

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2021

5:30pm in Commons in Middle School

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:40 PM by Chairman Richard Pope

Trustees Present: Jay Jamieson, Kelley Oakes, Missy Jones & Nathan Zito. A quorum was present.

Trustees Absent: None

Administration Present: Superintendent Nathan Schmitz, Principal Mike Rice, Jesse Moore and Business Manager Julie Copeman

Administration absent: None

Adopt the Agenda: A motion was made to adopt the agenda. Motion: Missy Jones Second: Kelley Oakes Pass: 5:0

Public Present: Vicki Green, Tarah Ralph, Tammy Robertus, Jenn Hoffman, Julie Miller, Amber Marsch & Carol Phillips.

Public Comment – None

Reports and Recognitions

A. Administration Report

- a. **Superintendent:** Mr. Schmitz stated cracks in the middle school floor will be repaired soon. New water system has been installed, waiting for DEQ to reply. Other repairs around the middle school will be addressed in the coming months. Elder Grove's accommodation status with OPI is "regular". Annual report for the Transformational Learning grant has been submitted. Chromebooks are being prepped and dispersed to classrooms.
- b. **Middle school Principal:** Mr. Rice stated the dodgeball tournament was a success. It was "live streamed" into the classrooms to maintain social distancing. Long holiday break was helpful and appreciated. On PIR day, retired educator Todd Rowen spoke about "connecting with students". Boys basketball is wrapping up and volleyball will be starting soon.
- c. **Elementary Principal:** Mr. Moore stated "vision teams" about shared leadership. There are several vision teams in place. Principal awards are coming up, looking for nominations from teachers. Going to develop a modified version of the "Amazing Shake" this year.

B. Teachers Report:

- a. MS: Ended school with the dodgeball game. Enjoyed the long break. Attendance has been good. Great speaker on PIR day.
- b. Elem: We have been renewing Outlaw Essentials, had trauma training, excellent speaker on PIR day. Vision teams met.

C. Technology Report: Carol Phillips stated that the Tech Team started up this week. The website is in the process of being revamped. There is a partnership with Tech Team and Yellowstone E-Waste. Students are helping to break down items that were donated. Also teaching Outlaw Essentials.

D. Financial Report: Mrs. Copeman stated bank accounts have been balanced and also books are balanced with the county. She also went over a summary of bond payments.

E. Student Council Report: none

F. Correspondence: nurses monthly reports

Consent Agenda:

- A. **Minutes** – Regular meeting minutes December 3, 2020
- B. **Claims Clearing Warrants-** 9019202- 9019224, 9019225-9019234, 9019235-9019243
- C. Payroll Clearing ACH & Warrants:
- D. Activities Account
- E. TR-35 Bus Driver Cert

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda

Motion: Nathan Zito

Second: Jay Jamieson Passed: 5:0

Discussion

- A. **Covid paid sick leave:** Mr. Schmitz recommended allowing Elder Grove School to continue to offer Covid sick leave with the same terms as the Covid Cares Act through June 30, 2021.
Motion: Jay Jamieson 2nd: Missy Jones Pass: 5:0

- B. **Medical Stipend:** Mr. Schmitz recommended we create a stipend of \$500/month to be paid to a para who is serving a student with medical needs.
Motion: Jay Jamieson 2nd: Kelley Oakes Pass: 5:0
- C. **Re-opening Plan:** Mr. Schmitz recommended modifying the original re-opening plan to allow guest speakers and to not allow any new online students without accepted medical documentation.
Motion: Missy Jones 2nd: Nathan Zito Pass: 5:0
- D. **Executive Session:** Chairman Pope called for an executive session at 6:40pm to discuss Superintendent Schmitz's evaluation.
Executive Session ended at 8:08pm
- E. **Superintendent's Contract:** Superintendent Schmitz recommended changes to his contract which includes having a 3 year contract starting July 2021 and to go through June 30, 2024. Motion was made to open for discussion this topic.
Motion: Nathan Zito Second: Jay Jamieson
Discussion was held. Motion was made to renew the superintendent's contract with recommended changes, 3% increase & total of three years.
Motion: Nathan Zito Second: Jay Jamieson Pass: 5:0
- F. **Administrative Contracts:** Mr. Schmitz recommended we renew both Mike Rice and Jesse Moore's contract with the agreed negotiated terms to their contracts. He also recommended tenure to Jesse Moore.
Motion was made to open for discussion.
Motion: Nathan Zito Second: Kelley Oakes
Discussion was held. Motion was made to renew principals contracts with agreed negotiated terms, 3% increase and provide Jesse Moore with tenure.
Motion: Nathan Zito Second: Kelley Oakes Pass: 5:0

The next board meeting is Tuesday February 9, 2021 at 5:30PM.

Adjournment

Chairman Richard Pope recommended to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.
Motion: Nathan Zito Second: Jay Jamieson Passed: 5:0

Signed:

Attest:

Rich Pope, Chairman Date

Julie Copeman, District Clerk Date