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Regular Meeting  
 Board of Education  
 Unified School District #211  
 March 8, 2021  
 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 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  
 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  
 Several teachers and patrons – Sign-in list attached to official minutes

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Michael Terry, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0. Approved in the consent agenda were the agenda for March 8, 2021, as presented; minutes for the regular meeting of February 8, 2021 and the special meetings of March 2, 3, 4, and 5, 2021; and monthly bills, transfers, and payroll. Bills and payroll approved for payment total:

Consent Agenda

	PAYROLL	BILLS
General Fund	\$ 350,378.18	\$ 2,376.22
CTE	9,506.97	502.31
Capital Outlay		980.47
Food Service	19,018.52	16,151.66
Textbook Revolving		4,410.00
Title I	9,272.35	
Special Education	7,762.95	130,926.00
Recreation Commission		271.25
At-Risk	48,386.20	
Professional Development		223.31
Supplemental General	19,251.79	39,225.35
Butler Scholarship		250.00
Steichen Scholarship		500.00
ESSER	206.87	354.78
Gifts & Grants		31,931.65
	<b>\$ 463,783.83</b>	<b>\$ 228,103.00</b>

Heidi Linner commented that Thunder Linner would have graduated with the senior class this year and asked if that could be recognized in some way. She was advised to speak with Principal Schrum. There were some patrons who made comments regarding transgender issues and those patrons were assured that students of the opposite sex are not sharing bathrooms or locker rooms. Chelle Cole made comments supporting art programs in schools.

Comments  
from Public

Supt. Wilson stated that estimated state funding for the next fiscal year is now looking better than originally anticipated, however district students numbers are still decreasing and special education and other costs are still rising, which still poses a threat to financial stability at this time.

Supt. Report

There was no curriculum update.

Curriculum

Brian Thompson from Mapes & Miller, CPAs, was unable to attend the meeting, so the audit report was postponed until the next regular meeting.

Audit Report

Supt. Wilson reviewed a proposed updated mask policy as recommended by district administration. A summary of the recommended policy would require masks be worn in buildings when six foot distance cannot be maintained until April 1<sup>st</sup>, after which time masks would not be required but may be worn by choice. The recommended policy also allows for teachers to require masks in their individual classrooms at their discretion and allows for administrators to re-apply mask requirements in the case of outbreaks under the advisement of health officials. Motion by Sean Kats, seconded by Craig Renner, to allow students and staff to wear masks by choice beginning immediately and if there is a covid outbreak the policy can be revisited. Motion failed 3-4. Michael Terry, Deena Wentte, Jennifer Miller, and Abby Rice voted no. Motion by Michael Terry, seconded by Deena Wentte, to approve the updated mask policy recommended by administration as presented. Motion carried 4-3. Craig Renner, Sean Kats and Jamie Amlong voted no.

Mask Policy

Motion by Jennifer Miller, seconded by Abby Rice, to give permission to destroy records that can legally be destroyed. Motion carried 7-0.

Permission to  
Destroy  
Records

Supt. Wilson presented capital outlay funds that have been committed on current projects and purchases and presented an outline of planned and potential expenditures for the board to discuss. No action was taken at this time.

Capital Outlay  
Plan

Supt. Wilson explained to the board that the expected LOB percentage to be used for the next fiscal year must be reported to KSDE by April 1<sup>st</sup>. He suggested to the board that they report 33%, which is not binding at this time, but would allow for the higher percentage to be approved later if needed for the budget. Motion by Deena Wentte, seconded by Abby Rice, to give permission to inform KSDE that we could increase LOB to 33% for the next fiscal year. Motion carried 4-3. Sean Kats, Jamie Amlong and Craig Renner voted no.

LOB Rate

Jennifer Miller presented a recap of the last NCKSEC board meeting and Deena Wentte gave a review of the last curriculum council meeting. The PDC committee did not meet.

Board Reports

<p>Supt Wilson stated that three board members would be ideal for the negotiations team and would need to plan for required training that needs to be completed beforehand. Michael Terry, Jamie Amlong and Abby Rice volunteered to be on the negotiations team for this year. Mr. Wilson also asked the board to give him suggestions on items to negotiate this year in addition to the required items, so they can be listed in the negotiations notice letter.</p>	Negotiations
<p>Supt. Wilson gave an overview of recommendations for reduction in force, stating that they could make some reductions in coaching staff and, along with the current resignations received, they would probably have to cut one more teacher.</p>	Reduction in Force
<p>Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Jamie Amlong, 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 8:45pm. Motion carried 7-0. Supt. Wilson and Principals Schrum, McEwen and Roy stayed in the executive session.</p>	Executive Session
<p>The Board returned to open meeting at 8:45pm.</p>	Open Meeting
<p>Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Jennifer Miller, 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 Principals Schrum, McEwen and Roy stayed in the executive session.</p>	Executive Session
<p>The Board returned to open meeting at 9:00pm.</p>	Open Meeting
<p>Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Craig Renner, to accept the resignations of Sunshine McEwen as Asst. NCHS KAYS Sponsor, Ashley Maybon as NCHS KAYS Sponsor, George Rossi as NCHS Head Girls Basketball coach, with thanks for his 30 years of coaching, and Joan Bolt as NCHS Asst. Girls Basketball coach and EES Volleyball coach, all effective at the end of the current contract year; to approve the reduction in force terminations of Libby Nickelson as Second Grade teacher, and Cindy Shirley as NCHS Spanish Class Proctor, effective at the end of the current year; and to accept the resignation for purposes of retirement of Jane Burton as District Librarian, effective at the end of the 2021-22 contract year. Motion carried 7-0.</p>	Accept Resignations/ Terminations
<p>Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Abby Rice, to approve the nomination of Melissa Granberry as Fine Arts Representative for the Curriculum Council and as 7-12 Art Teacher for the 2021-22 school year; and to approve the hiring of Susan Smith as NCHS cook effective immediately.</p>	Approve Nominations/ Hires
<p>Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Jennifer Miller, 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 9:15pm. Motion carried 7-0. Supt. Wilson stayed in the executive session.</p>	Executive Session
<p>The Board returned to open meeting at 9:15pm.</p>	Open Meeting
<p>Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Michael Terry, to approve a two year contract with Corey Roy as District Superintendent for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 fiscal years. Motion carried 7-0.</p>	Approve Contract

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Sean Kats, to go into executive session to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception relating to actions affecting a student under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:30pm. 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 9:30pm.

Open Meeting

President Deena Wentz adjourned the meeting at 9:32pm.

Adjourn

Gina Riley  
Clerk of the Board