# Quinter Public Schools USD 293 Official Minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 9, 2021

# Call to Order:

President Aaron Betz called the Regular Board of Education Meeting to order at 7:32pm. In attendance were Robert Herl, Kristal Werth, Tiffany Gillespie and Tara Thornburg. Board members not in attendance were Shane Mann and Giovani Caasi. Also attending were Supt./Princ. Kurt Brown; Princ. Toby Countryman; Clerk Evone Waggoner; and Brett Miller with DCS.

# **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Out of District Transportation request was added under Student Issues. Herl/Thornburg (m/s/c 5-0)

# **Approval of Bills:**

Motion to approve bill checks #25583 thru 25678. Werth/Gillespie (m/s/c 5-0)

# **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the regular board of education meeting minutes of July 8, 2021. Herl/Thornburg (m/s/c 5-0)

## **Budget Hearing:**

Kurt Brown reviewed and asked for a motion to approve the 2021-2022 USD 293 budget published in the Gove County Advocate on July 21, 2021.

#### **Action Item:**

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 USD 293 published budget. Herl/Werth (m/s/c 5-0)

#### **Old Business:**

Brett Miller of DCS updated where the district is at on the plan for the facilities upgrade.

#### **AD Report:**

Kurt Brown presented the AD report. Administration recommended adding Powerlifting as a sport and Powerlifting Supervisor pay per meet be set at \$16.00/hr. and put on the Substitute/Duty Pay Scale. Fall sports will begin as planned.

#### **Action Item:**

Motion to approve Powerlifting as a sport and Powerlifting Supervisor pay per meet at \$16.00/hr. Werth/Herl (m/s/c 5-0)

# **QTA Report:** None

STUCO Report: None NKESC Reports: None

#### **Transportation Report:**

District purchased a 2016 Polaris Ranger from Quinter Truck and Auto.

# **Grade School Building Report:**

Enrollment numbers were reviewed and a building tour was available after meeting. Looking ahead: In-service, elementary open house, and elementary students will go to the swimming pool on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Junior-Senior School Building Report:

JR/SRHS Handbook changes and additions were reviewed. Several new classes were added to the HS schedule particularly during the seventh hour block. Mr. Countryman gave clarification on the district's personal computer policy. Looking Ahead: Enrollment numbers will be available at the September meeting; wrapping up summer projects; and preparing for the return of staff and students.

#### **Action Item:**

Motion to approve changes made to the JR/SRHS Handbook. Herl/Betz (m/s/c 5-0)

# **All School Building Report:**

The district is part of a Trauma Informed Care Partnership with NKESC, and High Plains Mental Health. A list of district surplus property items was presented requesting approval to sale or dispose of items.

#### **Action Item:**

Motion to approve the surplus property list as presented. Gillespie/Thornburg (m/s/c 5-0)

# Public Forum: None

# **Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Brown reported on State & Local Finance/Legislative updates. The state is 817 million dollars above consensus estimates for the year. Legislatures anticipate a push to reduce taxes during the next legislative session. Mr. Brown reported on Commissioner Watson's listening tour and the direction of the state. Unencumbered Cash Balance by Fund report was presented for approval so it can be posted on the district website.

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#### **Action Item:**

Motion to approve USD 293's Unencumbered Cash Balance by Fund as presented. Herl/Werth (m/s/c 5-0)

#### **New Business:**

District visa card limit increase and authorized users were discussed. KASB Annual Convention attendance was discussed. Robert Herl plans to attend. Board picnic meal was discussed.

#### **Action Item:**

Motion to approve increasing the GPCU Visa to \$10,000 and authorize the transportation supervisor, superintendent, board clerk, treasurer, and HS secretary to use the cards as approved by administration. Werth/Herl (m/s/c 5-0)

# **Old Business:**

Pandemic Response Plan, Emergency Operations Plan, and Employee MOU were discussed. Two levels will be added to the Pandemic Response Plan. District will start on Level 0. Level 0 will offer rapid COVID test at school for staff and students who are experiencing COVID symptoms or were in close contact with someone who was positive. Negative test will then allow student or staff members to return to class or work immediately. GCMC Physical Therapy contract will be signed for another year.

#### **Action Item:**

Motion to approve the Emergency Operations Plan as presented. Betz/Herl (m/s/c 5-0)

#### Personnel:

Tim Nejdl has submitted his resignation. Recommending Blake Selensky as head JH volleyball coach and Jayme Zimmerman as assistant JH volleyball coach. Michaela Depenbusch and Lea Richardson applied to be substitutes for the district.

#### **Action Items:**

Motion to accept Tim Nejdl resignation. Werth/Gillespie (m/s/c 5-0)

Motion to approve Blake Selensky as head JH volleyball coach and Jayme Zimmerman as assistant JH volleyball coach. Gillespie/Thornburg (m/s/c 5-0)

Motion to approve Michaela Depenbusch and Lea Richardson as substitutes upon verification of eligibility criteria. Betz/Werth (m/s/c 5-0)

# **Student Issues:**

Out of District Transportation request was discussed.

# **Action Item:**

Motion to decline Out of District Transportation request. Betz/Gillespie (m/s/c 5-0)

# Adjournment:

Aaron Betz adjourned the Board of Education meeting at 10:06pm.

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