

**Quinter Public Schools USD 293**  
**Official Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**  
**August 14, 2017**

**Call to Order:**

President Aaron Betz called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. In attendance were Travis Hargitt, Robert Herl, Tara Thornburg, David Polifka and Shane Mann. Member not in attendance was Giovanni Caasi. Also attending were Supt./Princ. Kari Kephart; Principal Toby Countryman; Clerk Evone Waggoner; and Patron Angela Shepard.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Property was added under the superintendent's report. Herl/Mann (m/s/c 4-0)

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the Special Board of Education meeting minutes of August 1, 2017. Mann/Thornburg (m/s/c 5-0)

**Approval of Bills:** Motion to approve bill checks #22263 thru 22305 including additional bills. Herl/Thornburg (m/s/c 5-0)

**Information Report:**

David Polifka entered the Board of Education meeting at 7:07 PM.

**AD Report:**

None

**OTA Report:**

None

**STUCO Report:**

None

**Site Council Reports:**

None

**PDC Reports:**

None

**NKESC Report:**

None

**Transportation Report:**

Mrs. Kephart informed the board that Arlan Wolf would like to present on the condition of the school vehicles at the September BOE meeting. An ad was submitted to the newspaper to advertise for a bus driver.

**Grade School Building Report:**

Completed enrollment, 202 students enrolled in grades pre-school to 6th grade. Various water line leaks repaired throughout the building and a new booster for the kitchen dishwasher has been installed in the grade school. Rich will install windows in the principal and superintendent office doors. Students 1st through 12th grade start school on August 17th. Kindergarteners will start school on August 18th and preschool will begin school on August 21st. All kindergarten families have signed up for a 1/2 hour screening slot on August 17th. An ASQ form will be used for the screenings.

**Junior-Senior School Building Report:**

Mr. Countryman thanked the board of education members for the staff picnic they provided. Enrollment is complete, but student numbers are not complete yet. Have had some local interest in the forensics coach position and Mr. Countryman is looking into one more lead before any decision can be made. Golden Plains Credit Union would like to sell shirts for a Code Red basketball game on January 12th. Sales in the past have been donated back to the school. Mr. Countryman asked for board approval to donate the remaining wrestling mat to the Quinter Youth Wrestling Program. South gym floor has damage from a leak in the roof and a section will need to be cut out and replaced. CHS has donated \$2,500 to improve the Ag shop and greenhouse. Mr. Countryman said he was preparing for the start of the school year and the return of staff and students.

**All-School Building Report:**

New teachers and their mentors attended meetings on August 10th for their mentoring program. New computers were installed and Denton George has reported that the labs in both the GS and HS are ready to go for the start of school. Solar Eclipse glasses ordered off Amazon will not be used by the students for viewing the solar eclipse. Amazon has reported they are unable to confirm that the glasses are certified as safe for use and is refunding the full purchase amount. Mrs. Kephart is looking into other options and vendors to purchase new glasses.

**Information Report:**

Travis Hargitt entered the Board of Education meeting at 7:29 PM.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mrs. Kephart reported that there is still no update on the State's proposed finance bill. USD 293 budget was published in the Gove County Advocate on Wednesday, August 9, 2017. Mrs. Kephart shared information from a meeting she and Mr. Countryman attended the prior week by KSDE & KASB on the 5 new directions for Kansas education and the five reasons why these new directions are so important. Unencumbered cash balance by fund report was reviewed and when approved will be posted on the school's website. Mrs. Kephart and Mr. Countryman reviewed their administration goals for the 2017-2018 school year. Borrowed property to be discussed in executive session.

**Action Items:**

Motion to approve the unencumbered cash balance by funds as presented. Herl/Mann (m/s/c 6-0)

**Action Items:**

Motion to accept administration goals as presented. Betz/Polifka (m/s/c 6-0)

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Children's neighborhood donated \$4,000 for cement slab on the south playground. Board of education reviewed its existing goals and added community under goal number 3. Strategic Plan and graphic organizer were reviewed. Mrs. Kephart will review it further and present it at the September meeting for approval. District policies GAK and GCA were reviewed and recommendation was to change GAK's policy wording from records custodian to board clerk and GCA policy change was to strike the word "written" under overtime section and replace supervisor to building administrator.

**Action Items:**

Motion to accept a CHS \$2,500 donation to the Ag program and Children's Neighborhood \$4,000 donation for cement slab. Polifka/Herl (m/s/c 6-0)

Motion to donate wrestling mat to Quinter Youth Wrestling Club. Mann/Hargitt (m/s/c 6-0)

Motion to approve Golden Plains Credit union selling Code Red shirts for January 12th basketball game. Mann/Thornburg (m/s/c 6-0)

Motion to approve board of education goals as amended. Mann/Hargitt (m/s/c 6-0)

Motion to approve policy GAK and GCA with changes as presented. Mann/Thornburg (m/s/c 6-0)

**Information Report:**

Board of Education took a break at 8:15 PM

**Executive Sessions:**

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Kari Kephart and Princ. Toby Countryman present at 8:22 PM until 8:27 PM for 5 minutes to discuss real property owned by staff pursuant to the exception for preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property under KOMA. Betz/Mann (m/s/c 6-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 8:27 PM.

**Action Items:**

Motion to repair or replace a borrowed grill used by school. Herl/Mann (m/s/c 6-0)

**Executive Sessions:**

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Kari Kephart and Princ. Toby Countryman present at 8:28 PM until 8:38 PM for 10 minutes to discuss student transportation pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA. Betz/Mann (m/s/c 6-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 8:38 PM.

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Kari Kephart and Princ. Toby Countryman present at 8:39 PM until 8:44 PM for 5 minutes to discuss the latest proposal for teachers from the negotiations team pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. Betz/Herl (m/s/c 6-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 8:44 PM.

**Action Items:**

Motion to approve negotiations for certified staff as presented by negotiation team. Mann/Thornburg (m/s/c 6-0)

**Executive Sessions:**

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Kari Kephart and Princ. Toby Countryman present at 8:51 PM until 9:11 PM for 20 minutes to discuss contracts for administration and classified staff pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. Betz/Herl (m/s/c 6-0)

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**Information Report:**

Toby Countryman left the executive session at 8:55 PM.

Toby Countryman returned to the executive session at 9:04 PM.

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 9:11 PM.

**Executive Sessions:**

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Kari Kephart and Princ. Toby Countryman present at 9:12 PM until 9:22 PM for 10 minutes to discuss contracts for administration and classified staff pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. Betz/Polifka (m/s/c 6-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 9:22 PM.

**Action Items:**

Motion to approve a cook/custodian contract for Eva Kentner as presented. Betz/Polifka (m/s/c 6-0)

Motion to approve non-certified and administration contracts as presented. Herl/Betz (m/s/c 6-0)

**Adjournment:**

Aaron Betz adjourned the Board of Education meeting at 9:25 PM.

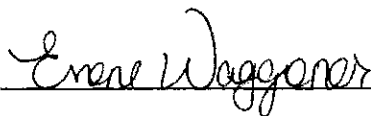
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