

USD 417 Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.  
CGJSHS Auditorium, Council Grove, KS 66846

MEMBERS

PRESENT Terry Powell, TinaRae Scott (via Zoom), Mary Myers (via Zoom), Deidre Knight (via Zoom), and Adam Dirks

MEMBERS NOT

PRESENT Marie Blythe and Scott Bankes

OTHERS

PRESENT Kelly McDiffett (via Zoom), Dana Reddick, Kelcy Bremer (via Zoom), Frank Hartman (via Zoom), Angela Harris (via Zoom), Kelly Gentry, Valerie Gehrler (via Zoom), Marcus Hernandez (via Zoom), Jay Doornbos, Kate Gronquist, Heather Honas (via Zoom), Ben Moore (via Zoom), Martha House (via Zoom), Aron Dody, and Bryce Johnson (via Zoom)

Terry Powell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and called for a moment of silence for all of the turbulent events going on around the world.

CONSENT

AGENDA TinaRae Scott (Mary Myers) moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS

Kelly McDiffett detailed plans to offer drivers education over the summer. Kelly Gentry discussed plans to offer dyslexia training to as many teachers as possible this summer through Greenbush.

Marie Blythe arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Jay Doornbos reported that the summer weights program started up recently, and they're having a great turnout; 124 students attended in the prior week.

Scott Bankes joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:07 p.m.

Aron Dody said the administrative team plans to review staff exit survey results in the upcoming week, and that he received a lot of valuable feedback from a staff reflection survey he recently sent out. Aron then requested that the board change the position of a couple of items on the agenda.

Terry Powell amended the agenda to place the School Nurse action item and the Secure Entrances discussion item after the Thermal Imaging Cameras discussion item.

## DISCUSSION ITEM

Superintendent Dody discussed the potential purchase of thermal imaging cameras with funds available through FEMA and the CARES Act to help screen students for fevers at school building entrances. Deidre Knight (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve the purchase of five thermal imaging camera units with the use of CARES Act and FEMA funds. Motion passed 6-1, with Adam Dirks dissenting.

## ACTION ITEM

Scott Bankes (Adam Dirks) moved to approve a new RN school nurse position, to be paid for initially with CARES Act funds. Motion passed 7-0.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Dody updated the Board on the secure entrances project, which has been delayed by KBS Construction, who had been unresponsive until submitting a last minute contract which was \$127,000 over their initial estimate. Superintendent Dody and Ben Moore, the architect with whom the district is working on the project, asserted that the best way to move forward is to open the project up for bid.

Terry Powell called for a 5-minutes recess at 7:45 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Superintendent Dody informed the board that the Rolling Study Halls SmartBus program would continue for another year at no cost to the district.

Superintendent Dody reviewed results from his internet hotspot survey and informed the board that he tested the connectivity of the hotspots at the addresses of about half of the families who indicated an interest in the hotspots, and the hotspots worked well in the majority of the locations.

Superintendent Dody and the Board explored the idea of expanding the district's license with Edgenuity, an online learning platform used at CGHS. The board reached a consensus that it would support expanding to a site license, which would allow an unlimited number of CGJSHS students to utilize the service, if Superintendent Dody and the administrative team deemed it necessary.

Superintendent Dody gave a brief update on the roof of Braves Gym, stating that repairs had been made, and that no leaks were evident after several rains.

Superintendent Dody updated the Board on the football field and track project at Legion Stadium; stating that soil conditions had allowed Hellas Construction to mobilize over the weekend and begin construction.

## ACTION ITEMS

TinaRae Scott (Marie Blythe) moved to accept the FY18-19 Audit documents as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

TinaRae Scott (Scott Bankes) moved to accept the bid from Bolton Chrysler Dodge Ram Jeep for a 10-passenger van. Motion passed 7-0.

Marie Blythe (Adam Dirks) moved to adjust the USD 417 2020-2021 Academic Calendar by moving two professional development days from the spring to the beginning of the school year, as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

TinaRae Scott (Scott Bankes) moved to go into a 5-minute executive session in order to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with Aron Dody, Kelly McDiffett, and Jay Doornbos. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:44 p.m.  
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:49 p.m.

TinaRae Scott (Marie Blythe) moved to go into a 3-minute executive session in order to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with Aron Dody, Kelly McDiffett, and Jay Doornbos. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:49 p.m.  
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:52 p.m.

TinaRae Scott (Marie Blythe) moved to go into a 3-minute executive session in order to discuss a proposal from the USD 417 Teacher's Association pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with Aron Dody, Kelly McDiffett, and Jay Doornbos. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:54 p.m.  
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:57 p.m.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

APPROVED: 07/13/20



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Bryce Johnson, Clerk



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Terry Powell, President, BOE