# Quinter Public Schools USD 293 Official Minutes of Regular Board Meeting October 15, 2020

# Call to Order:

President Aaron Betz called the Regular Board of Education Meeting to order at 7:36pm. In attendance were Robert Herl, Kristal Werth, Tiffany Gillespie, Shane Mann, Tara Thornburg, and Giovani Caasi (via Google Meet). Also attending were Supt./Princ. Kurt Brown; Princ. Toby Countryman; Clerk Evone Waggoner; Teacher Candace Betz; Patron Kathy Bell.

# Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mann/Werth (m/s/c 6-0)

#### **Information Report:**

Giovani Caasi entered the board of education meeting via Google Meet at 7:37pm.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the board of education meeting minutes of September 17, 2020. Herl/Thornburg (m/s/c 7-0)

## **Approval of Bills:**

Motion to approve bill checks #24909 thru 24976. Herl/Gillespie (m/s/c 7-0)

#### AD Report:

USD 293 classification is IA Division I. Mr. Countryman reminded the board of when regional, district, and sub state events would be held and their locations. There are patrons who would like to donate towards new gymnasium scoreboards so quotes are being requested.

OTA Report: None
STUCO Report: None
NKESC Reports: None
Transportation Report:

Evening route bus hit a deer after all students were off the bus. Insurance company has been contacted.

## **Public Forum:**

Kathy Bell addressed the board about the district's policy of no drinks or food in the gymnasium.

# **Grade School Building Report:**

New playground equipment is installed. District is still taking donations to offset the additional expenses. Parent/Teacher conferences will be conducted by phone and teleconference. GS student quarantine numbers to date, students (no symptoms) 21 and 1 student tested positive.

# **Junior-Senior School Building Report:**

There will be no QJSHS on October 20<sup>th</sup> due to JH volleyball tournament. QJSHS quarantine numbers to date: Students (no symptoms) 17, Students tested positive 11; Staff (no symptoms) 2, Staff tested positive 4. QJSHS hybrid schedule was presented if the district moves from Level 1 to Level 2 of the pandemic response plan. Teachers will schedule their own virtual Parent/Teacher conferences. Mr. Countryman and Candace Betz asked for input on FFA trips being planned. Student and staff successes were presented. Looking ahead: End of first quarter; JH basketball begins; and state volleyball and state cross country.

## All School Building Report: None

## **Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Brown reported on State & Local Finance/Legislative updates. KSDE encouraging districts to spend contingency funds if necessary. Kansas revenue remains ahead of estimates for the current year. Mr. Brown reported on the current COVID bill. SPARK budget has been spent. District reimbursement on final submission of expenses has not yet been received. Recommendations on modifications to Level 1 of the pandemic response plan from the Site council and local health officials were discussed. Consensus of the board is to continue in Level 1 of the pandemic response plan with no changes to the current mitigation procedures, follow current community metrics, no food or outside drinks will be allowed in the gymnasiums however, capped drinks from the concession stand will be allowed. District will follow the league and KSHSAA recommendations which may limit fans for basketball games. Winter concerts modifications to allow social distancing were discussed and will be revisited at the November meeting.

#### **New Business:**

JH student absent and opt out policies were discussed.

#### **Old Business:**

Mr. Brown spoke with DCS Services and postponed the facilities committee planning until January 2021. 2020-2021 Board of Education goals were reviewed.

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#### **Action Item:**

Motion to re-approve the 2020-2021 Board of Education goals with no changes. Mann/Herl (m/s/c 7-0)

#### Personnel:

Mr. Brown recommended extending Sandii Ostmeyer's librarian contract until December 18, 2020.

## **Action Item:**

Motion to approve Sandii Ostmeyer's contract extension to December 18. Betz/Gillespie (m/s/c 7-0)

## **Personnel Executive Session:**

Board of Education went into executive session at 9:45pm.

Robert Herl moved to enter into executive session with Supt. Kurt Brown present to discuss the superintendent evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The meeting will resume to the board room at 10:00pm. Herl/Werth (m/s/c 7-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 10:00pm.

#### Adjournment:

Aaron Betz adjourned the Board of Education meeting at 10:01pm.