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Regular Meeting
Board of Education
Unified School District #211
April 12, 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. Five members were present so a quorum was declared.

Call to Order
Quorum

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Deena Wentz, President
Jennifer Miller, Vice Pres.
Jamie Amlong
Craig Renner
Michael Terry
Sean Kats – arrived at 7:49

OTHERS PRESENT:
Phil Wilson - Superintendent
Gina Riley - Clerk
Dustin McEwen - Principal
Corey Roy - Principal
Julie Schrum - Principal
Brian Thompson – Mapes & Miller, CPAs
Teresa Schulze, Jane Burton, Kim Fiscus, Becky Jones, Mandy Schumaker – NTA
Bill Johnson, Lucas Melvin, Bill Broeckelman – Coaches
Ashley Billips, Shelby Mann – NCHS Science
Gracie Temmel – Student
Terry Smothers – Maintenance

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Abby Rice

Motion by Jamie Amlong, seconded by Michael Terry, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Approved in the consent agenda were the agenda for April 12, 2021(with the addition of Item 10A-Utility Issue/Gas Bill), minutes for the regular meeting of March 8, 2021, minutes for the special meetings of April 8 and 9, 2021, and monthly bills, transfers, and payroll. Bills and payroll approved for payment total:

Consent
Agenda

	PAYROLL	BILLS
General Fund	\$ 353,997.75	\$ 382.21
CTE	9,506.95	935.83
Capital Outlay		15,846.51
Food Service	19,578.28	22,298.68
Title IV-A		29.98
Title I	9,272.37	
Special Education	7,347.73	131,358.00
Recreation Commission		12,549.60
At-Risk	48,709.40	
Supplemental General	25,998.74	52,858.95
Title II-A	226.27	17.01
ESSER	348.84	3,224.38
Gifts & Grants		2,921.12
	\$ 474,986.33	\$ 242,422.27

Comments
from Public

There were no comments from the public.

<p>Supt. Wilson updated the board that COVID cases remain low in the county, so at this time there are no recommendations to require masks. Administration is working on ESSER funding applications and reporting. Mr. Wilson informed the board that the state legislature is trying to decrease state funding based on the increased federal ESSER funding, but those funds have specific spending rules for COVID-19 related reasons, and they may have trouble getting that past the state supreme court, who has retained jurisdiction in educational funding. Lastly, he asked the board to accept a donation from the Norton Correctional facility to be used for special education at the grade school. These funds are from the proceeds of a sale of a painting by one of the inmates.</p>	Supt. Report
<p>Motion by Jennifer Miller, seconded by Jamie Amlong, to accept the donation from the Norton Correctional facility to be used for special education at Eisenhower Elementary. Motion carried 5-0.</p>	Accept Donation
<p>Ashley Billips and Shelby Mann, science teachers at NCHS, gave an update of the new science class offerings at NCHS this year, Advanced Biology and Forensics Science.</p>	Curriculum Update
<p>Ashley Billips and Shelby Mann left the meeting at 7:38pm.</p>	
<p>Brian Thompson, from Mapes & Miller CPAs, reviewed the audit report with the board and answered any questions. Motion by Michael Terry, seconded by Jamie Amlong, to accept the financial audit as presented and authorize Mapes & Miller to make the necessary filings with the State of Kansas as required by statute. Motion carried 5-0.</p>	Financial Audit Report
<p>Brian Thompson left the meeting at 7:47pm.</p>	
<p>Sean Kats joined the meeting at 7:49pm.</p>	
<p>Lucas Melvin, NCHS Football Coach, asked permission to use district transportation for one camp per sport during the summer. Current board policy does not allow for district transportation to be used for summer sport activities. Motion by Craig Renner, seconded by Jamie Amlong, to change the board policy to allow district transportation to be used one time per sport during the summer. After further discussion, the original motion was rescinded by Mr. Renner and Mr. Amlong. New motion by Craig Renner, seconded by Jamie Amlong, to change the board policy to allow district transportation to be used one time per sport during the summer, with the cost covered by the district. After further discussion, the second motion was also rescinded by Mr. Renner and Mr. Amlong. Additional discussion led to the item being tabled until the next regular board meeting so that details could be worked out.</p>	Summer Camp Transportation
<p>Motion by Sean Kats, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to approve the 2021-22 KASB membership renewal for \$8,579.49 and the 2021-22 KASB Legal Assistance Fund contract renewal for \$2,300.00. Motion carried 6-0.</p>	KASB Renewals
<p>Supt. Wilson reviewed the increased gas bill resulting from the extreme cold temperatures in February as it compares to previous months and informed the board that the district is a member of KJUMP through KASB, and that KASB was in discussions with the provider, Symmetry, to work out options for member districts. Mr. Wilson reviewed the current options with the board and asked for advice on how they would like to proceed. The board</p>	Utilities/Gas Bill

tabled their decision asking for Mr. Wilson to obtain more information before a decision could be made.

Supt. Wilson discussed the need for a new route bus to replace one of the older diesel buses and presented bids received through the state bid process used for vehicles. He recommended accepting the low bid from Midwest Transit, which also offered better service options.

Discuss New
Route Bus

Motion by Michael Terry, seconded by Sean Kats, to purchase a new 65 passenger, gas engine route bus from Midwest Transit for \$88,057.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Accept Bus
Bid

Lucas Melvin left the meeting at 8:21pm.

Bill Johnson, NCHS Wrestling Coach, gave the board an update of girls' wrestling. In the state of Kansas, girls' wrestling has been recognized as its own sport, so after a 2 year transition period, beginning with the 2021-22 school year, girls are no longer allowed to wrestle on the boys teams. Girls' wrestling has also been approved as a league activity by the MCL, which means that in order to participate, girls' wrestling needs to be recognized by the district as a sport separate from boys' wrestling. NCHS student, Gracie Temmel, also spoke to the board in favor of approving a girls' wrestling program at the district. The board will make a final decision regarding girls' wrestling at the next regular board meeting.

Discuss Girls'
Wrestling

Gracie Temmel left the meeting at 8:48pm.

EES Principal, Corey Roy, provided the board with information about the summer school plans for this upcoming summer at Eisenhower Elementary. It will be scheduled in two week blocks after the end of the current school year and before the beginning of the next school year. He anticipates higher students counts this year due to the COVID shut down last year and increased struggling students, so is planning to utilize additional teachers, with the extra cost qualifying to be paid from federal ESSER funding. Motion by Jamie Amlong, seconded by Deena Wente, to approve the summer school plans and teachers as presented. Motion carried 5-1. Craig Renner voted no.

Summer
School Plans

Supt. Wilson discussed roof work that needs done at Stull Gym, NCHS, NJHS, and East Campus. The buildings, East Campus especially, have some really bad leaks that need fixed. He would like to obtain bids from High Plains Roofing to do the work at NCHS and NJHS, particularly due to it tying up to previous work that would affect the previous work's warranty. He stated he would obtain bids from other companies as well for the East Campus and Stull Gym repairs. Motion by Jamie Amlong, seconded by Michael Terry, to give permission to obtain bids for fixing the roof at East Campus, Stull Gym, NCHS and NJHS. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss Roof
Work

Motion by Jennifer Miller, seconded by Jamie Amlong, to approve the drivers' education program for Summer 2021 and keep the driver's education fees the same as previous years. Motion carried 6-0. A fee of \$100 will be charged for resident students and \$150 will be charged for students who live out-of-district and who may be scheduled into the USD 211 summer driver's education program if there is space available.

Approve
Drivers' Educ.

Deena Wenté reported Curriculum Council would meet Tuesday, April 13th, at 7:30am. Jennifer Miller gave an update of the most recent NWKSEC board meeting. Michael Terry reported on the most recent PDC meeting.

BOE Reports

Motion by Deena Wenté, 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 9:30pm. Motion carried 6-0. Supt. Wilson, Principal Roy, and Principal Schrum stayed in the executive session.

Executive Session

Dustin McEwen and Terry Smothers left the meeting at 9:12pm.

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

Open Meeting

Motion by Deena Wenté, 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 9:50pm. Motion carried 6-0. Supt. Wilson, Principal Roy, and Principal Schrum stayed in the executive session.

Executive Session

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

Open Meeting

Motion by Deena Wenté, 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 10:10pm. Motion carried 6-0. Supt. Wilson, Principal Roy, and Principal Schrum stayed in the executive session.

Executive Session

The Board returned to open meeting at 10:10pm.

Open Meeting

Motion by Deena Wenté, 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 10:22pm. Motion carried 6-0. Supt. Wilson, Principal Roy, and Principal Schrum stayed in the executive session.

Executive Session

The Board returned to open meeting at 10:22pm.

Open Meeting

Motion by Deena Wenté, seconded by Michel Terry, to accept the resignations of Dustin McEwen as NJHS Principal and District Athletic Director, Jill Lively as NCHS Asst. Volleyball Coach and NCHS Asst. Track Coach, Logan Kats as NJHS Girls Basketball Coach, and Craig Foley as NJHS Asst. Football Coach, each effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year; accept the resignations of Pauline King as NCHS cook effective March 9, 2021, and Karla Anderson as EES cook effective April 21, 2021; and approve the termination of Cindy Shirley as NCHS Spanish class proctor, effective April 23, 2021. Motion carried 6-0.

Accept Resignations/
Termination

Motion by Jamie Amlong, seconded by Craig Renner, to approve the non-renewal of the teaching contract of Caroline Howsden, NCHS Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor, for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Non-renewal

Motion by Deena Wenté, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to approve Logan Kats and Bill Broeckelman as Drivers' Education teachers for the summers 2021-2022, and approve a

Approve Contracts

two year contract with Bobbi Murray to be Principal at Eisenhower Elementary for 2021-22 and 2022-23. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Michael Terry, to transfer Teresa Schulze from 3rd Grade teacher to 5th-6th Grade Math teacher for 2021-22. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve
Transfer

Motion by Michael Terry, seconded by Jennifer Miller, to approve the PDC minutes and points from the March 29, 2021, PDC meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve PDC

President Wentz adjourned the meeting at 10:28pm.

Adjourn

Gina Riley
Clerk of the Board