

USD 417 Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 13th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
17 Wood St, Council Grove, KS 66846

MEMBERS

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

MEMBERS NOT

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OTHERS

PRESENT Kate Gronquist, Mika Doornbos, Kelly McDiffett, Heather Honas, Kelcy Bremer, Myles Gant, Dana Reddick, Valerie Gehrler, Jay Doornbos, Nola Miller, Tracie Schroeder, Caleb Schroeder, Calla Unruh, Marcus Hernandez, Aron Dody, and Bryce Johnson

Terry Powell called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Dody introduced the new student liaison, Myles Gant, who was selected by his peers to offer a student perspective to the board.

CONSENT

AGENDA TinaRae Scott (Mary Myers) moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

SPOTLIGHT ON

EDUCATION Tracie Schroeder, robotics team sponsor, introduced Caleb Schroeder and Calla Unruh, who delivered a presentation on the robotics team for this year's competition.

REPORTS

Superintendent Dody and Dana Reddick introduced a COVID-19 Daily Statistics spreadsheet which will be used to communicate COVID-19 data to the public, and they reviewed the inclusion of a flowchart in the Operational Guidelines to explain the processes to be followed for various testing and quarantining scenarios. Superintendent Dody thanked the staff members and board members who helped provide support for the tailgate at the first home football game of the season. Superintendent Dody reported that, as part of the application for the third round of ESSER funds, the district must survey stakeholders about desired funding; Superintendent Dody said that survey would be administered in the near future. TinaRae Scott reported that she, Superintendent Dody, Deidre Knight, Marie Blythe, and Jamie Johnson attended a town hall meeting in Manhattan, and they were able to speak with the Commissioner of Education for Kansas, Dr. Randy Watson, on various public education issues.

INFORMATION ITEM

Superintendent Dody informed the board that EMC, the district's commercial general liability insurer, has, like most similar insurers, introduced an exclusion policy for

communicable diseases, making the district susceptible to litigation over the transmission of COVID-19 or other diseases if the district is found negligent.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Superintendent Dody reported the need to purchase another Ford Transit. TinaRae Scott (Scott Bankes) moved to approve the purchase of a Ford Transit, used or new, for a reasonable price. Motion approved 7-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Scott Bankes (Adam Dirks) moved to approve the FBLA chapter to travel to Oklahoma City for their leadership training seminar, with the condition that they follow local health guidelines. Motion passed 7-0.

Scott Bankes (Adam Dirks) moved to approve the FFA chapter to travel to Indianapolis for their National Convention, with the condition that they follow local health guidelines. Motion passed 7-0.

Adam Dirks (Scott Bankes) moved to allow religious exemptions from masking for staff and students. Motion failed, 2-5, with Terry Powell, TinaRae Scott, Deidre Knight, Mary Myers, and Marie Blythe dissenting.

Deidre Knight (Marie Blythe) moved to accept the grant award from KDHE for COVID-19 funding. Motion passed 7-0.

Scott Bankes (Mary Myers) moved to accept the KJUMP settlement. Motion passed 7-0.

TinaRae Scott (Mary Myers) moved to select Deidre Knight to serve as the district's delegate at this year's KASB Delegate Assembly. Motion passed 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TinaRae Scott (Mary Myers) moved to go into a 15-minute executive session in order to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with Aron Dody. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:28 p.m.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

APPROVED: 10/11/2021



Bryce Johnson, Clerk



Terry Powell, President, BOE