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Regular Meeting
Board of Education
Unified School District #211
May 10, 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 President
Jamie Amlong
Craig Renner
Michael Terry

OTHERS PRESENT:

Phil Wilson - Superintendent
Gina Riley - Clerk
Corey Roy - Principal
Dustin McEwen - Principal
Julie Schrum - Principal
Teresa Schulze, Kim Fiscus, Kristen Fahrenbruch,
Shelby Mann, Becky Jones, Erin Manning - NTA
Bill Broeckelman, Lucas Melvin, Bill Johnson
Keith Hauser, Terry Smothers
Chris & Mindy Harting – Patrons

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sean Kats
Abby Rice

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Craig Renner, seconded by Michael Terry, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Approved in the consent agenda were agenda for May 10, 2021; the minutes for the regular meeting of April 12, 2021 and special meetings of April 21, 22, and 23, 2021; and monthly bills, transfers, and payroll. Bills and payroll approved for payment total:

Consent
Agenda

	PAYROLL	BILLS
General Fund	\$ 364,377.69	\$ 439.46
CTE	9,506.97	457.60
Capital Outlay		58,397.02
Food Service	19,827.96	24,030.77
Title I	9,272.41	25.00
Special Education	9,111.43	132,242.00
At-Risk	48,935.64	
Professional Development		232.27
Supplemental General	18,768.14	98,424.41
Title II-A	113.14	396.40
ESSER	486.23	35,940.23
Gifts & Grants		1,701.50
	\$ 480,399.61	\$ 352,286.66

Chris Harting made a statement expressing concern about losing the ag instructor and FFA advisor and urged the board to do whatever they could to keep the ag and FFA programs at Norton schools.

Comments
from Public

Supt. Wilson discussed the current staffing needs at the district. The district is currently actively looking for an ag teacher, high school social studies teacher, and 7-12 grade counselor. With the increased number of expected kindergarten students for next year, there will be a need for an additional teacher at the elementary next year. The district is also short on cooks, custodians and bus drivers. He reviewed the summer projects that he has plans for, including the roofing projects, which he hopes to have completed before we receive too much rain. There will also be some smaller concrete projects and repair jobs, and the usual extra cleaning. At this time, with the district short on custodian and maintenance staff, he does not have any major summer projects planned.

Supt. Report

The board listened to a presentation by Erin Manning, NJHS teacher, about this year’s Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge, sharing information about some of the students projects, the work that students put into their projects, and listed the local winners and state participants, with two Norton students being in the top eleven finalists in the state. She also provided cookies to the board members that were made by one of the participating students as part of her business, EJ’s Sweet Treats.

Curriculum Update

Following up from last month’s discussion, Supt Wilson reviewed the compromise that was negotiated between the coaches and himself regarding district transportation for sports’ summer camps and asked the board for their approval. Motion by Craig Renner, seconded by Jamie Amlong, to provide district transportation for one team camp per high school sport’s team within a 400 mile radius of Norton or 5 hour limit one-way for bus w/driver. Motion carried 5-0.

Summer Transportation

Principal Schrum gave a graduation ceremony status update to the board, stating that with no current restrictions recommended by the local health department, plans are in place for graduation to proceed on Sunday, May 16th at 2:00pm at Stull Gym, as normal like in years previous to last year.

Graduation Plans

Following up on the discussion from last month’s meeting, Supt. Wilson asked the board to give final approval to recognize Girls Wrestling as a sport at Norton High School and Junior High. Motion by Craig Renner, seconded by Michael Terry, to approve Girls Wrestling as a sport at Norton Community High School and Norton Junior High School. Motion carried 5-0.

Girls Wrestling

Supt. Wilson reviewed declining enrollment in the district and state funding calculations, reviewed estimated upcoming funding, demonstrating how funding will decrease based on these factors and how increasing the LOB percentage would help the district stay ahead. He updated the board with the affect that an increase would have on local taxes with information provided by Robert Wyatt, County Clerk. He asked the board to approve the resolution to increase LOB to 33%. Motion by Michael Terry, seconded by Deena Went, to approve the resolution increasing the LOB percentage from 30% to 33%. Motion failed 3-2, for not having the required 4 votes in favor. Jamie Amlong and Craig Renner voted no.

LOB Percentage

Jennifer Miller gave an update of the most recent NCKSEC board meeting. Deena Went gave a recap of the curriculum meeting held during the previous month. Michael Terry reported that the district will hold its final PDC meeting of the school year on Monday, May 17th.

Board Reports

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Jamie Amlong, to go into executive session to discuss negotiation positions pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:24pm. Motion carried 5-0. Supt. Wilson stayed in the executive session.

Executive Session

Lucas Melvin, Bill Johnson, Keith Hauser left the meeting at 8:19pm.

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:24pm.

Open Meeting

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Jamie Amlong, to go into executive session to discuss negotiation positions pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:29pm. Motion carried 5-0. Supt. Wilson stayed in the executive session.

Executive Session

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:29pm.

Open Meeting

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 8:53pm. Motion carried 5-0. Supt. Wilson and Principals Roy, McEwen and Schrum stayed in the executive session.

Executive Session

Chris and Mindy Harting left the meeting at 8:33pm.

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:53pm.

Open Meeting

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 9:04pm. Motion carried 5-0. Supt. Wilson and Principals Roy, McEwen and Schrum stayed in the executive session.

Executive Session

The Board returned to open meeting at 9:04pm.

Open Meeting

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 9:20pm. Motion carried 5-0. Supt. Wilson and Principals Roy, McEwen and Schrum stayed in the executive session.

Executive Session

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

Open Meeting

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 9:26pm. Motion carried 5-0. Supt. Wilson and Principals Roy, McEwen and Schrum stayed in the executive session.

Executive Session

The Board returned to open meeting at 9:26pm.

Open Meeting

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Executive Session

KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:33pm. Motion carried 5-0. Supt. Wilson and Principals Roy, McEwen and Schrum stayed in the executive session.

The Board returned to open meeting at 9:33pm.

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Craig Renner, to accept the resignations of Lacey Chestnut as NCHS Asst Volleyball coach; Shane Miller as NCHS Counselor, NCHS Asst Wrestling coach, NCHS Senior class sponsor, and District Testing Coordinator; Becky Jones as SADD sponsor; and Steve Vance as Mathematics Curriculum Chair. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Deena Wentz, seconded by Michael Terry, to approve the nominations of Libby Nickelson as EES teacher; Bill Broeckelman as NCHS Head Wrestling coach; Crystal Montgomery as NCHS Head Girls Tennis coach; Todd Bolt as NJHS Head Wrestling coach; JaLynn Urban as Mathematics Curriculum Chair; Kathy Richard and Tony Fiscus as summer maintenance help; Tessa Hauser, Roman Hauser, and Lucas Melvin as summer technology help; and Lucas Melvin, Jeremy Hawks and Cheri Brooks as summer weight room attendants; Retain all certified staff who have not previously resigned or been released from their contract; Retain all classified staff who have not previously resigned or been released from their work agreement; and approve the coaching and sponsor positions as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Michael Terry, seconded by Jamie Amlong, to remove the FCCLA program as a district sponsored activity. Motion carried 5-0.

President Deena Wentz adjourned the meeting at 9:38pm.

Gina Riley
Clerk of the Board

Open Meeting

Accept Resignations

Approve Nominations, Renew Contracts, Work Agreements & Supplemental Positions

Remove Activity

Adjourn