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Regular Meeting  
Board of Education  
Unified School District #211  
February 8, 2021  
7:30 P.M.

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

Call to Order

Quorum

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deena Wentz, President  
Jennifer Miller, Vice-President  
Jamie Amlong(via speaker phone)  
Sean Kats  
Craig Renner  
Abby Rice  
Michael Terry

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Phil Wilson – Superintendent  
Gina Riley – Clerk  
Corey Roy – Principal  
Dustin McEwen – Principal  
Julie Schrum – Principal  
Melissa Granberry – EES/NJHS Art Teacher  
Teresa Schulze, Kim Fiscus, Erin Manning,  
Becky Jones, Bonita Slipke – NTA Members  
Bill Johnson – Teacher(arrived at 7:58pm)

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Sean Kats seconded by Jennifer Miller, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0. Approved in the consent agenda were the agenda for February 8, 2021, as presented; minutes for the regular meeting of January 11, 2021 and special meeting of January 20, 2021; and monthly bills and transfers. Bills approved for payment total:

Consent  
Agenda

	PAYROLL	BILLS
General Fund	\$ 347,037.08	\$ 48,948.58
CTE	9,506.97	445.89
Capital Outlay		131,457.92
Food Service	17,124.06	21,623.58
Drivers Education		149.00
Title IV-A	226.27	
Title I	9,272.37	99.00
Special Education	6,034.08	118,666.00
Recreation Commission		107,148.22
Byrum Scholarship		250.00
At-Risk	45,597.48	
Supplemental General	17,360.41	48,645.03
Butler Scholarship Fund		2,250.00
Della Connell Scholarship Fund		1,500.00
Title II-A		670.00
Tansill Trust Scholarship Fund		500.00
ESSER	238.42	112.55
Gifts & Grants		1,392.81
	\$ 452,397.14	\$ 483,858.58

There were no comments from the public.

Comments  
from Public

Supt. Wilson informed the board of a recent increase in student quarantines due to family close contact cases. He stated that the cold weather and snow, sports events, and substitute bus driving has caused extra overtime for maintenance staff. The district is continuing to follow KSHSAA recommendations for activity attendance. He also mentioned that parent-teacher conferences are upcoming on February 24<sup>th</sup>, and the schools are making adjustments to those to allow for social distancing.

Supt. Report

Melissa Granberry, EES & NJHS Art Teacher, presented a slide show of her curriculum and examples of student work from the elementary and junior high art classes. Principal Schrum asked the board's permission to add a Business Management class to the high school offerings, which would add an additional 3 CTE pathway opportunities for students. Motion by Craig Renner, seconded by Sean Kats, to add a Business Management course to the NCHS class offerings list. Motion carried 7-0.

Curriculum  
Presentation

Supt. Wilson made a final presentation of the board policy changes recommended by KASB that were first presented at the January regular board meeting. Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Michael Terry, to approve the board policy changes as presented by KASB. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Policy  
Changes

Supt. Wilson reviewed the proposed academic calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion by Michael Terry, seconded by Abby Rice, to approve the 2021-2022 academic calendar for USD 211 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve  
Calendar

Jennifer Miller gave an update of the last NCKSEC board meeting, with the most significant item being the approval of Cher Greving as NCKSEC Director beginning July 1, 2021. Deena Wentz gave a summary of the most recent curriculum council meeting, and Michael Terry presented a summary of the PDC meeting on February 1st.

Member  
Reports

Supt. Wilson reviewed possible areas of reduction and gave examples of certain classes that student enrollments have decreased. He also reviewed some of the financial data of the district and budget issues the district is facing.

Reduction in  
Force Update

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Michael Terry, to go into executive session to discuss personnel job assignments with regards to reduction in force pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:45pm. Motion carried 7-0. Supt. Wilson and Principals Schrum, McEwen and Roy stayed in the executive session.

Executive  
Session

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:45pm.

Open Meeting

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Michael Terry, to go into executive session to discuss personnel job assignments with regards to reduction in force 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 Principals Schrum, McEwen and Roy stayed in the executive session.

Executive  
Session

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

Open Meeting

Motion by Deena Wenté, seconded by Michael Terry, to go into executive session to discuss personnel job assignments with regards to reduction in force pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:15pm. Motion carried 7-0. Supt. Wilson and Principals Schrum, McEwen and Roy stayed in the executive session.

Executive  
Session

The Board returned to open meeting at 9:15pm.

Open Meeting

Motion by Deena Wenté, seconded by Michael Terry, to go into executive session to discuss personnel job assignments with regards to reduction in force pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:20pm. Motion carried 7-0. Supt. Wilson and Principals Schrum, McEwen and Roy stayed in the executive session.

Executive  
Session

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

Open Meeting

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 9:35pm. Motion carried 7-0. Supt. Wilson and Principals Schrum, McEwen and Roy stayed in the executive session.

Executive  
Session

The Board returned to open meeting at 9:35pm.

Open Meeting

Motion by Deena Wenté, seconded by Craig Renner, to accept the resignations for purposes of retirement of Bonita Slipke as 5/6 Grade Math Teacher with thanks for her 31 years of teaching with 19 of those being at Norton, Kelli Scott as Special Education teacher with thanks for her 35 years of teaching, all at Norton, and Vicki Robison as HS Art teacher and Fine Arts Dept Chair with thanks for her 31 years of teaching, also all at Norton, each effective at the end of the current school year; and the resignation of Kaylen Rossi as Asst JH Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried 7-0.

Accept  
Resignations

Motion by Deena Wenté, seconded by Michael Terry, to approve the hiring of Terry Smothers as Maintenance Assistant and the extensions of the contracts for Julie Schrum, Dustin McEwen, Corey Roy and Keith Hauser to the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve New  
Hire/ Extend  
Contracts

Motion by Michael Terry, seconded by Craig Renner, to approve the February 1, 2021 PDC meeting minutes and points. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve PDC

President Deena Wenté adjourned the meeting at 9:40pm.

Adjourn

Gina Riley  
Clerk of the Board