

Quinter Public Schools USD 293
Official Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
January 14, 2019

Call to Order:

President Aaron Betz called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:32pm. In attendance were Shane Mann, Tara Thornburg, Kristal Werth and Robert Herl. Board members not in attendance were Travis Hargitt and Giovanni Caasi. Also attending were Supt./Princ. Dr. Kari Kephart; Princ. Toby Countryman; Clerk Evone Waggoner; Staff John Crist and Julinne Samuelson; Patrons Amy Davidson and Carmen Simon.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Fall coaches was added under New Business. Mann/Thornburg (m/s/c 5-0)

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the regular board of education meeting minutes of December 10, 2018. Werth/Mann (m/s/c 5-0)

Approval of Bills:

Motion to approve bill checks #23364 thru #23434 including additional bills. Mann/Werth (m/s/c 5-0)

AD Report:

NWKL Basketball Tournament in Sharon Springs this week. Regional Basketball Tournament at Wheatland-Grinnell High School in February.

OTA Report: None

STUCO Report: None

Site Council Reports: None

PDC Reports:

Toby Countryman presented the PDC report.

NKESC Reports:

Shane Mann presented the NKESC report.

Transportation Report:

Dr. Kephart reported: Still looking for a replacement for bus 7, insurance check has been received, and damaged bus has been picked up.

Junior-Senior School Building Report:

Carmen Simon and Amy Davidson, representing Castle Rock Health and Fitness Center, requested holding a supper on Snowball game night. Consensus of the Board was to allow the use of the building by Castle Rock Health and Fitness Center. Student/Staff Successes: Karissa Haldeman was selected as the Northwest winner of the "If I Were Mayor Contest" and will be honored in Topeka on January 23; Quinter Junior/Senior High School finished fourth in the league food drive contest by collecting 4,516 food items; Brian Roesch will be honored at halftime of one of the ball games on January 29th by Kansas Cross Country and Track and Field Association for having coached track and field for 30 years. Northwest Technical College president Ben Schears is going to recommend to his board that the college move forward with the outreach project in Quinter on January 26th and Quinter will know for sure if the project will go forward on that date. Looking Ahead: Several extra-curricular activities scheduled and State wide ACT/WorkKeys testing.

Grade School Building Report:

Teachers have noted positive changes in their classrooms and greater engagement of students with using data from book study on "Teaching Student-Centered Mathematics" and have agreed to extra meeting days to allow additional study of the book. Mrs. Countryman is sharing with teachers what is being taught to students during Character Lessons so teachers can reinforce lessons in the classroom. Data meetings continue to be every Friday when there are not Character Lessons. Teachers are making better use of data to meet students' needs in the classroom and to plan for appropriate interventions. Looking ahead: DIBELS testing for grades K-2, 2019-2020 potential staffing changes: 2 kindergarten classes for 30-37 students, 1 first grade class for 19 students, and 2 sessions of pre-school.

All-School Building Report:

Dr. Kephart is gathering quotes for intercom system at GS, camera system at HS, and telephone systems at both schools. Teacher in-service day January 21st itinerary will include MTSS – literacy and math, required Suicide Awareness training, and ALiCE scenarios. 2019 State Assessment Security and Ethics Training to be conducted by February 1st. 2019 Gove County Spelling Bee is January 30 at Wheatland Elementary.

Public Forum: None

Superintendent's Report:

January is School Board Recognition Month so Dr. Kephart would like to recognize BOE members at a ballgame in January. Wednesday is the Governors' State of the State Address and it's predicted that education funding will be high on her list. JH social studies, 4-12 Band, and HS custodian positions have been posted but no applicants yet. Dr. Kephart explained the new format for monthly superintendent meetings at NKESC.

New Business:

BOE needs to accept the following donations for USD 293: Insurance Planning \$500; Center Pivot \$100 for woods class; Don and Charla Tilton \$1000 for HS and \$1000 for GS; and Kim Alan Barnes \$300 for GS playground equipment. Teachers voted on a 2019-2020 Quinter Public Schools' Calendar and now needs BOE approval. Employee background checks were discussed and Dr. Kephart recommended background checks be completed on all new hires. Fall coaches were reviewed. Mr. Countryman recommended Monica Countryman for the JH head volleyball open coach position.

Action Items:

Motion to accept donations as presented. Betz/Mann (m/s/c 5-0)

Motion to approve draft 4c 2019-2020 Quinter Public Schools' Calendar as presented. Betz/Werth (m/s/c 5-0)

Executive Session:

Board of Education went into executive session at 8:15pm.

Aaron Betz moved to enter into executive session with Supt. Kari Kephart and Princ. Toby Countryman present to discuss coaching contracts pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The meeting will resume in the board room at 8:25pm.

Betz/Mann (m/s/c 5-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 8:25pm.

Action Items:

Motion to approve fall coaches as presented: Micah Roehl HS head football; Brian Roesch assistant HS football and head JH football; Cody Corwin assistant HS football; John Crist assistant JH football; Allison Polifka head HS volleyball; Adrienne Pauls assistant HS volleyball; Monica Countryman head JH volleyball; and Hailey Kerns assistant JH volleyball. Werth/Betz (m/s/c 5-0)

Old Business:

Special meeting to be held on January 29th from 3:00pm-6:00pm for Recruitment and Retention Analysis. School Fleet Safety Program was reviewed. Dr. Kephart clarified legality issues with attorneys. KASB December policy update recommendations were presented for approval by policy committee. JH sports practices were reviewed on how schedule is working this year.

Action Item:

Motion to approve School Fleet Safety Program to be in full effect by the 2019-2020 school year. Betz/Mann (m/s/c 5-0)

Motion to approve KASB policies as presented. Mann/Werth (m/s/c 5-0)

Information Report:

Board of Education took a five-minute break.

Executive Session:

Board of Education went into executive session at 8:55pm.

Aaron Betz moved to enter into executive session with Supt. Kari Kephart and Princ. Toby Countryman present to discuss student out-of-district requests pursuant to exception relating to actions affecting a student under KOMA. The meeting will resume in the board room at 9:02pm. Betz/Mann (m/s/c 5-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 9:02pm.

Executive Session:

Board of Education went into executive session at 9:03pm.

Kristal Werth moved to enter into executive session with Supt. Kari Kephart and Princ. Toby Countryman present to discuss items to be negotiated pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. The meeting will resume in the board room at 9:08pm. Werth/Herl (m/s/c 5-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 9:08pm.

Executive Session:

Board of Education went into executive session at 9:10pm.

Aaron Betz moved to enter into executive session with Supt. Kari Kephart and Princ. Toby Countryman present to discuss employee contracts pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The meeting will resume in the board room at 9:50pm.

Betz/Thornburg (m/s/c 5-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 9:50pm.

Adjournment:

Aaron Betz adjourned the Board of Education meeting at 9:51pm.

President: 

Date: 1/29/19

Clerk: 

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