

USD 417 Board of Education
Regular Meeting
October 11th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
17 Wood St, Council Grove, KS 66846

MEMBERS

PRESENT

TinaRae Scott, Scott Bankes (via Zoom), Mary Myers, Deidre Knight (via Zoom), and Marie Blythe (via Zoom)

MEMBERS NOT

PRESENT

Terry Powell and Adam Dirks

OTHERS

PRESENT

Amy Redden, Val Gehrer, Kelcy Bremer, Dana Reddick, Kiele Tyner, Kate Gronquist, Kelly McDiffett, Myles Gant, Kelly Gentry, Marcus Hernandez, Aron Dody, and Bryce Johnson

TinaRae Scott called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CONSENT

AGENDA

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

SPOTLIGHT ON

EDUCATION

Kate Gronquist and FCCLA members, Kiele Tyner and Myles Gant, discussed the experience they had hosting District D's Fall Leadership Conference at CGJSHS on October 6th.

REPORTS

Kelly McDiffett briefed the board on a couple of important events in October for seniors, Apply Kansas and FAFSA night, both of which help students prepare for post-secondary education. Superintendent Dody expressed appreciation to staff for their efforts so far this school year.

ACTION ITEMS

Scott Bankes (Marie Blythe) moved to approve the trip organized by the CG Players and their sponsor, Amy Redden, to Kansas City, Missouri, to see Wicked on Jan 6th or Jan 22nd, with the condition that they follow local health guidelines. Motion passed 5-0.

The board reached a consensus to have individual board members email Deidre Knight their candidate of choice for president-elect designee. Deidre was previously selected by the board to attend KASB's Delegate Assembly and cast a vote for that position.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent Dody reported that the district had still not received notice on whether its application to the Emergency Connectivity Fund had been approved, which will prevent the district from resolving any issues by the upcoming deadline for submitting revised applications.

Superintendent Dody reported that the district's application for ESSER II had been approved.

Superintendent Dody and Dana Reddick overviewed COVID-19 numbers and protocols.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Dody and Kelly Gentry discussed potential new positions which could be funded through ESSER.

Superintendent Dody informed the board that the ESSER III funding survey had been administered to patrons, and there seemed to be considerable demand for K-12 tutoring, so the district would be working on a plan to offer that kind of service.

Superintendent Dody reviewed the timeline for hiring the next CGJSHS Principal, noting that he hoped to have a recommendation for the board by late November or early December.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mary Myers (Scott Bankes) moved to go into a 5-minute executive session in order to discuss property options pursuant to the exception for preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property under KOMA with Aron Dody and Bryce Johnson. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:17 p.m.

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TinaRae Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

APPROVED: 11/08/2021



Bryce Johnson, Clerk



Terry Powell, President, BOE