

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #775 SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Independent School District #775
KMS Public Schools
Monday, May 8, 2017

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
7:30 p.m. Sunburg Community Center

Members present: Steve Collins, Jeremy Winter, Pam Mansfield, Philip Hauge, Amber Doering, Tom Walsh, Harmon Wilts and Martin Heidelberger Members absent: none

Also present: Ted Almen, Annette Fernholz, Jeff Keil, Ted Brown, Jason Brissom, Jena Kauffmann, Becky Carlson

Chairman Tom Walsh called the meeting called to order 7:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Amber Doering and seconded by Pam Mansfield to approve the May 8, 2017 school board meeting agenda with the addition of a presentation by Jason Brissom SRTS. Voting aye: Unanimous, Motion carried

Public Comment. None.

Motion made by Jeremy Winter and seconded by Steve Collins to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2017 board meeting. Voting aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Steve Collins and seconded by Jeremy Winter to approve payment of the bills. Roll Call: Winters, Mansfield, Doering, Collins and Walsh, Voting aye: unanimous, Motion carried.

Motion made by Steve Collins and seconded by Jeremy Winter to approve electronic payment of bills. Voting aye: Unanimous, Motion carried.

Jason Brissom updated the board on the Safe Routes to School grant progress and to clarify the purpose of safe routes to schools.

Tom Walsh on behalf of the POC Committee recommended appointing Steve as a member also. The POC committee had met and discussed elementary kitchen upgrades. More information is being collected.

The Activities Committee members Phil, Pam and Jeremy had met with Eric Kauffmann, AD and Alison Nelson, Community Ed Director to discuss philosophy and protocol for the use of facilities and scheduling calendar activities. Also discussed was gym cleanup, the golf program and fall coaches list.

Motion made by Steve Collins and seconded by Jeremy Winter to approve the hiring of Megan Lensing as long-term sub for Emily Kuefler. Voting aye: Unanimous, Motion carried.

Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Amber Doering to approve the hiring of Megan Lensing as elementary teacher for the 2017-18 school year. Voting aye: Unanimous, Motion carried.

Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Phil Hauge to approve the retirement of Fran Clark effective June 1, 2017. Voting aye: Unanimous, Motion carried.

The board reviewed the May 1, 2017 enrollment.

Mr. Heidelberger reviewed 2017-2018 staffing with an active pool of teaching candidates and will now post the Special Education position.

Jeff Keil presented elementary happenings of concerts, field trips, spring testing, summer Camp Read-A-Lot, Safe Routes to Schools, parking and emergency parking. Ted Brown presented the high school report with the year end band concert, testing, BPA to Nationals, Senior trip and awards night, graduation, Leadership team, communication, climate and State FFA.

Mr. Heidelberger briefly reported on the legislation as education finance has not been completed. He also reported that he has received a letter of intent for negotiation from KMSEA rep Brady DeBaere. He reported also that the Wellness policy with revisions will be brought forward for implementation prior to July 1.

The board heard a report of Insurance bid rates that were recently reviewed for the HITA bid process. Reviewed were bids from BCBS direct, SWWC BCBS and PIEP. Bids came in very competitively with savings over the current rates. Bids now would be for a two-year timeframe. Teacher representatives Jena Kauffmann and Becky Carlson spoke on behalf of the teachers regarding their bid preference. Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Phil Hauge to stay with the current program SWWC Cooperative BCBS bid. Voting aye: Wilts, Hauge. Voting nay: Winters, Doering, Mansfield, Collins and Walsh. Motion failed. Motion made by Jeremy Winter and seconded by Pam Mansfield to go with the BCBS direct bid. Voting aye: Winters, Doering, Mansfield, Collins and Walsh. Voting nay: Wilts, Hauge. Motion carried.

Jeremy Winter reported that he had attended the LCTN board meeting and the network is looking at increasing overall connections from 7.5g to 10g.

Phil Hauge thanked Mr. Keil for mentioning parking at the elementary as the needs increase.

Amber Doering reported that Staff Development had met to consider some teacher training opportunities and will meet again May 16 to plan fall inservice events. She mentioned new activities in the summer CE brochure and Wendy Bauman selected as a leader for the EF welcome days.

Pam Mansfield had been contacted by parents regarding the before/after school programming for 2017-2018. Mr. Heidelberger explained a survey sent to parents, results and offerings for next year.

Harmon Wilts asked teacher reps Jena Kauffmann and Becky Carlson about how the elementary school is going. They mentioned a luau activity to raise funds for elementary field trips, Kindergarten conference, and that we will host the conference in 2019.

Tom Walsh reminded the board of graduation on June 4 and to meet at around 1:30. Pam and Tom will speak. Also, he had received a call about the before/after school care. The board will assist with staff appreciation at the end of year cookout.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Walsh at 10:10pm.

Clerk, ISD775