

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 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 5:30 PM by Chairman Nathan Zito

Trustees Present: Jay Jamieson, Kelley Oakes, Luke Romo & Rich Pope. A quorum was present.

Trustees Absent: none

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

Administration absent: Principal Jesse Moore

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

Public Present: Vicki Green, Amber Marsich, Brittany Jore, Terrilynn James, Tammy Olson, Jamie Flanagan, John Dailey, Erin Dailey, Carol Phillips & Wesley Lawson.

Public Comment – none

Reports and Recognitions

A. Administration Report

- a. **Superintendent:** Mr. Schmitz stated the landscape company went with sod to fix the areas that seed did not take. They will re-seed the west field this fall. Water softener has been installed in the middle school. We are getting quotes for RO fountains in the middle school. Both schools are being cleaned and prepared for the start of school. The middle school gym will not be signed off just yet, we have to wait several months because the floor was just refinished.
- b. **Middle school Principal:** Mr. Rice stated he met with the staff that attended Ron Clark Academy. Getting things ready for the start of the school year.
- c. **Elementary Principal:** none

B. Technology Report: Changed anti-virus on all of the school computers. It is less expensive & easier to use. OPI donated several computers for our staff. Our district does not buy new computers, all hardware is refurbished in an effort to save money. Website is being redesigned so there will be a separate middle school & elementary page.

C. Financial Report: Mrs. Copeman stated bank accounts have been balanced and also books are balanced with the county. Just completed the Trustee's Financial Summary and next year's budget. Also helped get the ESSER Grants submitted.

D. Student Council Report: none

E. Correspondence: none

Consent Agenda:

- A. **Minutes** – Regular meeting minutes June 7, 2021, special meeting minutes from June 14, 2021, July 6, 15, 19, 23 & 27 2021
- B. **Claims Clearing Warrants-** 9019397 - 9019465. Checks 9019393 & 9019395 are voided.
- C. Payroll Clearing ACH & Warrants
- D. Bank Accounts

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda

Motion: Rich Pope Second: Kelley Oakes Passed: 5:0

Discussion

A. **Reopening school:** Superintendent recommended that the board approve the reopening plan the district used at the end of last school year. This ARP plan is mandated by the federal government to ensure our ESSER funding. A motion was made to approve the reopening plan used by the district spring of 2021. It will be updated as needed.

Motion: Jay Jamieson Second: Luke Romo Pass: 5:0

B. **Out of District:** Mr. Schmitz presented 7 out of district students for approval by the board. A motion was made to discuss this item.

Motion: Jay Jamieson Second: Rich Pope

A discussion was held about the grades of the proposed applicants and how they would affect class numbers. A motion was made allowing the superintendent to approve the applications, after consultation with the teachers.

Motion: Jay Jamieson Second: Rich Pope Pass: 5:0

- C. **Out of district tuition for staff:** Motion was made to open for discussion.

Motion: Kelley Oakes Second: Luke Romo

Chairman Zito explained the out-of-district tuition being increased and why. Discussion was held about the tuition fee for the district teacher's whose children attend Elder Grove as out-of-district students. Q&A was held.

A motion was made to keep the tuition at \$500 for the district teacher's whose children attend Elder Grove as out-of-district students.

Motion: Kelley Oakes Second: Rich Pope Pass: 5:0

- D. **Master agreement:** Mrs. Green advised the board that the teacher's union voted down the proposal. All items presented to the teachers union failed except 100% paid health insurance. A lengthy discussion was held. Q & A was held. A new date and time was set for negotiations to take place. Topic tabled for now.

15 minute recess

- E. **MOU with certified staff:** Topic tabled due to item D.

- F. **Para hourly wage:** Topic tabled due to item D.

- G. **Sub pay wages:** Topic tabled due to item D.

- H. **2% increase for classified staff:** Topic tabled due to item D.

- I. **Purchase interactive panels using ESSER 3 money:** Superintendent Schmitz explained the need for the interactive panels in building 5. Motion was made to open for discussion.

Motion: Kelley Oakes Second: Luke Romo P: 5:0

Discussion was held about the new panels. A few teachers were present and they explained how the new panels would benefit them and their students daily. Q&A was held. Motion was made to purchase 9 panels with ESSER 3 money.

Motion: Kelley Oakes Second: Luke Romo P: 5:0

- J. **New Hires:** Superintendent Schmitz recommended hiring T.P. & D.L. These are positions that need filled because staff recently left the district. Motion was made to hire T.P. and D.L.

Motion: Kelley Oakes Second: Rich Pope P: 5:0

- K. **Housekeeping lease assigned to Mikkayla Reynolds with pay increase to \$16/hr:** Tabled because of D.

- L. **Summer Reading Advisor Stipend:** Superintendent Schmitz recommended the district pay a \$500 stipend to Janet Steinbeisser-Krivec for being the Summer Reading Advisor this summer. This will be paid from ESSER 3 Learning Loss money. Motion was made to pay J.S.K. \$500 for being the Summer Reading Advisor.

Motion: Kelley Oakes Second: Luke Romo P:5:0

- M. **Paving Quote:** tabled because of item D.

- N. **Establishing committees:** Superintendent recommends the board establish 4 committees with at least 1 trustee on each committee. The committees would be: Boosters/Sponsors, School Cleaning, Levy & Grant writing. Chairman Zito went on to further explain the reasons behind each committee. It was further agreed that others would be able to join the committees soon.

a. Boosters/Sponsors: Jay Jameison & Rich Pope

b. School Cleaning: Nathan Zito and Kelley Oakes

c. Levy: Nathan Zito would lead this committee, although all trustees will help

d. Grant writing: Luke Romo & Kelley Oakes

- O. **Trustee Financial Summary:** Business Manager Julie Copeman presented the Trustees Financial Summary Report. A motion was made to approve the 2020-21 TFS.

Motion: Kelley Oakes Second: Rich Pope P: 5:0

- P. **Budget for FY22:** Business Manager Julie Copeman presented the Budget for FY 2022. A motion was made to approve the 2021-2022 budget as presented.

Motion: Kelley Oakes Second: Rich Pope P: 5:0

The next board meeting is **September 14, 2021 at 5:30pm**

Adjournment

Chairman Nathan Zito recommended adjourning the meeting at 9:36 PM

Motion: Kelley Oakes Second: Rich Pope Passed: 5:0

Signed:

Attest:

Nathan Zito, Chairman **Date**

Julie Copeman, District Clerk **Date**