

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

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The Board met in **Regular** Session on **Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** **Postponed from the original meeting date of Monday, January 8, 2024, due to inclement weather.**

**Members Present:** Kasey Krueger (via phone)  
Mike Meyer  
Diana Nunez  
Daron Cowan  
Nichole Winner  
Chad McCormick

**Members Absent:** Ron Smith

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

**Others Absent:**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mike Meyer at 6:00 p.m.
  2. **REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**
    - a. **Nomination and selection of Board President**
      - i. Mike Meyer nominated Ron Smith for President - Second nomination by Daron Cowan. Mike Meyer motioned to close the Board President - Second by Daron Cowan. Motion passed 6-0. Ron Smith was voted Board President by a 6-0 vote.
    - b. **Nomination and selection of Board Vice President**
      - i. Daron Cowan nominated Mike Meyer for Board Vice President, and Nichole Winner nominated Diana Nunez - Second nominations by Diana Nunez. Daron Cowan motioned to close nominations for Board Vice President.- Second by Mike Meyer. Motion passed 6-0. Mike Meyer had 1 yes vote, and Diana Nunez had 5 yes votes. Diana Nunez was voted for Board Vice-President by a 5-1 vote.
  3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Daron Cowan motioned to adopt the agenda by adding an executive session at 6:30 p.m. with the District Legal Representation - Second by Mike Meyer- motion carried 6-0.

4. **NON-ACTION PUBLIC FORUM:** None
5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Superintendent Corey Burton shared a Christmas card from Grant County Bank with the BOE.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Mike Meyer motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented - Second by Nichole Winner- motion carried 5-0. Kasey Krueger abstained from voting.
  - a. **Approval of Minutes:**
    - i. Regular Board of Education meeting - December 11, 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 **\$667,128.40**
  - c. **High Plains Education Cooperative Board Min (HPEC):** December 14, 2023
7. **REPORTS:**
  - a. **Student and/or Staff report:** No Reports this month.
  - b. **Principal Reports** - No Reports this month.
  - c. **Assistant Superintendent/Director of Student Learning Report:** Mr. Warner gave a short report about the KESA process for 2023-2024, an update on the math textbook adoption process, and UCLC graduation status.
  - d. **Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Corey Burton gave a verbal report to the Board of Education about upcoming events in the district, New Board Member Training, and Capital Outlay Plan.
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
  - a. At 6:32 p.m., Mike Meyer made a motion to go into an executive session for 20 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. The open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 6:52 p.m. - Second by Chad McCormick- motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Corey Burton, Assistant Superintendent Kevin Warner, and District Legal Council Jeff Kuhlman were invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 6:52 p.m.
9. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. **District Goal Setting:** Superintendent Corey Burton discussed with the BOE District Goal Setting Services of KASB.
  - b. **USD 214 School Calendar:** Superintendent Corey Burton discussed the process that will be used to build the 2024-2025 school calendar.
10. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **LOB Resolution:** The Board discussed where the District stands with the LOB resolution.
- b. **USD 214 Daycare Update:** Superintendent Corey Burton and Mrs. Marcia Raines gave an update on the progress of the USD 214 Daycare.
- c. **Hickok Summer Project Update:** Superintendent Corey Burton gave an update on the Hickok Summer Project.

11. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. **Proposed BOE Policy Changes:** Superintendent Corey Burton reviewed the BOE Policy Changes provided by KASB. The second read and adoption of the new board policy will be done at the February BOE meeting.
- b. **Asbestos Abatement Contract:** Daron Cowan motioned to approve the bid from Asbestos Handlers, Inc. for \$31,450.00 for asbestos removal at Hickok Elementary- Second by Nichole Winner - motion carried 6-0.
- c. **Disposal of Surplus Equipment:** Mike Meyer motioned to approve the disposal of the surplus equipment that was presented to be sold via auction. – Second by Diana Nunez– motion carried 6-0.
- d. **Donations:** Daron Cowan motioned to accept the donations from the Beyond the Vision Project Grant from Dream First Bank for \$2,500 to be used at Sullivan Elementary. — Second by Chad McCormick – motion carried 6-0.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- b. At 7:36 p.m., Mike Meyer 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. The open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:46 p.m. - Second by Chad McCormick- motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Corey Burton was invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 7:46 p.m.

13. **PERSONNEL:**

- a. **Resignations:** Daron Cowan motioned to accept the resignations of Timothy Hofferber (UHS), Barb Hart (Hickok), Melanie Hill (KMS), Cathy Cavasos (Hickok), Sam Hayden (District), Kennard Schmidt (District), Jerry Howard (UHS) and to include \$1,000 stipend for early resignation.- Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 6-0.
- b. **Resignations:** Daron Cowan motioned to accept the resignations of Brooke Perez (School Nurse), Michelle Silerio (Transportation Secretary), and Steven Ysac (UHS Head Baseball). – Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 6-0.
- c. **Contracts:** Daron Cowan motioned to accept Diana Monzivaiz's contract (USD 214 Daycare Director). - Second by Nichole Winner - motion carried 6-0.

**d. Settlement Agreement:** Daron Cowan motioned to accept the settlement agreement with a staff member. - Second by Nichole Winner - motioned carried 6-0.

13. **NEGOTIATIONS:**

14. **OTHER:**

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

a. At 8:00 p.m., Diana Nunez made a motion to adjourn. - Second by Mike Meyer- motion carried 6-0.

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ABSENT

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President Ron Smith

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Vice-President Diana Nunez

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Board Member Kasey Krueger

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Board Member Daron Cowan

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Board Member Mike Meyer

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Board Member Nichole Winner

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Board Member Chad McCormick

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Board Clerk Dawn Oakes

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Recorded by: Dawn Oakes

\*Attachments