

Quinter Public Schools USD 293
Official Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
December 11, 2017

Call to Order:

President Aaron Betz called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. In attendance were Travis Hargitt, Robert Herl, Dave Polifka, Shane Mann, Tara Thornburg and Giovanni Caasi. Also in attendance was newly elected member Kristal Werth. Also attending were Supt./Princ. Kari Kephart; Principal Toby Countryman; Clerk Evone Waggoner; Teachers Marcia Leon and Kelli Getz; Student teacher Hannah Albin; Patron Cheryl Goetz.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda. Mann/Herl (m/s/c 7-0)

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the regular board of education meeting minutes of November 13, 2017 as amended. Caasi/Mann (m/s/c 7-0)

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve bill checks #22509 thru 22569. Polifka/Hargitt (m/s/c 7-0)

AD Report:

None

QTA Report:

Kari Kephart requested feedback from QTA on health insurance options. Rod Spangler with KASB reported that the consulting group suggested polling the staff to see if another carrier other than BCBS would even be an option the staff would consider. Mrs. Kephart will send out a request to the negotiation representatives so they can poll the teachers and give feedback.

STUCO Report:

None

Site Council Reports:

Tara Thornburg presented the HS site council report. Kari Kephart presented the GS site council report.

PDC Reports:

Toby Countryman and Kelli Getz presented the PDC Report.

NKESC Report:

None

Transportation Report:

Kari Kephart reported that Arlan has requests out to suppliers to be looking for a good, used activity bus in the district's price range. Mrs. Kephart recommended changing the District's office hours to 7:30 to 4:30 now that Arlan is available to cover radios. Parents will be notified of the change by Schoolway App, newsletter and voice mails will be changed.

Junior-Senior School Building Report:

Cheryl Goetz answered questions from the board on the Gove County Health Department's request to use the high school gyms, commons area and cafeteria on April 21st. Consensus of the board was to authorize the health department using the building at no cost as long as they cleaned up after the event. QHS Student Lea Richardson placed third on her Rotator Cuff Injuries presentation at State for the Night at the Lab Competition at KU Medical Center. HS girls basketball took second place at the Castle Rock Classic. Teachers and staff prepare for final exams and the end of the first semester. Mr. Countryman said he was looking forward to Christmas break and starting the second semester.

Grade School Building Report:

Character lessons are going well. This month's theme was "tolerance". Mrs. Countryman has been very instrumental in planning these lessons. Feedback from teachers that collaboration time is also going great. Eight teachers participated in an early childhood training on early reading skills. Teachers will participate in future trainings for LETRS modules 2 on speech sounds and modules 3 on sound spellings. Students auditioned and were selected to represent Quinter in the District KMEA groups. Elementary Choir: Brandy Blackwood, Saige Betz, Lakin Getz, Kahne Johnson, Micah Simon and Kennedy Werth; Jr. High Choir: Jessa Borger, Evie Deaton, Ava Gillespie, Eli Gruenbacher, Keegan Haldeman, Kyler Johnson and Julie Rummel; High School Choir: Mikayla Bailey, Kayler Getz, Lea Richardson, Reegan Scott and Collin Thielen; High School Band: Millie Brown and Taylor Chessmore. All the State auditions are not in yet, but Lakin Getz will compete for the State Elementary Choir in February. Christmas Program for grades 5-12 is Tuesday, December 12th and for grades K-4 is December 18th.

All-School Building Report:

All school offices will be closed from December 20th through January 1st. Office staff will come in as needed, but no set hours. Maintenance & custodians will be working on projects they can do since there won't be students in the buildings. Mrs. Kephart gave a report on number of students and families helped with Secret Santa funds so far this year.

Superintendent's Report:

State legislatures have made inquiries to KSDE on several items affecting school budgets. The information gathered will be shared with state legislative committee on December 18th. Mrs. Kephart reviewed recent Board of Education election voting results and presented Dave Polifka with a Distinguished Service Award plaque for his 12 years of serving as a school board member for USD 293.

New Business:

Aaron Betz and Travis Hargitt reported on the KASB Annual Convention they attended the 1st weekend of December. Aaron informed the newly elected board member, Kristal Werth, to be aware that there would be a new board member training available on February 10th in Hays. Negotiation's team needs to schedule an annual training. Evone will contact Commissioner John Rasmussen with Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to set up the training. Kari Kephart and Aaron Betz reported on Phase III committee meeting held on Wednesday, December 6th. Consensus of the board and recommendations from the committee were to request additional bids from individual vendors and contact additional consulting companies. Mrs. Kephart recapped the current academic impacts and possible solutions with pros and cons for having junior high sports practices from 2:40-3:40 each day and presented possible plans for after school junior high and high school practices and considerations from a meeting with Mr. Countryman and John Crist. Mrs. Kephart will bring back a survey for the board to approve at the January meeting that can be sent out to parents and teachers in February. The board will review survey results at the March meeting so decisions can be made at the April BOE meeting to allow time for class schedule updates to accommodate any changes made.

Information Report:

Board of Education took a 5 minute break at 8:45 PM.

Old Business:

Health insurance was discussed earlier in the meeting under the QTA report.

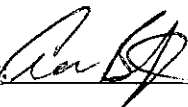
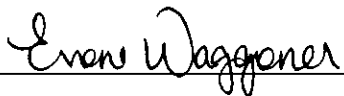
Executive Sessions:

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Kari Kephart and elected board member Kristal Werth present at 9:35 PM until 9:55 PM for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. Betz/Polifka (m/s/c 7-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 9:55 PM.

Adjournment:

Aaron Betz adjourned the Board of Education meeting at 9:56 PM.

President  Date: 1/8/18 Clerk:  Date: 1-8-18