

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

The Board met in **Regular** Session **Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 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 7:00 pm.
- 2) **REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:** Clay Scott nominated Margaret Nightengale as president - seconded by Jamie Kratzer - motion carried 5-0 (Margaret Nightengale abstained). Mike Meyer nominated Jim Wilson as vice president - seconded by Jamie Kratzer - motion carried 6-0.
- 3) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The agenda was adopted on a motion by Jamie Kratzer — seconded by Diana Nunez — motion carried 6-0.
- 4) **CONSENT AGENDA:** Superintendent Younger reviewed the Consent Agenda as attached.
 - a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - i) Regular BOE meeting of December 14, 2020
 - 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 \$514,064.55.
 - c) **HIGH PLAINS EDUCATIONAL COOP (HPEC):** Dec. 17, 2020.
 - d) **PRINCIPAL REPORTS** - Jim Wilson arrived at 7:14 p.m.

Jamie Kratzer moved to approve the consent agenda — seconded by Diana Nunez — motion carried 6-0. Motion to approve the donation of a Pioneer Electric grant in the amount of \$2,500 made by Jamie Kratzer - seconded by Diana Nunez. Motion passed 7-0.

5) **NON-ACTION ITEMS PUBLIC FORUM:**

- a) None

6) **REPORTS:**

- a) **Correspondence:** Update from a couple that made a bus purchase in the Fall semester offering to send pictures of their bus build. Grant County Bank provided a holiday wish card to the Board of Education.
- b) **Student/Staff report:** None
- c) **Curriculum & Instruction:** Dr. Krug provided the Board with updates to the KESA process and upcoming meeting on Jan. 26th. The textbook/resource adoption was summarized. The board was reminded of the desire of the K-5 ELA committee to pause their adoption. Grades 6-12 math plans to look at traditional textbooks as well as online resources before making a recommendation to the board. Dr. Krug reminded the Board that the first Flex Day is Monday, January 18 where staff with six hours of professional development conducted outside of contract hours will have the day off.
- d) **Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Younger reported that the first home basketball game will be broadcast on USD 214 using the new camera game-tracking system. A number of students opted to return to in-person instruction at the semester break. Mr. Younger updated the board on the Covid-19 numbers which are showing a trend in an encouraging direction and also explained that efforts are underway with the local health community so we are prepared when the Covid-19 vaccine is ready to be administered to USD 214 employees. A survey has been prepared allowing for staff to be sorted. Meetings with GCTA regarding the retirement incentive modification is underway. Superintendent Younger provided an update to ESSER funds for round 2 which should be around \$1,000,000. Board appreciation month was recognized and the board members were provided a certificate.

7) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **Audit report** – Rachel Thooft representing Dirks & Anthony provided the audit report. Motion to approve the audit report was made by Jamie Kratzer - seconded by Diana Nunez. Motion passed 7-0.

8) **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) **Docking Institute** – Superintendent Younger provided an update to the Board with regards to the community survey for purposes of advancing bond issue options.

b) **K12ict report** – Superintendent Younger summarized the technology audit and indicated a main concern was to establish a technology committee.

9) **ACTION ITEMS:**

a) **Proposed BOE policy changes** – Motion to approve the policy changes as presented made by Jamie Kratzer - seconded by Ron Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

b) **Early retirement/Early resignation incentive** – Motion to approve the early retirement/early resignation incentive for McKinsey Hall (business/technology teacher at UHS), Pam Anderson (Hickok), and Tim Taylor (Transportation) made by Ron Smith - second by Mike Meyer. Motion carried 7-0.

10) **REVIEW LITIGATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:** None

11) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

a)

12) **PERSONNEL:**

a)

13) **NEGOTIATIONS:**

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14) **OTHER:**

15) **ADJOURNMENT:**

a) At 8:03 p.m. Jamie Kratzer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Clay Scott. Motion carried 7-0.

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Board Member Mike Meyer

Board Member Diana Nunez

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Board Member Ron Smith

Board Member: Jamie Kratzer

Board Clerk Chad Krug

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Recorded by: Chad Krug

*Attachments