

**Quinter Public Schools USD 293**  
**Official Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**  
**November 11, 2019**

**Call to Order:**

President Aaron Betz called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:30pm. In attendance were Robert Herl, Giovanni Caasi, Kristal Werth, Tara Thornburg, and Shane Mann. Board member not in attendance was Travis Hargitt. Also attending were Supt./Princ. Kurt Brown; Princ. Toby Countryman; Clerk Evone Waggoner; Teachers John Crist and Allison Polifka; newly elected board member Tiffany Gillespie; Terrell Harrison - KELI mentor program advisor; Transportation Supervisor Arlan Wolf.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda. Herl/Caasi (m/s/c 6-0)

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the regular board of education meeting minutes of October 7, 2019. Mann/Werth (m/s/c 6-0)

**Approval of Bills:**

Motion to approve bill checks #24129 thru 24195 including additional bills. Werth/Mann (m/s/c 6-0)

**AD Report:**

Winter sports numbers: JH boys' basketball 17; JH girls' basketball 17; HS boys' basketball 15; and HS girls' basketball 12. Castle Rock Classic tournament is December 9-14. NWKL has asked other towns to join the league. League is wanting to get to eight towns.

**OTA Report:** None

**STUCO Report:** None

**Site Council Reports:**

Mr. Brown and Mr. Countryman gave the Site Council reports.

**PDC Reports:**

Mr. Countryman gave the PDC report.

**NKESC Reports:**

Shane Mann gave the NKESC report.

**Transportation Report:**

#11 white suburban needs major repairs with the cam shaft and lifters. Repairs could be from \$2,749 to \$4,860 depending on the repair used. Spare school bus sealed bids are due Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Action Item:**

Motion to authorize Mr. Brown to accept most appropriate spare school bus bid.

Betz/Herl (m/s/c 6-0)

**Grade School Building Report:**

Parent/Teacher conference attendance was over 90% attended and the other 10% were contacted by teachers. GS boiler/water lines were reviewed. GS will begin using Xello, an individual plan of study program, for Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Junior-Senior School Building Report:**

Allison Polifka presented a student lead project. The KAY club would like the board's permission to apply for grants to improve the tennis court area to promote physical activity. Cross Country Boys won league and finished 7<sup>th</sup> at state as a team. Leah Anstaett finished 30<sup>th</sup> at state in Cross Country. She was the only Quinter girl to run. Several JH students made it to and performed at the district KMEA in Hays. Those students were sopranos Brooklyn Countryman, Karissa Haldeman, Meagan Jacka, altos Brandy Blackwood, Abby Flora, McKenzie Reinert; tenors Zolton Beckner, Avery Briggs, and Hans Deaton; bass Lakin Getz, Kyler Glick, and Atley Wolf. Instrumentalists who qualified were Dashiell Brown on the bari sax and Madison Reinert on the flute. Eighth graders competed in the What Makes America Great essay contest sponsored by the VFW. The local contest is hosted by VFW 2864 in Grainfield. Ethan Gruenbacher, Parker Reling, and Carter Borger all placed. The new CNC machine has arrived and is set up. Mrs. Betz secured the funding for the machine. Need to run the internet to it for full functional.

**Junior-Senior School Building Report Cont.:**

The choir performed in our hallway this afternoon. They sang America the Beautiful to honor our veterans but specifically Custodian Gary Herl who served in the Marines during the Vietnam War and Kristen Hillman who was a military wife while her husband Ed was deployed in Saudi Arabia. 7<sup>th</sup> grade won scholars' bowl meet at Dighton today. Parent/Teacher conference attendance was 86%. ACT results were reviewed. School Musical is November 15th & 16th. Mr. Countryman will be attending the KASSP conference on November 14th & 15th. NHS induction ceremony is November 18th at 3:00pm. Cheerleaders going to state on November 23rd.

**All-School Building Report:**

Two new floor scrubbers have been purchased. GS scrubber is in and already been put to use. HS scrubber is to be delivered the end of the month.

**Public Forum:** None

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Brown reported on State & Local Finance/Legislative updates. State predicting 2,000,000 revenue surplus. Snow removal was reviewed. Mr. Brown reviewed a KSDE High Plains Mental Health Grant that NKESC has received and how it effects USD 293 and Mr. Brown has applied for a mental health grant. Mr. Brown would like to initiate a student tracking system. Tracking systems are used to monitor when students are in school, on a school bus, or absent.

**New Business:**

Tara Thornburg, Shane Mann, and Aaron Betz were re-elected as USD 293 Board of Education members. Tiffany Gillespie will replace Travis Hargitt as a new USD 293 Board of Education member and will start her seat as of the first board meeting in January 2020. Donations for HS football team and classroom safety equipment were presented for approval.

**Action Item:**

Motion to approve the following donations: Scott & Tamera Bannister have given a \$200 donation for the HS football team. Classroom safety equipment donations: Tyler & Kassie Remington \$200; Roberts Repair & Forage Solutions \$125; Rod & Kim Renyer \$72.50; Joel & Valerie Brown-Kuchera \$72.50; Tyler & Jamie Breeden \$40, Amy Teeter \$270.50, Dave and Roetta Mann \$198, Bluestem Medical \$125.50 and one anonymous donator \$50.

Werth/Betz (m/s/c 6-0)

**Old Business:**

Facility assessment: DCS interviewed staff last week and will compile the data received and give a report. Bus barn and HS parking lot repair quotes using millings were discussed. Mr. Brown will check into additional quotes with other material options.

**Information Report:**

Board of Education took a break at 9:12pm.

**Executive Personnel Session:**

Board of Education went into executive session at 9:20pm.

Shane Mann moved to enter into executive session with Supt. Kurt Brown, Princ. Toby Countryman and Tiffany Gillespie present to discuss resignations and new hires pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The meeting will resume in the board room at 9:30pm. Mann/Herl (m/s/c 6-0)

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

**Action Item:**

Motion to accept resignations: Christie Salyers as head custodian; Tina Elias as board treasurer, and Micah Roehl as HS football coach. Thornburg/Mann (m/s/c 6-0)

Motion to approve contracts: Eric Rucker as director of maintenance and Hailey Kerns as district office secretary/board treasurer. Betz/Caasi (m/s/c 6-0)

Motion to remove Tina Elias from the signature cards and add Hailey Kerns to both KansasLand Bank and The Bank. Herl/Mann (m/s/c 6-0)

**Executive Student Sessions:**

Board of Education went into executive session at 9:33pm.

Aaron Betz moved to enter into executive session with Supt. Kurt Brown, Princ. Toby Countryman and Tiffany Gillespie present to discuss student enrollment request pursuant to the exception relating to actions affecting a student under KOMA. The meeting will resume in the board room at 9:40pm. Betz/Werth (m/s/c 6-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 9:40pm.

Board of Education went into executive session at 9:41pm.

Aaron Betz moved to enter into executive session with Supt. Kurt Brown, Princ. Toby Countryman and Tiffany Gillespie present to discuss student enrollment request pursuant to the exception relating to actions affecting a student under KOMA. The meeting will resume in the board room at 9:46pm. Betz/Werth (m/s/c 6-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 9:46pm.

**Executive Negotiations Session:**

Board of Education went into executive session at 9:49pm.

Robert Herl moved to enter into executive session with Supt. Kurt Brown, Princ. Toby Countryman and Tiffany Gillespie present to discuss late start review pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. The meeting will resume in the board room at 9:54pm. Herl/Werth (m/s/c 6-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 9:54pm.

**Executive Personnel Session:**

Board of Education went into executive session at 9:55pm.

Kristal Werth moved to enter into executive session with Supt. Kurt Brown, Princ. Toby Countryman and Tiffany Gillespie present to discuss personnel evaluations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The meeting will resume in the board room at 10:30pm. Werth/Herl (m/s/c 6-0)

Toby Countryman and Kurt Brown left the executive session at 10:15pm.

Kurt Brown entered the executive session at 10:25pm.

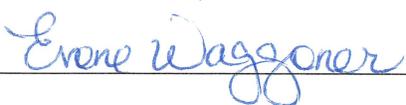
The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 10:30pm.

**Adjournment:**

Aaron Betz adjourned the Board of Education meeting at 10:33pm.

President:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12/12/19

Clerk:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12-12-19