

MINUTES OF MEETING
Ulysses Board of Education
Unified School District No. 214 - Grant County

The Board met in **Regular** Session **Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: President Margaret Nightengale
Vice President Jim Wilson
Jamie Kratzer
Mike Meyer
Diana Nunez
Clay Scott
Ron Smith

Members Absent:

Others Present: Superintendent Dave Younger
Assistant Superintendent Chad Krug
* Others - See List

Others Absent:

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Nightengale at 6:00 pm.
- 2) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The agenda was adopted on a motion by Jamie Kratzer — seconded by Diana Nunez — motion carried 5-0.
- 3) **CONSENT AGENDA:** Superintendent Younger reviewed the Consent Agenda as attached.
 - a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - i) Regular BOE meeting of January 11, 2021
 - b) **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Approved the transfer from the General Fund on an "as need basis" to cover expenses attributed to the Food Service, Transportation, Vocational Education, and Bilingual Special Funds, and to pay bills in the amount of \$915,251.87.
 - c) **HIGH PLAINS EDUCATIONAL COOP (HPEC):** Jan. 21, 2021.
 - d) **PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

Jamie Kratzer moved to approve the consent agenda to include the \$2,500 donation made by First National Bank to the UHS FFA program as part of the "Thank a Farmer" program as well as the \$1,720 donation made by the Kepley Foundation to Kepley Middle School — seconded by Diana Nunez — motion carried 5-0.

- 4) **NON-ACTION ITEMS PUBLIC FORUM:**
- a) None
- 5) **REPORTS:**
- a) **Correspondence:**
 - b) **Student/Staff report:** UHS FFA officers reported on FFA week activities to include themes for the week and relevant activities to include a tractor parade. Clay Scott arrived at 6:20.
 - c) **Curriculum & Instruction:** Dr. Krug provided the board an update on the 6-12 math resource adoption and explained the next meeting was set for Feb. 16th where the committee would look to reduce the number of resources to 2-3. KESA has been paused for the year, yet work continues to build a monthly schedule of events and measurements for next year when the process resumes. A usage report from the professional development portal, Frontline, was provided to the board.
 - d) **Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Younger reported that our quarantine and positive cases for Covid are way down with only a few quarantined students and one staff member. Staff who received the first round of vaccinations are scheduled to return for the second shot on Feb. 19th. Superintendent Younger requested to use Feb. 26th as a professional development day as part of the agreement between KSDE and the district. Meetings have been underway to consider options for retirement plan options. Eleven (11) applications were received for the \$500 mini grants of which each will receive the award. The numbers of views using the Pixelot video streaming system through NFHS was shared with the board. Superintendent Younger shared that weather cancellations has positioned us to where we are coming close to the required number of hours before we must add hours to our calendar. Motion to approve Feb. 26th as a professional development day made by - Mike Meyer, seconded by Ron Smith. Motion passes 6-0.
- 6) **NEW BUSINESS:**
- a) Calendar (2021-2022) – An updated draft calendar was presented to the board and is a close replication of the current calendar. The draft calendar will be shared with the calendar committee for feedback for the board.
 - b) Capital Outlay – Superintendent Younger shared with the board a number of considerations for capital fund projects as well as the use of ESSER funds for HVAC options. Jim Wilson arrived at 6:56 p.m. Additional Chromebooks for incoming 6th grade, 9th grade and a number of new devices for Sullivan Elementary have been bid for less than \$150,000. Motion to approve the purchase of Chromebooks as indicated not to exceed \$150,000 made by Jamie Kratzer, seconded by Diana Nunez. Motion passed 7-0.

- 7) **OLD BUSINESS:**
- a) Facility timeline – Superintendent Younger presented to the board an updated Facility Timeline.
 - b) K12ict report – Superintendent Younger shared with the board the District Technology Committee: Jessica Lattimore, Hickok; Chelsea Boe, Sullivan; Beth Self, KMS; Tami Boekhaus, UHS; Marcia Raines, Principal; Justin Coffey, Assistant Principal; Dennis Gonzalez, Technology Director; Mauri Steimel, Assistant Technology Director; Dave Younger, Superintendent. The first District Technology Committee meeting is February 17, 2021.
- 8) **ACTION ITEMS:**
- a) Resignation – Motion to accept the resignation of Katrina Benyshek with regrets to include the \$1,000 early resignation incentive made by Ron Smith, seconded by Jamie Kratzer. Motion passed 7-0.
 - b) Contract – Motion to approve the hire of Travis McAtee as the UHS Activities Director made by Clay Scott, seconded by Mike Meyer. Motion passed 7-0.
 - c) Permission to sell district property. Motion to approve the sale of two route busses made by Ron Smith, seconded by Jamie Kratzer. Motion passed 7-0.
 - i) Bus – 35 passenger, 2001, 183,000 miles, 20 years old
 - ii) Bus – 35 passenger, 2001, 187,000 miles, 20 years old
- 9) **REVIEW LITIGATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:** None
- 10) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
- a) At 7:13 p.m. President Nightengale moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel information pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:23 p.m. Second by Jamie Kratzer. Motion carried 7-0.
 - b) At 7:23 p.m. President Nightengale moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel information pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:28 p.m. Second by Ron Smith. Motion carried 7-0.
- 11) **PERSONNEL:**
- a) Motion to extend Superintendent Younger’s contract for a two-year term made by President Nightengale, seconded by Jamie Kratzer. Motion passed 7-0.
- 12) **NEGOTIATIONS:**
- a)

