

Quinter Public Schools USD 293
Official Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
October 11, 2021

Call to Order:

President Aaron Betz called the Regular Board of Education Meeting to order at 8:00pm. In attendance were Robert Herl, Kristal Werth, Tiffany Gillespie, Shane Mann, Giovanni Caasi, and Tara Thornburg. Also attending were Supt./Princ. Kurt Brown; Princ. Toby Countryman; Clerk Evone Waggoner; John Crist and Arlan Wolf.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Herl/Caasi (m/s/c 7-0)

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the regular board of education meeting minutes of September 13, 2021. Gillespie/Werth (m/s/c 7-0)

Approval of Bills:

Motion to approve bill checks #25786 thru #25859. Herl/Thornburg (m/s/c 7-0)

AD Report:

John Crist presented the AD report. 21-22 classifications and 22-23 football classifications were presented. Quinter district next year will be with Rawlins Co., Oberlin, Hoxie, Hill City and Stockton. League volleyball, Sub-State volleyball, and Regional cross country dates were shared. State cross country will be at Victoria again. Castle Rock Classic will consist of 8 teams for this school year's tournament.

QTA Report: None

STUCO Report: None

NKESC Reports:

Tara Thornburg presented the NKESC report.

Grade School Building Report:

One student is positive with COVID but no modified quarantine had to be implemented. Reading and math fall Fastbridge screening scores were reviewed. Students will be tested again in November and April. After school tutoring by teachers was discussed.

Junior-Senior School Building Report:

Staff evaluations are being conducted. Mr. Countryman is completing state required reports. Funds donated by GPCU may be used to purchase a fan for the gym. Students that have qualified for District KMEA are: Lauren Blackwood 1st chair flute; Blaire Beougher 1st chair and Kendrick Selensky Alternate 2 alto saxophone; and Jarrett Packard 2nd chair trumpet.

All School Building Report:

Additional E-Rate funds have been approved for myfis for student checkout and Wi-Fi for all buses for 3 years.

MHIT and Trauma Informed Care Grant is going well. Ten students are using mental health services.

Public Forum: None

Superintendent's Report:

Legislative Update: For the current fiscal year from July 1st Kansas is already 300 million dollars ahead of consensus estimates, and 1 billion ahead between last year and this year. Food service will begin offering a deli bar as an option instead of the main menu. Locally grown beef/pork program was presented. KDHE is offering free lead testing for schools. Mr. Brown will notify KDHE that the district would accept the free testing.

New Business:

Donations were presented for approval. Classified Handbook amendment including R10 vs Overtime payroll clarification for classified staff was presented.

Action Item:

Motion to approve donations as presented. Betz/Mann (m/s/c 7-0)

Motion to approve amendment to the classified handbook on employment and compensation as presented.

Herl/Werth (m/s/c 7-0)

Old Business:

Facility committee update. Survey will be sent out to all patrons of the district after FHSU video department and HS students produce videos showing district facility repair areas of concerns in November or December. Mr. Brown informed the board that both buildings are at level 0 of the Pandemic Response Plan. BOE & Administration goals were reviewed. School board elections were discussed.

Action Item:

Motion to approve BOE goals as amended. Mann/Caasi (m/s/c 7-0)

Motion to approve Administration goals as presented. Betz/Thornburg (m/s/c 7-0)

Personnel:

New Hires: Jayme Zimmerman and Morgan Lowery as 9th grade sponsors; Heather Hargitt as substitute. Superintendent evaluation form will be sent out to board members in December for prep for official evaluation at the January board meeting.

Action Items:

Motion to approve new hires as presented. Werth/Mann (m/s/c 7-0)

Transportation Report:

KDHE application approved to lease a coach bus for a mobile testing/learning lab. The board authorized Mr. Brown to accept a bus lease bid that best fits the district within the dollars allotted.

Action Item:

Motion to authorize Mr. Brown to accept bus lease bids as discussed. Betz/Herl (m/s/c 7-0)

Student Issues:

Students engaged in remote student learning anytime during the first nine weeks are required to be approved by the board. Mr. Brown requested approval for these students.

Action Items:

Motion to approve remote learning students for health related reasons anytime during the first nine weeks. Herl/Betz (m/s/c 7-0)

Negotiations Executive Session:

Board of Education went into executive session at 9:43pm.

Aaron Betz moved to go into executive session with Supt. Kurt Brown, and Princ. Toby Countryman to discuss MOU/COVID pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume to the board room at 9:50pm. Betz/Werth (m/s/c 7-0)

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


Action Items:

Motion to approve the MOU as presented. Werth/Mann (m/s/c 7-0)

Adjournment:

Aaron Betz adjourned the Board of Education meeting at 9:51pm.

President: _____



Clerk: _____

Evone Waggoner

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