

Quinter Public Schools USD 293
Official Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
November 12, 2018

Call to Order:

President Aaron Betz called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:30pm. In attendance were Shane Mann, Tara Thornburg, Kristal Werth, Robert Herl, Travis Hargitt and Giovanni Caasi. Also attending were Supt./Princ. Dr. Kari Kephart; Princ. Toby Countryman; Clerk Evone Waggoner; Staff John Crist, Katie Blackwill, Adrienne Pauls and Arlan Wolf.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the regular board of education meeting minutes of October 8, 2018. Werth/Thornburg (m/s/c 6-0)

Information Report:

Giovanni Caasi entered the board of education meeting at 7:33pm.

Approval of Bills:

Motion to approve bill checks #23240 thru 23309 including additional bills. Herl/Hargitt (m/s/c 7-0)

AD Report:

Winter Sports Numbers: JH girls basketball 19; JH boys basketball 18; HS girls basketball 12; HS boys basketball 14; and HS Wrestling 1. John Crist suggested a cooperative agreement with Trego for HS wrestling. Quinter girls and boys will play both Monday and Tuesday for the Castle Rock Classic.

Action Item:

Motion to approve a wrestling cooperative agreement with Trego County High School for two years.
Herl/Mann (m/s/c 7-0)

QTA Report: None

STUCO Report: None

Site Council Reports:

Grade School Site Council will meet November 13, 5:00pm, and High School Site Council will meet November 19, 12:00pm.

PDC Reports:

Toby Countryman presented the PDC report.

NKESC Reports:

Shane Mann presented the NKESC report.

Transportation Report:

Dr. Kephart and Arlan Wolf reviewed bus 7 totaled insurance payment vs repair. Consensus of the board was to accept the insurance payment and see if new tires could be swapped out for used tires. Arlan was given permission to search for a replacement used bus, but to keep the amount under \$20,000.

New Business:

Don Tilton reviewed the Mapes & Miller audit report for the fiscal year 2017-2018.

Action Item:

Motion to approve the audit report from Mapes & Miller for fiscal year 2017-2018. Betz/Caasi (m/s/c 7-0)

Grade School Building Report:

Dr. Kephart reported that Parent/Teacher conferences are 99% complete. Thank you notes from Wheatland elementary students for inviting them to the Western Plains Arts Associations program held at the HS auditorium were passed around for board members to see. Thanksgiving break is next week.

Junior-Senior School Building Report:

Mr. Countryman updated the progress of the NWTC Outreach Center. 82% of all parents came out for JH/SH parent/teacher conferences. Local ACT results were reviewed. 7-12 students will be bused to Hoxie for a Drug/Alcohol presentation in February. Mr. Countryman is working on several teacher evaluations. Mr. Countryman has approved a Sunday activity for the KAY club since it will be a family activity. Mr. Countryman requested approval of an all-sports pass and shared a request from Steve Nicholson for a financial donation be donated to the Gove County Community Foundation. Board members declined any financial donation since that is not a good practice with district funds. Student/staff successes: Scott Crist, cast, crew and volunteers of the play did a great job; 16 junior high students qualified for and participated in the district KMEA concert on November 3 and 8 high school students auditioned for state high school KMEA; Kelli Getz was nominated for and is currently in the running for Kansas Student Council Sponsor of the year; Mrs. Allison Polifka was selected as the KAY Area 4 sponsor by the Kansas State High School Activities Association for the next two years; and 8th grader Trevor Kaiser won the Patriot Pen Essay Contest and Senior Eli Reling won the Voice of Democracy Contest (both contests are sponsored by the VFW in Grinnell). Looking Ahead: Student Council is planning GratiTuesday Activities; Thanksgiving Break; and continuing evaluations.

All-School Building Report:

Dr. Kephart reviewed building projects. EMC inspection violations have all been addressed with only pea gravel yet to be put under swing sets and merry-go-round, and brackets for railing at the HS are being made for installment. Roof repairs are complete except the façade above east entry doors at the GS by QMC. Expenses have been submitted to insurance for reimbursement. Department of Labor inspection violations have been addressed except electrician work to be completed. Crisis Plan committee key members met to start the review process of current policies and procedures. Further meetings will be held to continue the process of updating the plan.

Public Forum: None

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Kephart reviewed recent election outcomes and how they will effect schools. She also reported on a KSDE conference she attended focusing on the Kansas vision for education and reviewed primary objectives for year two requirements for KESA.

New Business Cont.:

Dr. Kephart presented a District School Fleet Safety Program to implement after a recommendation from EMC Loss Control for board review and input. Members will read through the program and action will be taken at the December meeting. Northwest Tech Concurrent Enrollment Partnership Agreement Memorandum of Understanding for delivery of academic courses was presented for approval. Dr. Kephart asked for clarification of a fee for the use of the grade school gym in the Agreement for the Use of Quinter School Buildings.

Action Item:

Motion to approve the Northwest Tech Concurrent Enrollment Partnership Agreement Memorandum of Understanding for delivery of academic courses as presented. Betz/Mann (m/s/c 7-0)

Motion to approve amendment to the Agreement for the Use of Quinter Grade School Building as presented.
Herl/Werth (m/s/c 7-0)

Information Report:

Board of Education took a 5minute break at 9:05pm.

Action Item:

Motion to donate an all-school sports pass to the Gove County Community Foundation. Werth/Herl (m/s/c 7-0)

Old Business:

Health Insurance enrollment is complete. The board reviewed district savings and Dr. Kephart recommended how to divide the savings amongst employees eligible for health insurance. Board members discussed participation in the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and decided to move forward with a hearing. Dr. Kephart shared an update on ideas received from FHSU Assistant Dean for the College of Education for recruitment and retention of teachers and for filling hard to fill areas. A KASB Fall Regional Meeting report was given by Robert and Aaron.

Action Item:

Motion to approve bonuses for employees eligible for health insurance as presented. Betz/Hargitt (m/s/c 7-0)

Action Item:

Motion to hold a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Hearing with support from USD 293 at December meeting.
Mann/Werth (m/s/c 7-0)
Motion to accept Tamara Kuntz's resignation as head JH volleyball coach. Werth/Thornburg (m/s/c 7-0)

Executive Session:

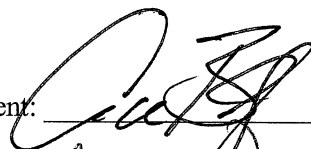
Board of Education went into executive session at 9:33pm.
Mr. President, I move to enter into executive session with Supt. Kari Kephart and Princ. Toby Countryman present to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA. The meeting will resume in the board room at 9:48pm. Mann/Betz (m/s/c 7-0)
The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 9:48pm.

Board of Education went into executive session at 9:48pm.
Aaron Betz moved to enter into executive session with Supt. Kari Kephart and Princ. Toby Countryman present to discuss the performance of employees pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The meeting will resume in the board room at 10:13pm. Betz/Werth (m/s/c 7-0)
The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 10:13pm.

Board of Education went into executive session at 10:14pm.
Aaron Betz moved to enter into executive session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The meeting will resume in the board room at 10:24pm. Betz/Herl (m/s/c 7-0)
Dr. Kari Kephart entered the executive session at 10:19pm.
The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 10:24pm.

Adjournment:

Aaron Betz adjourned the Board of Education meeting at 10:27pm.

President: 
Clerk: Erone Waggoner

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