

**Quinter Public Schools USD 293**  
**Official Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**  
**April 13, 2015**

**Call to Order:**

President Dave Polifka called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 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; Teachers Steve Nicholson, Tina Walt, Shelli Jones, John Crist, Angela Wagoner, Ginny Beesley, Sandee M-Scott, Sandii Ostmeier; Patrons Roger Beesley, Valerie Brown-Kuchera, Kurt Brown, Mikey Lewis, Dr. Doug Gruenbacher, Greg Gillespie, and Kendra Salyers-Barnes; Board member elect. Tara Thornburg.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Valerie Brown-Kuchera was added under Public Forum. Betz/Kuntz (m/s/c 6-0)

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the Special Board of Education meeting minutes of March 9, 2015 and the Regular Board of Education meeting minutes of March 9, 2015. Coburn/Caasi (m/s/c 6-0)

**Approval of Bills:** Motion to approve bill checks #20366 thru 20413 including additional bills. Betz/Kuntz (m/s/c 6-0)

**AD Report:**

John Crist informed the Board that HS track numbers are; girls 18 and boys 9. There will be at least 20 schools here for the high school Quinter invitational track meet and 13 schools for the JH meet.

**STUCO Report:**

None

**Site Council Report:** Joint Site Council meeting will be held Wednesday April 15 at 7:00 PM.

**PDC Report:** Presented by Toby Countryman

**NKESC Report:** Presented by Aaron Betz

**Transportation Report:**

Mrs. Zeigler reported the red suburban A/C is out and Arlan Wolf has a bid to repair it for \$850.00. Board consensus was to request other bids and possibly hold off on fixing the A/C at this time.

**Public Forum:**

Greg Gillespie representing the 6th grade parents for 2015-2016 requested exploring the idea of allowing 6th grade to participate in junior high athletics. Discussion followed by coaches, AD, administration, Board of Education and parents. A survey will be sent out to parents, teachers, and coaches to see if 6th grade should be allowed to participate and if JH athletics should be moved to after school. Survey results will be reported back to the Board of Education.

Valerie Brown-Kuchera addressed the Board and guests in attendance with her researched concerns about changing the library schedule next school year due to budget cuts. Teachers, parents and guests were allowed to express their concerns, comments, and suggestions.

**Information Report**

Shane Mann entered the Board of Education meeting at 7:48 PM.

**Grade School Building Report:**

Winding up year with parent meetings. New assessment for screening 3-5 year olds went well. Parents did not have to wait as long. District may change to a 0-6 screening for two days rather than two different screening dates next year. New fourth grade room will need desks, chairs etc. Will check into purchasing used items.

**Junior-Senior School Building Report:**

Adjustments have been made to the heating system at the high school. Two heaters were wired incorrectly. Board would like to see the system be monitored next year and see if the two heaters could have extended warranty. Still interviewing for the Ag position but have a lack of candidates. Mr. Countryman has called surrounding states to broaden the search. Parent/Teacher conference numbers were down. Jr./Sr. High only had 56% of parents turn out. Mr. Countryman recognized Mr. Nicholson for receiving a grant from Midwest Energy. Mr. Nicholson is using the grant for repairs in the greenhouse. Sue Ann Tebo was recognized and received a League Forensics title for the 11th year. Joshua Caasi, and Bethany Herl were recognized by KU for their outstanding achievements in academics. Mr. Countryman said they are finishing the year strong and there are many activities. Rhonda Coburn, Robert Herl and Giovanni Caasi will hand out diplomas at graduation. Steve Nicholson asked for the District to help pay for half the fuel expense for the Science Club trip. There was a private donation offered at the March meeting to help with the fuel expenses. The district does not pay for expenses for club trips.

**All-School Report:**

State Assessments are in progress at both schools. The District will not make the 95% of the students taking this assessment since some families opted-out. The State will hold us harmless since it was not the District's choice.

**Information Report**

Board of Education took a five minute break at 8:42 PM.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mrs. Zeigler reviewed facts about SB 7 and school district block grants. Budget check form and Capital Outlay lease payment schedules were reviewed. Some school districts are looking at not accepting students from out of district. Oil valuation in Gove County projected to go down for next year. Projected enrollment for 2015-2016 looks as though student enrollment could easily be up 10 students but the District will not receive any extra money due to the Block Grant funding. KASB New Board Member Workshops will be held in Oakley on April 29th, and Hays on May 30th. Mrs. Zeigler will check with new board members to see which one they can attend.

**Old Business:**

Linda Zeigler and Evone Waggoner updated the Board of Education on the health insurance the district is looking at with KASB. Russell school district and two Interlocals are submitting staff information for quotes, so Quinter should get updated quotes in the future. Technology at Quinter Public Schools was discussed in four areas. Mrs. Zeigler recommended contracting with Denton George for computer technology services for next year. E-rate bidding process has closed for network upgrade. Network Computer from Manhattan Kansas will install upgrades this summer. Using one to one Chromebooks for HS students was discussed. Mr. Countryman has posted a technology survey on the school's website for parents. Parents were notified by the alert system of the survey.

**Action Item:**

Motion to approve block of technology computer service from Denton George as presented. Polifka/Mann (m/s/c 7-0)

**Action Item:**

Motion to approve purchase of Chromebooks for one to one student use at the HS and the USD 293, Quinter Public Schools Chromebook and Google Apps for Education Policy as presented. Betz/Kuntz (m/s/c 6-1)

**New Business:**

Resignations have been received from Christie Harvey as cook effective March 12th, Ashley Roehl as assistant junior high girls basketball coach, and Tim Nejd as custodian. All winter coaches recommended for re-hire. Scott Crist is interested in the junior high girls assistant basketball coaching position.

**Action Items:**

Motion to accept Christie Harvey's resignation as cook as of March 12, 2015. Polifka/Mann (m/s/c 7-0)

Motion to accept Ashley Roehl's resignation as assistant junior high girls basketball coach. Coburn/Betz (m/s/c 7-0)

Motion to accept Tim Nejd's resignation as custodian as of June 30, 2015 with thanks for years of service. Mann/ Caasi (m/s/c 7-0)

Motion to offer a 2015-2016 teaching contract to Scott Crist for 1st grade. Polifka/Kuntz (m/s/c 6-1)

Motion to offer a 2015-2016 teaching contract to Adrienne Pauls for 4th grade. Mann/Betz (m/s/c 7-0)

Motion to offer a 2015-2016 teaching contract to Brigid Markey for HS English. Coburn/Mann (m/s/c 7-0)

Motion to offer a 2015-2016 teaching contract to Julinne Samuelson for vocal/band. Caasi/Betz (m/s/c 7-0)

Motion to offer returning winter coaches contracts to: John Crist-HS Boys Head Basketball, Micah Roehl-HS Boys Asst. Basketball, Matt Havlas- HS Girls Head Basketball, Daryl Havlas- HS Girls Asst. Basketball, Kayla Johnson-HS Cheerleading Sponsor, Brian Roesch- JH Boys Head Basketball, Chris Lee- JH Boys Asst. Basketball, and Roger Beesley- JH Girls Head Basketball. Kuntz/Betz (m/s/c 5-2)

Motion to offer a 2015-2016 assistant JH girls basketball coaching contract to Scott Crist. Betz/Herl (m/s/c 5-2)

Motion to approve the last day of school for students to May 18th, and teacher's last day to May 20. Betz/Mann (m/s/c 7-0)

Motion to approve donation from T & T Chemical with splits as requested for classroom supplies. Coburn/Kuntz (m/s/c 7-0)

**Executive Session**

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Linda Zeigler, Princ. Toby Countryman, and Board Elected candidate Tara Thornburg at 9:54 PM until 10:14 PM for 20 minutes to discuss personnel. Polifka/Betz (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 10:14 PM.

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Linda Zeigler, Princ. Toby Countryman, and Board Elected Candidate Tara Thornburg at 10:14 PM until 10:24 PM for 10 minutes to discuss personnel. Betz/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 10:24 PM.

**Information Report**

Linda Zeigler informed the guest in attendance that Mrs. Ostmeyer had been offered the full time HS English position and she rejected the position. Mrs. Ostmeyer was then offered a 1/2 time teacher- librarian/GS computer and 1/2 time library aide position and had also rejected that position.

Motion to approve resolution in regard to nonrenewal of a teacher's contract. RESOLUTION WHEREAS, Cheryl E Ostmeyer is currently employed in Unified School District No. 293, Gove County, Kansas; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education of said Unified School District No. 293, Gove County, Kansas, finds that the contract of Cheryl E Ostmeyer should be nonrenewed, and that Cheryl E Ostmeyer should be given written notice on or before May 15, 2015, of the intent of the board of education to nonrenew her contract for the 2015-2016 school year; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 293, GOVE COUNTY, KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS: It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 293, Gove County, Kansas that the employment contract of Cheryl E. Ostmeyer as a teacher be nonrenewed for the 2015-2016 school year; and The clerk of the board of education is directed to give written notice in person or by United States mail to Cheryl E. Ostmeyer on or before May 15, 2015, of the board's intent to nonrenew this contract for the 2015-2016 school year. ADOPTED by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 293, Gove County, Kansas, the 13 day of April, 2015. Polifka/Kuntz (m/s/c 6-1)

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Linda Zeigler, Princ. Toby Countryman, and Board Elected Candidate Tara Thornburg at 10:29 PM until 10:34 PM for 5 minutes to discuss student matters. Betz/Coburn (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 10:34 PM.

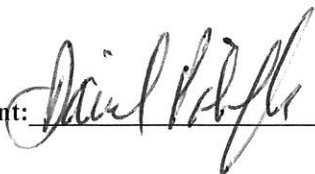
Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Linda Zeigler, Princ. Toby Countryman, and Board Elected Candidate Tara Thornburg at 10:35 PM until 10:50 PM for 15 minutes to discuss student matters. Polifka/Kuntz (m/s/c 7-0) The executive session is necessary to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed.

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 10:50 PM.

**Adjournment:** Dave Polifka adjourned the Board of Education meeting at 10:52 PM.

**Approved:**

President:



Date: 5-11-15

Clerk:



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