

Quinter Public Schools USD 293
Official Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
November 13, 2017

Call to Order:

President Aaron Betz called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. In attendance were Travis Hargitt, Robert Herl, Dave Polifka, Shane Mann, Tara Thornburg and Giovani Caasi. Also in attendance was newly elected member Kristal Werth. Also attending were Supt./Princ. Kari Kephart; ~~Principal Toby Countryman~~ Clerk Evone Waggoner; Teachers John Crist, Kacee Braun and Tamara Kuntz; Superintendent Mentor, Terrell Harrison.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda. Polifka/Mann (m/s/c 5-0)

Transportation Report:

Arlan shared activity bus bid specs and information and pricing on buses that are currently available. Mrs. Kephart recommended Doug Press for a two route bus driver position.

Information Report:

Tara Thornburg entered the Board of Education meeting at 6:02 PM.

Robert Herl entered the Board of Education meeting at 6:08 PM.

Action Items:

Motion to approve Doug Press as a bus driver. Herl/Hargitt (m/s/c 7-0)

Information Report:

Don Tilton reviewed the Mapes & Miller audit report for the fiscal year 2016-2017 as presented.

Action Items:

Motion to approve the audit report from Mapes and Miller for fiscal year 2016-2017. Mann/Caasi (m/s/c 7-0)

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the regular board of education meeting minutes of October 9, 2017. Polifka/Herl (m/s/c 7-0)

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve bill checks #22441 thru 22503. Herl/Thornburg (m/s/c 7-0)

OTA Report:

None

STUCO Report:

None

Site Council Reports:

None

PDC Reports:

Kari Kephart presented the PDC Report.

NKESC Report:

Aaron Betz presented the NKESC Report.

Grade School Building Report:

Western Plains Energy donated 11 dividers. Parent Teacher conference attendance was at 100%. Top three areas staff ranked that need improvement: Need a full time technology person in the building; Schedule is confusing; lack of collaboration time. Site Council meeting November 15.

AD Report:

KSHSAA has proposed a summer buffer week and heat acclimation policy (two a day practices) and may be approved in the Spring. Winter sports numbers: JH boys basketball 16; JH girls basketball 14; HS boys basketball 13; and HS girls basketball 15. Castle Rock Classic Basketball Tournament is coming up.

Junior-Senior School Building Report:

Kari Kephart presented the JH/SH Report. Building accomplished its goal of 80% attendance rate for Parent Teacher conferences. Nick Scott will be a guest speaker on bullying, perseverance, and gratitude for all students on Tuesday. Mr. Countryman has addressed issues on campus with Vapor Pen/E-Cigarette. The QJSHS staff is looking at what needs to be done in order for them to lead the state in the success of our students. Mrs. Countryman has finished testing 7th-10th grade students using the Aspire test. Results of the ACT testing showed an increase in student's scores. Student/Staff Successes: Rebekah Kitch and Abria Fisher were honored as Kansas Honors Scholars last month in Colby; Evie Gruenbacher, Codi Kentner and Kourtney Davidson were honored as Junior Class Scholars by Wichita State University; Jonathan Jacka ran a personal record at state cross country finishing 55 of 91 runners;

Junior-Senior School Building Report Cont.:

VFW Voice of Democracy scholarship contest winners were Selena Gorsky 1st place, Abram Cassi 2nd place, and Kylie Crist placed 3rd; and Taylor Chessmore and Lea Richardson qualified for the Night At the Lab state competition. Bart and Amy Briggs donated \$1,500 for the video production class equipment. Gove County Health Department request to use the facilities on April 21st to conduct a health fair. Board asked for more clarification on the request so it's tabled to the December meeting. Mr. Countryman hopes to have a calendar committee set up this week and have a proposed calendar to the Board no later than January.

Action Items:

Motion to accept donation of \$1,500 from Bart & Amy Briggs for video production equipment. Polifka/Herl (m/s/c 7-0)

Motion to accept donations of 11 dividers from Western Plains Energy. Mann/Thornburg (m/s/c 6-1) Betz ab.

All-School Building Report:

Mrs. Kephart reported the 2017 Mathematics Standards have been released and shared the implementation timeline and impact on mathematics instruction. Mrs. Kephart presented a junior high sports practice budget and student achievement concerns with having elementary teachers coaching junior high sports during the school day along with problems it is causing at the QJSHS.

Superintendent's Report:

Career and Technology Education weightings survey results show differentiating weighting won't generate much more money. A statewide cap on bonded debt limits the number of bonds that can be approved each year. Several bonds were voted down in the recent election which may allow districts on the waiting list to hold a bond election in the Spring. Committees the state level are studying: procurement, health benefits and other efficiencies. Legislators asked KSDE to survey districts how local boards would spend additional funding over the next three years. Mrs. Kephart recognized Tara Thornburg with a certificate from Kansas Association of School Boards for acquiring at least 25 Leadership Academy points, and Toby Countryman received from Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals the Area V High School Principal of the Year honors. Mr. Countryman was selected by his peer principals.

New Business:

None

Information Report:

Board of Education took a 5 minute break at 7:15 PM.

Old Business:

Board members were reminded of the KASB Annual Convention. Aaron and Travis will attend to represent USD 293. Phase III committee meeting was reviewed. Mrs. Kephart recommended forming a health insurance committee to review options for health insurance changes requested by the negotiations team. Mrs. Kephart will ask for volunteers for the committee. Shane Mann volunteered as a board member representative for the committee. After further discussion on an activity bus purchase, Mrs. Kephart will ask Arlan Wolf to contact the seller of a bus on Nex-Tech Classified to offer \$18,500 for the bus with the option to bring the bus back to Quinter to have Duane's Diesel inspect the bus before purchase is made. Superintendent evaluation was done in executive session.

Executive Sessions:

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Kari Kephart and elected board member Kristal Werth present at 8:27 PM until 8:37 PM for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. Betz/Mann (m/s/c 7-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 8:37 PM.

Information Report:

Board of Education took a 5 minute break at 8:38 PM.

Executive Sessions:

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Kari Kephart and elected board member Kristal Werth present at 8:45 PM until 9:15 PM for 30 minutes to discuss superintendent evaluation pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. Mann/Hargitt (m/s/c 7-0)

Kari Kephart left the Board of Education meeting at 9:05 PM.

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 9:15 PM.

Adjournment:

Aaron Betz adjourned the Board of Education meeting at 9:18 PM.

President: 

Date: 12/1/17

Clerk: 

Date: 12/11/17