

Quinter Public Schools USD 293
Official Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
February 8, 2016

Call to Order:

President Dave Polifka called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. In attendance were Aaron Betz, Shane Mann, Robert Herl, and Tara Thornburg. Board members not in attendance were Travis Hargitt and Giovanni Caasie. Also attending were Supt./Princ. Linda Zeigler; Principal Toby Countryman; Clerk Evone Waggoner; Teachers John and Amy Crist and Steve Nicholson.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as amended. 403b Investment Providers was added under New Business. Mann/Herl (m/s/c 5-0)

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the Special Board of Education meeting minutes of January 20, 2016 and February 1, 2016. Betz/Thornburg (m/s/c 5-0)

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve bill checks #21071 thru 21107 including additional bills. Herl/Mann (m/s/c 5-0)

AD Report:

John Crist informed the board that the WKLL used the gym last Thursday to hold the first round of its league tournament due to the snow days earlier in the week. Jr. class did the concessions. Ellis basketball games have been rescheduled for Monday, February 15th at the same times. Quinter will host Sub-State basketball tournament the week of February 29th through March 5th. State basketball for 1A divisions I and II will be held in Dodge City this year. Mr. Crist reviewed 6th grade basketball student participation and informed the board that the coaches liked it and would like to see it again next year.

OTA Report:

Steve Nicholson asked why the 4 day week was not put back on the agenda. Board informed Mr. Nicholson that 4 day week was not being researched at this time.

STUCO Report:

None

Site Council Reports:

Shane Mann presented the GS report, and Tara Thornburg presented the HS report.

PDC Report:

None

NKESC Report:

Presented by Aaron Betz.

Transportation Report:

Snow days were easy calls

Public Forum:

None

Grade School Building Report:

Performances at basketball game were 5th and 6th graders ball handling to music by learning beat and notes by Mrs. Samuelson and little cheerleaders always a crowd pleaser. GS teachers continue to discuss what works well for reading and how teachers can use those ideas to help with math. Math and writing State Performance Assessments will occur before spring break to split up the assessment load. Mrs. Zeigler informed the board that she would like to purchase Promethean Boards for the 5th and 6th grade classrooms and move the TVs to the art room and music room. Upstairs classrooms will need to be redesigned to accommodate large class sizes next year.

Junior-Senior School Building Report:

Student and staff successes: Clark Wolf second in Gove County Spelling Bee; HS Scholars Bowl took second in league meet missing state qualifications by one question; Brice Hackler and Laramie Rohr both going to state piano; Masons honored two exemplary teachers, Mrs. Musick and Mrs. Zeigler and one exemplary student Katelyn Lee at a home basketball game. Mr. Countryman is waiting on a bid from Nex-Tech to broadcast Christmas and Spring concerts on school's television channel. Ms. Samuelsson is consulting with companies to upgrade the sound systems for the auditorium and Mr. Countryman has checked into upgrading the sound system in the gymnasium. Auditorium sound system will be around \$3,000 and the district has a donation for half of the cost at this time. Gymnasium upgrade would be around \$13,000. HS is still advertising for a custodian. HS hallways are still cold and to install heaters in hallways would cost around \$8,000.

Junior-Senior School Building Report Cont.:

Calendar committee presented three drafts and staff voted on calendars for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Countryman continues to do staff evaluations. Quinter will host League Forensics again this year. Crisis plan will be sent out to committee for review. Technology committee meeting will be scheduled. JH track will begin the first part of March.

All-School Building Report:

None

Superintendent's Report:

State budget numbers continue to be of grave concern. Dave Polifka reported on news article he read that the governor projected taking 45 million from schools this year. Mrs. Zeigler reviewed past changes made and future changes to be made to help with budget situations. FTE for this year and next year's projections were reviewed even though with the current block grant funding revenue will not change. KASB December Policy Updates were reviewed by Mrs. Zeigler, Aaron Betz, and Tara Thornburg. It was recommended adopting all policies but the JGCB (Inoculations) policy. Legislative updates were reviewed. Robert Herl, Dave Polifka, Mrs. Zeigler, and Evone Waggoner will attend a negotiations workshop on March 1st in Oakley.

Action Item:

Motion to adopt the KASB December Policy Updates except the JGCB (Inoculations) policy as presented.
Polifka/Mann (m/s/c 5-0)

Old Business:

Superintendent/Principal interview process was to be discussed in executive session.

New Business:

School calendar drafts were reviewed and Mrs. Zeigler recommended draft III since teachers had voted and the majority wanted draft III. There has been a request to add Ameriprise Financial to the 403b investor provider list of vendors.

Action Items:

Motion to approve draft III calendar for 2016-2017 school year as presented. Betz/Herl (m/s/c 5-0)

Motion to approved adding Ameriprise Financial as an additional 403b investment provider for the district.
Mann/Herl (m/s/c 5-0)

Executive Sessions:

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Linda Zeigler, and Princ. Toby Countryman present at 8:10 PM until 8:20 PM for 10 minutes to discuss student matters. Herl/Betz (m/s/c 5-0) 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 8:20 PM.

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Linda Zeigler, and Princ. Toby Countryman at 8:20 PM until 8:50 PM for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Polifka/Mann (m/s/c 5-0) The executive session is necessary to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed.

Linda Zeigler left the executive session at 8:37 PM.

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 8:50 PM.

Motion to enter into executive session with Princ. Toby Countryman at 8:50 PM until 9:05 PM for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Polifka/Betz (m/s/c 5-0) 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 9:05 PM.



Information Report

Board consensus was to have Mr. Countryman pursue an additional assistant JH track coach. A special board meeting will be set sometime next week to either interview possible superintendent/GS principal applicant or make a decision on posting of position.

Adjournment:

Dave Polifka adjourned the Board of Education meeting at 9:17 PM.

Approved:

President:  Date: 3-7-16 Clerk:  Date: 3-7-16

DECEMBER 2015 UPDATED KASB POLICIES

POLICY CODE	RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDED REVISION	RECOMMENDED ACTION
GAAA (Equal Employment Opportunity and Nondiscrimination)	This policy was revised to provide the most accurate contact address for our region's Office for Civil Rights.	Review and adopt.
GAAE (Bullying by Staff)	Used the statutory language in the bullying policies previously, and it was unnecessarily redundant. We took out some of the extra words to make it simpler without changing the meaning.	Review and adopt the policy if helpful.
GBRF (Student and Parent Conferences) → NEW	<p>Previously we had two nearly identical policies in the JFAB and JFAC which addressed student and parent conferences respectively. As this was more of a staff directive than a student policy issue, we deleted JFAB and JFAC and combined their language into GBRF, which will only be applicable to your certified staff.</p> <p>If you already had the previous policies, recodifying them with this update should not be a negotiations issue. However, now is a good opportunity to look at your negotiated agreement to see if there is any potential conflict with this language needing updated in the next negotiations cycle.</p>	Review and adopt the policy if preferred to previous organization and placement.
JA (Goals and Objectives)	<p>The legal staff thought removing language about providing the best possible educational environment for students was advisable to avoid an educational malpractice claim.</p> <p>We also clarified that the following policies outline a student's rights and responsibilities instead of only addressing a</p>	Review and adopt.

	<i>such district in school years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 regardless of whether such pupil or family member of such pupil is a resident of the district in either school year, provided such pupil or such pupil's family member is in compliance with any attendance and behavior policies of the district.</i>	
JCABB (Searches of Students)	Revised the documentation portion of this policy to say documentation of searches need only be maintained by the principal and that no submission to the superintendent or maintenance thereof by the superintendent is necessary.	Review and adopt if preferred.
JCDB (Dress Code)	Added more detailed restrictions on student dress that are in line with current case law on First Amendment Free Speech protections.	Review and adopt if preferred.
JDD (Suspension and Expulsion Procedures)	Updated the language concerning long-term suspension and expulsion to more closely reflect present law.	Review and adopt.
JDDB (Reporting to Law Enforcement)	Made technical revisions to the content that does not impact meaning.	Review and adopt if preferred.
JDDC (Bullying) → for Students	Removed redundant language without impacting meaning.	Review and adopt if preferred.
JFAB (Student Conferences) and JFAC (Parent Conferences) → DELETE	Combined these policies and placed them in GBRF, where they are directed at certified staff only.	Delete if adopting GBRF.

	school administration will make the final decision regarding the type of education and setting for provision of educational services for a student with a severe communicable disease of long duration.	adopt.
JGD (Student Psychological Services)	Editorial corrections which do not impact meaning.	Review and adopt if preferred.
JGFB (Supervision of Students)	Deleted language providing principals will create duty rosters for teachers, aides, paras, and administrators and provided that the principals would just ensure appropriate staff members are available for student supervision. Note that lunch room supervision, for example, is considered a supplemental duty for your certified staff, making pay for that duty mandatorily negotiable.	Review and adopt.
JGFG (Student Accidents)	Made some technical changes which should do more to shield the district from liability with regard to handling student accidents, sending for medical help, and documenting such incidents.	Review and adopt.
JGFGB (Supervision of Medications)	Made some technical revisions which should not impact meaning or application.	Review and adopt if preferred.
JGG (Transportation)	<p>Many of our members are allowing students to provide their own transportation to and from district activities that occur off site.</p> <p>For example, despite the district using a Suburban to transport some students to golf practice at the local course, many students are allowed to opt out of taking</p>	Review and adopt if allowing students to opt-out of district provided transportation.

JGCAA (Gang Activity)	Editorial corrections.	Review and adopt if preferred.
JI (Community Activities)	Broadened the language of this policy to allow students to work on community service related projects and similar activities if undertaken as a part of the course's approved curriculum.	Review and adopt if preferred.
JJ (Employment of Students)	This policy was revised to provide that students participating in vocational or other work experience programs through the district are expected to abide by board policies during such participation.	Review and adopt.
JQA (formerly "Physically Disabled Students" and now "Temporarily Disabled Students")	Made some technical changes to make terminology consistent throughout our student policies.	Review and adopt.
JQE (Alternative Arrangements for Nontraditional Students)	Made some terminology changes to be consistent with other student policies and provided that a health care release may be sought for pregnant students when such students are engaging in activities "which could pose a health or safety risk."	Review and adopt.
JQKA (Foreign Exchange Students)	Made a technical change to reflect students will be admitted from approved organizations but that KSHSAA does not have to approve the organizations each year.	Review and adopt.
JQL (Hearing Procedures for Exceptional Students)	Removed language which could limit a district's ability to handle student matters outside of a hearing setting.	Review and adopt.
JQLA (Class-size/Caseload Limits For Exceptional Students)	Superintendents may now "periodically" review class-size/caseload limits instead of	Review and