Quinter Public Schools USD 293 Official Minutes of Regular Board Meeting October 12, 2015

President Dave Polifka called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. In attendance were Aaron Betz, Shane Mann, Giovani Caasi, and Tara Thornburg. Board member not in attendance were Travis Hargitt and Robert Herl. Also Attending were Supt./Princ. Linda Zeigler; Principal Toby Countryman; Clerk Evone Waggoner; and Teachers John Crist, Shelli Jones, Tina Walt, and Angie Wagoner; Student Ashley Miller.

Call to Order

Motion to approve the agenda. Mann/Caasi (m/s/c 5-0)

Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Regular Board of Education meeting minutes of September 14, 2015. Betz/Thornburg (m/s/c 5-0)

Approval of Bills

Motion to approve bill checks #20831 thru 20885 including additional bills. Betz/Mann (m/s/c 5-0)

Information Report

John Crist presented the AD report. Classifications for 2015-2016 football districts have been announced and Quinter is still 1A Division I. New FB schedule were assigned on October 7th in Salina for the 2016 and 2017 seasons. Cross Country Boys won league. District Cross Country will be at Wheatland-Grinnell High School on Saturday October 24th, and Sub-State Volleyball will be at Hoxie on Saturday, October 24th.

Toby Countryman presented the PDC report.

Aaron Betz presented the NKESC report.

Linda Zeigler presented the Transportation report. Using little bus on preschool route with Arlan and for trips when possible.

Linda Zeigler presented the grade school building report. Third grade class had a bake sale and raised \$715 for playground equipment and would like teeter totters. Mrs. Pauls will use fit balls for half the class to sit on instead of their chairs to help students with core strength as well as engagement. Students will trade around and share the fit balls. Parent-Teacher conferences are in two weeks. There will be some sixth grade students participating in JH basketball. Roger Beesley will be transporting 6th grade participants with school suburban until bus driver certification is completed then a small bus will be used.

Motion to approve third grade \$715 donation for playground equipment. Polifka/Betz (m/s/c 5-0)

Action Item

Toby Countryman presented the junior-senior building report. Mr. Countryman has received a request from Ashley Miller for an out-of-town prom date. Consensus of the Board was to authorize Ashley Miller to bring an out-of-town prom date. Perfection period for water well on high school property is expiring and unless the District requests an extension the well will be set at 9 acre feet. Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) has requested to become an official school club. FCA constitution and list of Officers were reviewed. Literature Club was allowed to take suburbans to Renaissance Festival and will reimburse the fuel expense. College course offerings were reviewed. Art show that was scheduled to be in Hoxie was canceled due to a conflict in times and Mrs. Musick is trying to set it up locally. ACT test given at the High School. Looking Ahead: Completing State Reports; Completing evaluations; end of the first nine weeks; Parent-Teacher conferences; and ending one sports season and starting another.

Information Report

Motion to approve FCA as an official school activity club. Mann/Thornburg (m/s/c 5-0)

Action Item

Linda Zeigler presented the all-schools report. State Assessments results were reviewed with teachers during in-service. Individual student results will be given to parents. Mr. Countryman and Mrs. Zeigler continue to be impressed with hardworking dedicated individuals employed by the district. Mrs. Zeigler thanked those that are stepping up to cover areas as she is out for medical reasons.

Information Report

Linda Zeigler presented the Superintendent's report. State is looking at the finance formulas of five states that out perform Kansas and are finding they are similar to what Kansas already had. State is requesting inclusion policies and high quality Pre-Schools which USD 293 already has in place. State received a Federal grant of 5.8 million to help improve assessments.

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Superintendent's report cont. The State Board of Education has certified the five hard to fill licensed position types as: Special Education; JH-ELA; Life and Physical Science; Elementary Teachers; and JH/SH Math. School districts can hire KPERS retirees to fill those types of positions the following year without an earnings limit for the retiree. State of Kansas revenues are down by 31 million, but the governor continues to say, they will not touch K-12 education. Mr. Countryman, Aaron Betz, and Shane Mann reported on the Fall Summit they attended in Oakley held by KASB. Mrs. Zeigler with the advice of Dale Dennis, has applied for \$258,861.77 from the Extraordinary Needs Fund to pay back the full amount of the Sheridan County lawsuit for the LOB and Capital Outlay if received. Sheridan County Agreement allowing USD 293 a three year payback at 2% interest by withholding the district's tax distribution needs Board's approval. KASB Convention will be held December 4th through the 6th and a voting delegate needs to be appointed to represent USD 293.

Information Report

Motion to approve the Sheridan County Agreement as presented. Betz/Polifka (m/s/c 5-0)

Action Item

Motion to approve Aaron Betz as voting delegate and all other board members as Alternates. Caasi/Polifka (m/s/c 4-0-1) Betz ab.

Action Item

Old Business:

District Strategic Plan and Goals were reviewed and approved. Enrollment numbers were reviewed. 360 project summary showing a savings comparing older utility costs to the new system and overall savings through the next 10 years. Mrs. Zeigler recommended extending Para Professional contracts for 2015-2016 school year for six Para's still contracted through USD 293 and then moving those contracts to NKESC as full-time Para's with insurance for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion to approve the Strategic Plan & Goals as presented. Polifka/Betz (m/s/c 5-0)

Action Item

Motion to approve 360 Project Summary and Final Energy Savings Report as presented.

Action Item

Betz/Caasi (m/s/c 5-0)

Motion to approve Para Professional contracts for Marsha Tuttle, Kristen Hillman, Debra Smith, Chasity Lewis, Linda Roesch, and Janet Kent through August as presented.

Action Item

Polifka/Betz (m/s/c 5-0)

New Business:

Superintendent/Principal interview process was discussed. Interview questions were reviewed to be asked with all candidates and Mrs. Zeigler put together possible questions the candidates may ask the Board members. Mrs. Polifka and her students are working on brochures to be mailed out. Position will be posted on the KEEB website along with mailing out brochures. Board of Education will ask one teacher from each building to observe each interview once candidates are selected for interviews. Mrs. Samuelson has had pianos tuned and two were deemed unusable. Need board approval to have them hauled off.

Information Report

Motion to approve disposal of two unusable pianos. Mann/Caasi (m/s/c 5-0)

Action Item

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Linda Zeigler, and Princ. Toby Countryman at 8:32 PM until 8:47 PM for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Polifka/Betz (m/s/c 5-0) The executive session is necessary to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed.

Executive Session

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 8:47 PM.

Information Report

Motion to approve Januarie Bridges' leave request as presented in her letter.

Action Item

Betz/Mann (m/s/c 5-0)

Adjournment

Dave Polifka adjourned the Board of Education meeting at 8:50 PM.

Date: 11-9-15 Clerk: Evone Waggoner Date: 11-9-15