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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Wamego Public Schools
Monday, March 16, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL (7:00 PM)

President Cory Meyer called the regular meeting of the USD 320 Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2020 at the USD 320 Professional Learning Center. Members of the board present were Bruce Coleman, Claudia McAlister, Cory Meyer, Terra Miller, Rob Pettay, and Sheryl Wohler. Deb Long was not present.

Also in attendance were Superintendent Tim Winter, Clerk Kathryn Mayfield, Special Services Director Chris Cezar, Director of Curriculum Dr. Mary Kaye Siebert, West Principal Amy Flinn, Wamego Middle School Principal Travis Graber, Wamego High School Principal Kale Katt, Operations Director Rob Miller, and Director of Human Resources Kati Wolfgang.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Cory Meyer.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (7:01 PM)

President Cory Meyer indicated the following changes to the agenda: Items 4B & 4C from Items for the Good will be delayed until the April meeting; Add new Item 8 – COVID-19 Update. Items following will be renumbered accordingly.

Bruce Coleman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Rob Pettay seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

4. ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF USD 320 (7:02 PM)

Board President Cory Meyer and Superintendent Tim Winter reviewed items submitted by the schools for BOE information.

5. CONSENT AGENDA (7:03 PM)

Sheryl Wohler made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Rob Pettay seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Items approved on the consent agenda were as follows:

- A. Approve the minutes of February 10, 2020 Board of Education Meeting.
- B. Approve payment of February 2020 bills.
- C. Approve February 2020 Treasurer's and Fund Reports
- D. Approve building activity fund reports for February 2020.
- E. Approve journal entries and cash receipts for February 2020.

- F. Approve the March 16, 2020 Personnel Report
- G. Accept the donation of \$50 from Kaw Valley State Bank for Gem Award Recipients.

6. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items pulled from the consent agenda.

7. REFINANCE OF 2017 BOND—GREG VAHRENBERG OF RAYMOND JAMES (7:04 PM)

Mr. Vahrenberg presented updated information on the bond market and a proposal to sell a portion of the 2017 bonds netting a savings of over \$1M.

made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing and providing for the sale, issuance and delivery of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020, of USD 320, Pottawatomie County, Kansas (Wamego) for the purpose of providing funds to refund a portion of the issuer's outstanding general obligation bonds; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due; making certain covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof and authorizing certain other documents and actions connected therewith.

8. COVID-19 UPDATE (7:23 PM)

With the current situation, the BOE work session/retreat scheduled for March 23 will be rescheduled to a later date.

The topic of hourly classified pay during school closure was discussed. Mr. Winter recommended paying classified staff that is forced to stay home during school closure. Further discussion occurred.

Claudia McAlister made a motion to pay classified staff during the closure. Claudia McAlister rescinded the motion. Claudia McAlister made a motion to give Mr. Winter the authority to pay classified staff on a week by week basis through the COVID-19 crisis. Cory Meyer seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Winter shared results of Zoom meetings being held by KSDE regarding alternative learning methods during closure. He further shared modified staff schedules in all buildings.

President Cory Meyer called for a special meeting on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. in the PLC to discuss whether the district buildings will remain closed next week or reopen.

9. BUS PURCHASE (7:45 PM)

Mr. Winter shared bids obtained by Transportation Director Sharlee Serb for the bus purchase. She obtained a grant that will reimburse 25% of the purchase price.

Bruce Coleman made a motion to approve the purchase of a school bus as presented for an amount not to exceed \$92,000.00. Claudia McAlister seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

10. NEW COURSE APPROVAL—HEALTH & PERFORMANCE (WEIGHTS) @ WMS (7:48 PM)

Mr. Graber shared the specifics on the new course offering in P.E. Rob Pettay made a motion to approve the new course at WMS entitled Health & Performance (Weights) as presented. Bruce Coleman seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

11. MATH UPDATE (7:45 PM)

Dr. Mary Kaye Siebert presented an update on Math curriculum and assessments.

12. SPED POSITION ADDITIONS (8:16 PM)

SpEd CoOp Director Chris Cezar presented information on personnel needs to 20-21. Due to growth and a new building in the Rock Creek District, served by the CoOp, Mr. Cezar asked for 1.5 additional teacher FTE to fill the need. Sheryl Wohler made a motion to approve the additional instructional positions in the CoOp as requested and presented. Bruce Coleman seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

President Cory Meyer called for a five minute break at 8:29 p.m.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION (8:34 PM)

Rob Pettay made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel performance issues pursuant to the nonelected personnel exception under KOMA, to invite the superintendent, Amy Flinn, Travis Graber and Kale Katt into executive session, and to resume the open meeting in the board room at 8:59 p.m. Bruce Coleman seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting was recessed at 8:35 p.m. The board returned to open session at 8:59 p.m.

At 9:00 p.m., Rob Pettay made a motion to extend the meeting up to 30 minutes as allowed by board policy to 9:30 p.m.. Bruce Coleman seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Cory Meyer made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel performance issues pursuant to the nonelected personnel exception under KOMA, to invite the superintendent, Amy Flinn, Travis Graber and Kale Katt into executive session, and to resume the open meeting in the board room at 9:29 p.m. Rob Pettay seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting was recessed at 9:00 p.m.

Amy Flinn left executive session at 9:04 p.m. Kale Katt joined executive session at 9:04 p.m. Kale Katt left executive session at 9:09 p.m. Travis Graber joined executive session at 9:09 p.m. Travis Graber left executive session at 9:18 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 9:29 p.m.

14. ADJOURN MEETING (9:30 PM)

Rob Pettay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheryl Wohler seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

/s/ Kathryn Mayfield
Clerk of the Board

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Date