della Connell Scholarship		500.00
Title II-A		115.00
ESSER(Cares Act)		255.13
Gifts & Grants		18,128.03
	\$	123,561.90

There were no comments from the public.

Comments
from Public

Supt. Wilson informed the board that the track project is complete and is open for use. He reviewed the student head counts and FTE used for budgeting purposes, noting that there has been a downward trend in enrollment in general over the last several years, which continues to have a negative effect on the state funding available. He stated that administrators have been working on classroom walkthroughs, which is a feedback type of method of learning and training for teaching staff, not so much an evaluation. He discussed the need for an English Language Learning paraprofessional to assist some Spanish speaking students and would be asking for the approval of hiring an individual for this position later in the meeting. He informed the board that he has been advertising for a new Transportation Director to replace Jim Jackson, who is retiring at the end of December, and hopes to have an individual to approve at the next meeting so they may begin training with Jim.

Supt. Report

Math Curriculum Director, Steve Vance, gave a presentation of how he is using computer technology in his classes, both for those in the classroom and working remote.

Curriculum
Spotlight-
Math

Steve Vance left the meeting at 7:47pm.

Curriculum Director, Jeremy Hawks, gave an update of the district KESA plan, stating that the district's spring OVT visit was postponed and then completed virtually this fall due to COVID. He stated that the presentation went well and that working with the consultant through Southwest Plains has paid off. The district is currently in its fourth year, and are on a positive track for moving into year five of the 5-year plan.

KESA Update

Jeremy Hawks left the meeting at 7:55pm.

Supt. Wilson asked the board for final approval of the board policy changes recommended by KASB, that were presented at the September regular board meeting. Motion by Michael Terry, seconded by Abby Rice, to approve the changes to the board policy as recommended by KASB. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve
Board Policy

Supt. Wilson and Angie Alexander, District Nurse, discussed some COVID-19 situations that had come up recently and updated the board on how they were treated and why, citing discussions and case-specific recommendations that were made by the local health department and KDHE.

COVID-19
updates

The board discussed the use of indoor facilities during the fall and winter months for both district sponsored sports and outside group events. Regarding district sponsored sporting events, the board decided to take no action at this time, allowing JH sports to begin in November without a specific limit on spectator attendance, but to revisit the issue at the November regular meeting to discuss the possible need for limiting spectators for high school athletic events. Motion by Jamie Amlong, seconded by Michael Terry, to allow the use of district facilities for youth wrestling and basketball, but no non-district adult activities, and limit occupancy in Stull Gym to 500 people, which is 25% capacity. After further discussion, the motion was amended by Jamie Amlong, seconded by Michael Terry, to add a 25% capacity limit to East Campus gym as well. The motion to amend the original motion was approved 6-0, and the amended motion was also approved 6-0.

Use of
Facilities

Angie Alexander left the meeting at 9:00pm.

Jennifer Miller summarized the recent NCKSEC board meeting that she attended, where they welcomed back Wes Topel from his National Guard deployment, and received an overview of several operational reviews and audits recently completed. Deena Wenté gave an update of the last curriculum council meeting and Michael Terry reported on the last PDC meeting, with few updates.

Member
Reports

Supt. Wilson asked the board for permission to sell an extra one-man lift to the Norton County Hospital. The money from this sale could be applied towards the purchase of a bigger and safer two-man lift. Motion by Sean Kats, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to sell the 1984 Model I one-man lift to Norton County Hospital for \$1,800. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Sale

Bill Johnson left the meeting at 9:22pm.

Supt. Wilson reviewed the current budget position with the board and pointed out some foreseeable issues for future budgets, based on several factors such as decreasing enrollment, decreased at-risk funding, increasing special education costs, and increasing salaries and other expenditures. As the district moves forward, some action will need to be taken to respond to some of these issues.

Budget
Review

Motion by Deena Wenté, seconded by Michael Terry, to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and that the Board return to the open meeting at 9:50pm in this room. Motion carried 6-0. Supt. Wilson stayed in the executive session.

Executive
Session

Kristen Fahrenbruch, Jana Hammond, and Principals Roy, McEwen, and Schrum left the meeting at 9:38pm.

The board returned to open meeting at 9:50pm.

Open Meeting

Motion by Deena Wenté, seconded by Michael Terry, to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and that the Board return to the open meeting at 10:00pm in this room. Motion carried 6-0. Supt. Wilson stayed in the executive session.

Executive
Session

The board returned to open meeting at 10:00pm.

Open Meeting

Motion by Deena Wenté, seconded by Michael Terry, to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and that the Board return to the open meeting at 10:06pm in this room. Motion carried 6-0. Supt. Wilson stayed in the executive session.

Executive
Session

The board returned to open meeting at 10:06pm.

Open Meeting

Motion by Deena Wenté, seconded by Michael Terry, to approve the hiring of Jesus Saez as ELL paraprofessional, Staci Breiner as Concessions Coordinator and Tyus Henson as Asst. JH boys basketball coach. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve
Hires

Motion by Michael Terry, seconded by Abby Rice, to approve the September 28, 2020 PDC meeting minutes and points. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve PDC Minutes

President Wentz adjourned the meeting at 10:09pm.

Adjourn

Gina Riley
Clerk of the Board