

**USD 293
QUINTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**MONDAY
May 11, 2015
5:00 P.M.**

Quinter Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dave Polifka, President
Rhonda Coburn, Vice-President
Aaron Betz
Giovani Caasi
Robert Herl
Doug Kuntz
Shane Mann

Unified School District No. 293
601 Gove
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Quinter, Kansas 67752

ADMINISTRATION

Linda Zeigler
Superintendent and K-6 Principal
Toby Countryman, 7-12 Principal
Evone Waggoner, Clerk
Stephanie Albin, Treasurer

USD 293 Board of Education Meeting May 11, 2015

PLACE: BOE Meeting Room at Grade School

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA: Set Agenda

Recognition of guests and visitors
Consideration of minutes of previous meetings
Consideration of bills
Athletic Director Report
Quinter Teacher Association
STUCO Representative
Site Council Reports
PDC Report
NKESC Report
Transportation Report
Public Forum

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Principal's Report

- 1 Happenings
- 2 Looking Ahead

Superintendent's Report

- 1 Legislative Update ®
- 2 Budget Check Form ®
- 3 Budget Considerations ®
- 4 Mentor Program (A)
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Old Business:

- 1 Health Insurance ®
- 2 Technology ®
- 3 6th Grade Participation in Sports (A)

New Business:

- 1 Resignations (A)
- 2 Offer Contracts (A)
- 3

(A) Action
® Report

Student Issues- (Executive Session and/or Action)
Personnel- (Executive Session and/or Action)
Negotiations- (Executive Session and/or Action)

Quinter Public Schools USD 293
Official Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
May 11, 2015

Call to Order:

President Dave Polifka called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. In attendance were Rhonda Coburn, Aaron Betz, Giovanni Caasi, Doug Kuntz, Shane Mann, and Robert Herl. Also Attending were Supt./Princ. Linda Zeigler; Principal Toby Countryman; Clerk Evone Waggoner; Teacher Allison Polifka; Board member elect. Travis Hargitt, and Tara Thornburg.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda. Coburn/Betz (m/s/c 6-0)

Information Report

Giovanni Caasi entered the Board of Education meeting at 5:01 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the Regular Board of Education meeting minutes of April 13, 2015.

Betz/Mann (m/s/c 7-0)

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve bill checks #20416 thru 20482 including additional bills. Mann/Kuntz (m/s/c 7-0)

AD Report:

Athletic banquet is Tuesday night with pot luck supper at 6:30 and awards to follow. Cross Country Cooperative Agreement with Wheatland-Grinnell is up for renewal.

Action Item:

Motion to approve Cross Country Cooperative Agreement with Wheatland-Grinnell for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years. Coburn/Caasi (m/s/c 7-0)

STUCO Report: None

Site Council Report: Joint Site Council wrap up meeting was held Wednesday, April 15.

PDC Report: Presented by Linda Zeigler

NKESC Report: Presented by Aaron Betz

Transportation Report:

Mrs. Zeigler reported on a used bus for sale in Plainville that Arlan Wolf has looked at. Used bus has 124,000 miles and would cost \$2,750. Bus 3 has 255,000 miles. Purchasing the used bus could put off a bus purchase until after the Block Grant is over.

Public Forum: None

Grade School Building Report:

Mr. Rummel will present awards and Mrs. Zeigler will honor AR Accomplishments. Mr. Kuchera will direct a play day on the 18th. Post tests data help to show students' growth. Continuous Improvement sheets will be sent to parents with report cards which will have three positives about each student and one goal that the parents can help with for the summer. Hospital Daycare will be using cafeteria, restrooms, and playground for school age daycare. Mrs. Zeigler hopes to use some of the desks in reading room upstairs for new 4th grade room.

Junior-Senior School Building Report:

Technology committee discussed updating e-mails to quintershools.org this summer, linking AR books, and one to one Chrome books. Network of Complimentary Schools would like to use a school vehicle for annual conference. Quinter students did well on the Work Keys test. Mr. Countryman reviewed overall results. A new Graduation policy was presented to the Board for review and will be brought back when the handbooks will need to be approved. Nineteen students graduated Saturday. Looking ahead to final exams, teacher in-service and summer projects.

All-School Report:

Teachers consistently hear compliments about our students at both schools as they go out on field trips. Winding up State Assessments with students who were absent during testing periods.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Zeigler reviewed facts about SB 7 and school district block grants. No school will get more money. KPERS State aid is the only flow through dollars that will be going up. Lawsuit is still pending. Budget at a glance was reviewed. Mrs. Zeigler reviewed research she had charted on teacher salary-benefit packages, and textbook fees from other similar districts compared to the Class 1A average.

Superintendent's Report Cont.:

Health insurance for a single will be offered to Special Education Para-Professionals if they stay as Quinter staff or are moved to NKESC. Mrs. Zeigler asked the Board members for their thoughts and would like to visit with the Paras before the Board makes the final decision at the May meeting. Mr. Countryman reviewed the Mentoring Program Handbook that was emailed out before the meeting that is now required and will need board approval. Quinter has had a mentoring program, but one change would be to have new teachers go into mentor's classroom and a mentor would go into observe and direct the new teacher in his/her own classroom.

Action Item:

Motion to approve Mentoring Program Handbook as presented. Coburn/Betz (m/s/c 7-0)

Old Business:

Health insurance update: Mr. Shriver from KASB stated that in addition to the six smaller schools, two larger districts are interested which would make more than 1000 lives to make the plan viable. Still waiting on more exact numbers. Staff will need to fill out profiles at beginning of next school year to know rates for sure. Discussion was held on survey results and city recreation director letter concerning 6th grade students participating in sports. Two decisions will need to be made; 1. Approval of 6th grade participation, and 2. JH sports kept during school or moved to after school. Decision was tabled until the May meeting so Mr. Countryman could put together a schedule of gym use if moved to after school.

New Business:

Resignations have been received from Joel Kuchera, and Sandii Ostmeyer. Mrs. Ostmeyer asked that her resignation letter be read out loud so Dave Polifka honored her wishes. Mrs. Ostmeyer's teaching license was presented for clarification of her certification. Mrs. Zeigler asked for approval of an agriculture teaching contract for Candace Hendrich, library aide contract for Sandii Ostmeyer, and a part time cook contract for Ashley Roehl.

Action Items:

Motion to accept Joel Kuchera's resignation as teacher with regrets and thanks for years of service. Mann/Caasi (m/s/c 7-0)

Motion to accept Sandii Ostmeyer's resignation as librarian, seventh grade English, seventh grade sponsor, and NHS sponsor. Coburn/Betz (m/s/c 7-0)

Motion to offer a 2015-2016 part-time cook contract to Ashley Roehl. Betz/Mann (m/s/c 7-0)

Motion to offer a 2015-2016 Agriculture teaching contract to Candace Hendrich. Polifka/Coburn (m/s/c 6-1) Kuntz no vote recorded against candidate not the program.

Motion to offer a 2015-2016 library aide contract to Sandii Ostmeyer. Coburn/Mann (m/s/c 7-0)

Executive Session

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Linda Zeigler, Princ. Toby Countryman, and Board Elected candidates Tara Thornburg and Travis Hargitt at 6:46 PM until 6:51 PM for 5 minutes to discuss student matters. Polifka/Mann (m/s/c 7-0) The executive session is necessary to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed.

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 6:51 PM.

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Linda Zeigler, Princ. Toby Countryman, and Board Elected Candidates Tara Thornburg and Travis Hargitt at 6:35 PM until 6:45 PM for 10 minutes to discuss personnel. Coburn/Mann (m/s/c 7-0) The executive session is necessary to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed.

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 6:45 PM.

Information Report

Toby Countryman, Linda Zeigler and Shane Mann left the Board of Education meeting at 6:45PM.

Executive Session

Motion to enter into executive session with Board Elected Candidates Tara Thornburg, and Travis Hargitt at 6:46 PM until 6:51 PM for 5 minutes to discuss negotiations. Polifka/Betz (m/s/c 6-0) The executive session is necessary to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed.

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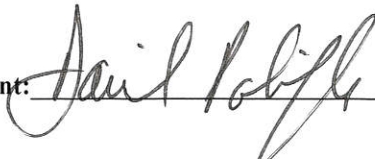
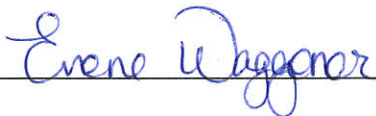
Action Item:

Motion to approve the Network of Complimentary Schools the use of a school vehicle for summer annual conference in Colorado Springs if the Network purchases the fuel. Betz/Coburn (m/s/c 6-0)

Adjournment:

Dave Polifka adjourned the Board of Education meeting at 6:52 PM.

Approved:

President:  Date: 6-8-15 Clerk:  Date: 6-8-15

May 4, 2015

Dear Mrs. Zeigler and Mr. Countryman:

I want to thank you for the support and encouragement you have both given me as an employee of Quinter schools. I really enjoy working with you. Having taught in the Quinter schools for 29 years now, I feel a great deal of love for this district. I am nearing retirement age, and I need to strengthen my financial outlook as much as possible in the last few years of my teaching. I have been offered a position at Hoxie that will help me to do that. I feel that I need to look out for my family and make the decision that will have long-term positive effects for our financial future.

I sincerely hope that you'll understand that I tender my resignation with many mixed feelings. With Millie and Dashiell in school here, and soon, Clementine, this was a very hard decision. I will certainly still be very much a part of the school community. After the completion of my duties for the 2014-2015 school year, I resign as a teacher and coach at Quinter U.S.D. 293. I look forward to continuing my strong friendships with you, the staff, and community.

Sincerely,



Joel Kuchera

4/28/2015

Sandii Ostmeyer
112 Lakeridge Rd.
Quinter, KS 67752

Board of Education
Quinter USD 293

Dear Board members and Administration,

While I understand the necessity of the Board's decision to eliminate my position as certified Library Media Specialist and Seventh Grade English Instructor, it is with considerable regret that I write this official letter of resignation. I appreciate the administration's efforts to keep me on as a member of our certified staff with their offer of two different positions. Unfortunately, I do not feel that the acceptance of either offer is in the best interests of the students, or myself.

I have neither the degree nor the experience in English to best serve the needs of our high school students. Writing is such an important skill for students to have, and I do not have the background or expertise that is needed to adequately teach that at the high school level. The expectations that would be placed on me as a twenty-four year teacher with a master's degree would be unrealistic for me to fulfill given the fact that my undergraduate degree is in Communications and my master's degree is in Library Science.

I also feel that I am not qualified for the second position that was offered, teaching computers part time in the grade school. I have never taken any computer classes, nor am I at all familiar with Mac computers. In addition, my financial circumstances are such that I cannot afford to take a position as a part-time certified staff member.

Because my circumstances allow for it, I did offer to take a position as a full time library aide, with the hope that my offer would allow both libraries to remain open all day every day. I respectfully request that you will earnestly consider my offer.

Sincerely,



Sandii Ostmeyer
Library Media Specialist/English 7 Instructor

April 14, 2015

Dear Mr. Countryman,

It is with a heavy heart that I hereby resign as seventh grade class sponsor and as National Honor Society sponsor. Since I will no longer be a certified staff member I do not feel that it is appropriate to continue as a sponsor. I will be happy to assist the staff members who take on those positions in any way I can in order to make the transition as smooth as possible.

I have greatly enjoyed working with the students in both positions and will miss my interaction with them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandii Ostmeyer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sandii Ostmeyer

Athletic Director Report

- Athletic Banquet is tomorrow night. The pot luck supper starts at 6:30 pm with awards to follow.
- Cross Country Cooperative Agreement: It is time to renew our cross country cooperative agreement with Wheatland-Grinnell. I feel like we need to do this if Wheatland-Grinnell is wanting to as well. I talked to Terry Ostmeyer and he was going to ask his board, but he didn't see any reason why they wouldn't go ahead and renew it.