

Quinter Public Schools USD 293
Official Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
February 9, 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 Leanna Keller and Kelli Getz; Patron Mikey Lewis; Students Shelby Coburn and Joshua Caasi; Transportation Director Arlan Wolf.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as amended. NW-Tech report was added under New Business. Betz/Mann (m/s/c 7-0)

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the Regular Board of Education meeting minutes of January 12, 2015. Mann/Coburn (m/s/c 7-0)

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve bill checks #20259 thru 20311 including additional bills. Coburn/Kuntz (m/s/c 7-0)

AD Report:

Mr. Countryman reviewed SB-60 being introduced by legislators to let home schooled students play sports.

STUCO Report:

Kelli Getz reported that the STUCO Jersey Auction will be February 27th and Winter Palooza will be March 27th.

Site Council Report: HS report presented by Toby Countryman and GS report presented by Shane Mann.

PDC Report: Presented by Toby Countryman

NKESC Report: Presented by Aaron Betz

Transportation Report:

Arlan Wolf presented fuel bids from Frontier Ag and T & T Chemical. The Big Dawg Bus and Activity Bus 9 were reviewed. NKESC Head start busses may be for sale and Arlan will check into the possibility of buying one and report back to the Board.

Action Item:

Motion to accept bid for bulk fuel monthly from T & T Chemical to a total of 10,000 gallons of dyed diesel and 5,000 gallons of gasoline. Kuntz/Betz (m/s/c 7-0)

Junior-Senior Building Report:

Shelby Coburn and Joshua Caasi presented the Senior class trip itinerary and asked for an additional two days and use of three school suburban's. Three engineers have been in to evaluate the HS heating upgrade. Equipment is working well but there may be a design issue. HS staff is reviewing Aspire test data looking for trends to help students and drive curriculum. ACT will be given at QHS in September. All Seniors will take a Work Keys test on March 25th and cost of the test will be paid by a grant through Hansen Foundation. E-Rate for technology upgrades has been submitted. Mr. Countryman will be meeting with Nex-Tech for wireless security options to lock down the school. Mr. Countryman has received a request to begin a Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) club at the HS. USD 293's Crisis Plan was sent to Board members electronically to review and Mr. Countryman asked for it to be approved. A drill on crisis training in conjunction with Quinter City staff will be held with HS students in the future. Two interviews have been set up for the Ag position and one more to be scheduled. Mr. Countryman will attend a career interview day at ESU. Q-Club would like to use suburban's to go on a trip over spring break. Ashley Miller has made it to State Poetry Out Loud and Brice Hackler will compete for the third year at State Piano. Mr. Countryman is finishing scheduled teacher evaluations.

Action Item:

Motion to approve the Senior trip itinerary as presented. Kuntz/Betz (m/s/c 7-0)

Action Item:

Motion to approve USD 293 Crisis Plan as presented. Betz/Caasi (m/s/c 7-0)

Action Item:

Motion to approve the request to use school suburban's for Q-Club ski trip over spring break. Mann/Betz (m/s/c 7-0)

Grade School Building Report:

Teachers and staff doing mid year assessments with DIBLES K-2 and Diagnostics for 1st grade students. NAEP test will be given to 4th graders on February 17th. Mrs. Zeigler is hoping to use math diagnostics at 5th and 6th grade level like the QJSHS is using. Week of March 9th will be State Assessments with 4th Science and 6th Social Studies. Les & Jenna Simon won the Monsanto Grant and are gifting it to the GS. Presentation will be done with GS students.

All-School Report:

Change in Parent-Teacher conferences to be March 9 & 10. Next school year parent/teacher conference will be scheduled from 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Information Report

Board of Education took a five minute break at 8:27 PM.

Superintendent's Report:

Senate Bill-71 still to be voted on would result in Quinter receiving a reduction this budget year of \$46,983. Governor's Allotment will reduce public schools by 1.5% from BSAPP on March 7th which means \$20,713 for Quinter Schools. Mrs. Zeigler has implemented immediate need purchases only, recommended only making the current wind turbine payment instead of paying it off this year, and moving maintenance salaries to Capital Outlay to off set the Governor's Allotment reduction. KASB recommends school Boards who do not agree with moving school Board elections to adopt a resolution. Mrs. Zeigler attended the superintendents' meeting at NKESC and other districts have cut or are looking at cutting school nurse, band, library, art, going to bigger class sizes of 25-30 students in the GS level, and buying out older teachers. Mrs. Zeigler recommends that the Board review the Ag program and consider cutting the program based on the depth of future budget cuts. Robert Herl, Dave Polifka and Mrs. Zeigler reviewed the KASB Negotiation meetings they attended. Mrs. Zeigler reviewed a proposal from the Kansas Professional Negotiations Act for changes that state's major education organizations hope will be initiated for next year.

Action Item:

QUINTER SCHOOL DISTRICT, UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 293 BOARD RESOLUTION 2015 Kansas State Legislative Actions Relating to School Board Elections. A RESOLUTION by the Board of Education of the Quinter Public Schools, Unified School District No. 293, Gove County, Kansas, regarding the Kansas State Legislature's proposed bills to alter the process for electing public board of education members in Kansas. WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers of the State of Kansas provided in Article 6 of the State's Constitution for the establishment and maintenance of public schools; and WHEREAS, the people of Kansas approved by popular vote an amendment in 1966 endowing locally elected boards of education with the sole responsibility of maintaining, developing and operating local public schools; and WHEREAS, all children in Kansas deserve access to a public education absent of potentially divisive partisanship; and WHEREAS, moving local public school board elections to November of even-numbered years would reduce focus on school board candidates as they compete for attention with all other candidates for every federal, state and local office; and WHEREAS, moving school board elections from the spring to fall would impair a school district's efficient operation based on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30; and WHEREAS, moving school board elections from the spring to fall would potentially create a "lame duck" board, thereby impeding discussions of administrator evaluations, contract extensions, teacher evaluations, teacher negotiations and budget preparation; and WHEREAS, partisan elections would bar federal executive branch and military employees from running for office and serving their communities by holding local office; and WHEREAS, current options in voting plans allow local districts to determine the best plan to ensure representation from all parts of the district; and WHEREAS, the current election cycle for electing local public education board members has and will continue to serve the children of Kansas well, as demonstrated by the fact that Kansas ranks among the top states in educational outcome for successful students while spending below the national average per pupil; and WHEREAS, increasing voter participation can be accomplished without disrupting the current election cycle. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we as a Locally-Elected Board of Education call upon the Kansas State Legislature to pass no law changing the election cycle for local boards of education; and FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we as a Locally-Elected Board of Education call upon the Kansas State Legislature to pass no law changing the nonpartisan status of local board of education elections. ADOPTED by the Quinter School District Board of Education on this date, 9th, of this month, February, of this year, 2015. Motion by Mann/Betz (m/s/c 7-0)

Old Business:

David Schriver from KASB will be at the next BOE meeting on March 9th to present the partial self funded health insurance KASB will be offering. The intent of the Board and Mrs. Zeigler is to move a chunk of the money saved on switching health insurance to base salaries. School Board election candidates will receive a letter inviting them to attend school Board meetings before election.

New Business:

Calendar committee has met and submitted two drafts for the Board of Education to adopt. The only difference between the two drafts is the day off in November. Draft I has November 9th off, and draft II has November 30th off. Staff voted for draft II. NKESC buy-in services were reviewed for 2015-2016 school year. Board of Education recommended checking into the Gifted services to assess the needs for those services and report to the Board at the March meeting. Aaron Betz, Mr. Countryman, and Mrs. Zeigler reviewed topics discussed at the Education Commissioner's meeting they attended in Oakley. Giovanni Caasi notified the Board that Dr. Mills has resigned from NW-Tech effective in the fall. NW-Tech's annual Endowment Auction on March 7, 2015.

Action Item:

Motion to approve draft II calendar for 2015-2016 school year as presented. Kuntz/Herl (m/s/c 6-1)

Executive Session

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Linda Zeigler, and Princ. Toby Countryman at 9:55 PM until 10:10 PM for 15 minutes to discuss negotiations. Polifka/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 10:10 PM.

Motion to enter into executive session with Supt. Linda Zeigler, and Princ. Toby Countryman at 10:10 PM until 10:25 PM for 15 minutes to discuss personnel. 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 10:25 PM.

Adjournment:

Dave Polifka adjourned the Board of Education meeting at 10:26 PM.

Approved:

President: Jamil Hobbs Date: 3-9-15 Clerk: Ernie Waggoner Date: 3-9-15