

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

The Board met in **Regular** Session **Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Clay Scott
Ron Smith
Jamie Kratzer
Mike Meyer
Diana Nunez
Nichole Winner
Daron Cowan

Members Absent:

Others Present: Superintendent Corey Burton
Assistant Superintendent/ Director of Student Learning Kevin Warner & Board Clerk Dawn Oakes
* Others - See List

Others Absent:

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Clay Scott at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Changes to the agenda were a cost change of \$110,177.49 to 10f and 2 more staff resignations. Jamie Kratzer made a motion to adopt the agenda with changes - Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.
- 3) **NON-ACTION PUBLIC FORUM:** Southwest Miracles addressed the board to share the services they provide in SW Kansas. They will be donating a special needs changing table.
- 4) **CORRESPONDENCE:** Diana Nunez read a note from Cindy Gant to the BOE.
- 5) **CONSENT AGENDA:** Jamie Kratzer made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented - Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.
 - a) **Approval of Minutes:**
 - i) Regular Board of Education meeting - March 13, 2023
 - ii) Special Board of Education meeting - March 22, 2023
 - b) **Approval of Bills:**
 - i) Approved the transfer from the General Fund on an "as needed basis" to cover expenses attributed to the Food Service, Transportation, Vocational Education, and Bilingual Special Funds, and to pay bills in the amount of **\$502,158.58**.

c) **High Plains Education Cooperative Board Min (HPEC):** HPEC Minutes

6) **REPORTS:**

- a) **Student & Staff Report:** Bene Garcia requested an out-of-state trip for his students to Colorado Springs on 5/5/23 & 5/6/23 and requested the use of 2 school vehicles. Motion made by Jamie Kratzer to approve the out-of-state request and allow the group to use 2 school vehicles and fuel for the out-of-state trip. Second by Diana Nunez. Motion carried 7-0.
- b) **Principal Reports/Building Reports:** Handbook discussion.
- c) **Assistant Superintendent & Director of Student Learning Report:** See attached.
- d) **Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Corey Burton gave the BOE a verbal report on upcoming activities (FFA State CDE's, NSBA Conference Report, Food Service Contract Update).

7) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **Textbook Presentation:** Mr. Warner along with the textbook committees presented their recommendations for new 3/12 ELA and 3-12 Science Curriculums.
- b) **School Handbooks:** The principals have submitted their school handbooks for the 2023-2024 school year for review. If you have any questions, please let Corey know. This will be an action item at the May BOE meeting.
- c) **District Technology Discussion:** The board discussed a possible district technology audit. Jamie Kratzer made a motion to move forward with a district wide technology audit and to find a company to assist. Second by Diana Nunez - 7-0

8) **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) **USD 214 School Bond:** Superintendent Corey Burton gave an update on the school bond.
- b) **Food Service Contract:** Superintendent Corey Burton gave an update on the upcoming food service contract. The evaluation committee is evaluating three proposals.
- c) **Student Fees:** Superintendent Corey Burton continued discussion on student fees.
- d) **FFA Farm:** Superintendent Corey Burton discussed progress with the FFA Farm improvements.

9) **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) **KMS Mascot** – We are recommending that we change the KMS mascot to the KMS Tigers. Mike Meyer made a motion to change the KMS mascot to KMS Tigers. Second by Ron Smith - 7-0.
- b) **KASB Contract** – Jamie Kratzer made a motion to approve the KASB Legal Assistance Fund Contract for \$2,750.00 and the KASB Membership Renewal with Season Pass for \$12,928.09 for the 23-24 school year. Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.

- c) **Bus Purchase** – Jamie Kratzer made a motion to approve the purchase of a 53 passenger handicap accessible bus from Kansas Truck for \$139,187.00. Second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 7-0.
- d) **Chevy Equinox Purchase** – Jamie Kratzer made a motion to approve the purchase of two Chevy Equinox vehicles from Lewis Chevrolet of Garden City for \$29,100.00 each. Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.
- e) **Choir Risers** - We have 2 bids, with a low bid from Wenger Corporations for \$14,113.12. Daron Cowan made a motion to accept the low bid from Wenger Corporations for \$14,113.12. Second by Nichole Winner - motion carried 7-0.
- f) **Grades 3-5 ELA Curriculum** – Mike Meyer made a motion to approve the grades 3-5 ELA Curriculum from Amplify CKLA for \$110,177.49. Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.
- g) **Grades 6-10 ELA Curriculum** – Mike Meyer made a motion to approve the grades 6-10 ELA Curriculum from HMH Journeys for \$64,757.11. Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.
- h) **Grades 3-5 Science Curriculum** – Daron Cowan made a motion to approve the grades 3-5 Science Curriculum from Imagine Learning TWIG for \$151,184.24. Second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 7-0.
- i) **Grades 6-8 Science Curriculum** – Jamie Kratzer made a motion to approve the grades 6-8 Science Curriculum from Amplify Science for \$125,319.87. Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.
- j) **Grades 9-12 Science Curriculum** – Daron Cowan made a motion to approve the grades 9-12 Science Curriculum from SAVVAS Elevate for \$81,657.80. Second by Nichole Winner - motion carried 7-0.
- k) **FFA Farm Updates** - No Bids.
- l) **Donation** – The board will consider the following donations:
 - i) \$14,542.91 from Grant County’s Opioid Settlement Fund to be used for district drug prevention and training. Jamie Kratzer made a motion to accept the \$14,542.91 from Grant County’s Opioid Settlement Fund to be used for district drug prevention and training . Second by Nichole Winner - motion carried 7-0.
- m) **Disposal of Surplus Equipment** - Superintendent Corey Burton shared a list of old weight room equipment that we would like to sell/dispose of. Mike Meyer made a motion to approve the sell/disposal of old weight room equipment as outlined on the list. Second by Jamie Kratzer - motion carried 7-0.

10) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a) At 8:55 p.m. President Clay Scott made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed pursuant to the exemption for personnel matters under KOMA and the open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:05 p.m. - second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Corey Burton was invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 9:05 p.m.
- b) At 9:06 p.m. President Clay Scott made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the

privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed pursuant to the exemption for personnel matters under KOMA and the open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:11 p.m. - second by Ron Smith - motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Corey Burton was invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 9:11 p.m.

- c) At 9:15 p.m. President Clay Scott made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed pursuant to the exemption for personnel matters under KOMA and the open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:20 p.m. - second by Ron Smith - motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Corey Burton was invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 9:20 p.m.

11) **PERSONNEL:**

- a) **Resignations:** Jamie Kratzer made the motion to accept the resignation of Adam Wiginton (UHS Social Studies), Cinna Hall (Sullivan Elementary Teacher), Everett Metcalf (KMS ELA Teacher), Joan Dien (Hickok Elementary Teacher), Sirius Rosales (UHS Assistant Football), Nikki Garcia (Sullivan Principal), Zack McNull (UHS Boys Basketball Asst. Coach) - Second by Diana Nunez - Motion carried 7-0.
- b) **Contracts:** Jamie Kratzer made the motion to accept the contracts of Amy Wartman (Kepley Middle School Principal), Charles Dirks (UHS Math), Aaron Sperber (UHS Social Studies) - Second by Daron Cowan - motion carried 7-0.
- c) **Early Retirement:** Daron Cowan made the motion to approve Stacey Gee's early retirement request. Second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 7-0.
- d) **Performance Based Advancement** - Vice-President Ron Smith made the motion to approve Performance Based Advancement for the following teachers: Susan Anthony, Tammy Barb, Robert Buhr, Jeri Howard, Jodi Pfingsten, Tamra Rundell, Kimberly Sandoval. Second by Jamie Kratzer - Motion carried 7-0.

12) **NEGOTIATIONS:**

- a) At 9:25 p.m. President Clay Scott made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss for the purpose of discussing matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest and that the Board of Education under KOMA and the open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:30 p.m. - second by Ron Smith - motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Corey Burton was invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 9:30 p.m.

13) **OTHER:**

- a) At 9:32 p.m. Daron Cowan made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss the contract with McGowan & Gordon as the CMAR for the purpose of discussing confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships to protect the privacy rights of a corporation, partnership, trust, etc. with regard to

their financial affairs and that the Board of Education under KOMA and the open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:37 p.m. - second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Corey Burton was invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 9:37 p.m.

- b) At 9:38 p.m. President Clay Scott made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss the contract with McGowan & Gordon as the CMAR for the purpose of discussing confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships to protect the privacy rights of a corporation, partnership, trust, etc. with regard to their financial affairs and that the Board of Education under KOMA and the open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:48 p.m. - second by Jamie Kratzer- motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Corey Burton was invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 9:48 p.m.

15) **ADJOURNMENT:**

- a) At 9:49 p.m. Jamie Kratzer made a motion to adjourn - Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.

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President Clay Scott	Vice-President Ron Smith
Board Member Diana Nunez	Board Member Daron Cowan
Board Member Mike Meyer	Board Member Nichole Winner
Board Member Jamie Kratzer	Board Clerk Dawn Oakes

Board Clerk: Dawn Oakes
Recorded by: Dawn Oakes
*Attachments