

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

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The Board met in **Regular** Session **Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Members Absent:** Clay Scott

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

**Others Absent:**

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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Nightengale at 7:00 pm. Board members Jim Wilson, Diana Nunez, and Jamie Kratzer were sworn in by City of Ulysses Clerk, Shelia Brown.
- 2) **\*ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The agenda was adopted on a motion by Jamie Kratzer — seconded by Jim Wilson — motion carried 6-0.
- 3) **CONSENT AGENDA:** Superintendent Younger reviewed the Consent Agenda as attached.
  - a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were approved as presented for the following:
    - (1) Regular Board of Education Meeting of Dec. 9, 2019
  - 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 \$554,914.66.
  - c) **HIGH PLAINS EDUCATIONAL COOP (HPEC):** none
  - d) **PRINCIPAL REPORTS:**

Thomas Casper requested permission to attend the Missouri Welding Competition where all fees outside of transportation will be covered by the Industrial Arts

Club. Jim Wilson moved to approve the out-of-state travel and the use of district transportation — seconded by Ron Smith — motion carried 6-0. Ron Smith moved to approve the consent agenda — seconded by Jamie Kratzer — motion carried 6-0.

4) **NON-ACTION ITEMS PUBLIC FORUM:** none

5) **REPORTS:**

- a) **Correspondence:** Thank you from the Grant County Home Products Committee for the use of district facilities in preparation for the dinner.
- b) **Students and/or Staff Report:** Hickok and Sullivan Elementary administration recognized Xavier Rodriguez and Nichole Everett for their nomination for the Kansas Horizon Award. Tammy Barb shared her work on the Reading Circle Commission and the books the Commission selected as winners.
- c) **Curriculum & Instruction:** Mr. Krug outlined the proposed 5 year PDC plan for the board to review for approval in February. More than 60 staff are involved in a new professional development portal within Frontline. Training took place on Jan. 6th. Mr. Krug shared with the Board preliminary results of the staff survey surrounding personalized professional development. While there are some challenges, the responses indicate the initiative has a positive benefit on staff and students. Interim tests indicated that Ulysses is at or near the state average on many measures. Mr. Krug indicated this is a positive step in how assessments are perceived. The second annual Tip Off to Reading Title I night will be on Feb. 4th during the basketball games vs. Hugoton.
- d) **Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Younger showed some pictures from around the district. Superintendent Younger spoke about special education funding and the shortfall from the state funding. January is Board of Education appreciation month. Certificates and cookies were shared with board members.

6) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Audit report – Rachel Thooft from Dirks, Anthony and Duncan presented the audit report. There were no significant findings. Motion to approve the audit made by Jamie Kratzer— seconded by Jim Wilson — motion carried 6-0.
- b) Qualified Admissions – UHS counselors, Kim Darrough-Hayden and Heather Reimer explained the changes to qualified admission standards as approved by the Kansas State Board of Regents.
- c) BOE policies (updates) - Superintendent Younger reviewed the December 2019 proposed BOE policy change from KASB with the Board. The policy will be voted on in the February meeting.

7) **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Facility update – Superintendent Younger provided an update on the Capital Outlay budget. Mr. Younger conducted a facility tour with

architect, Stewart Nelson, to look at a number of projects around the district needing attention. Mr. Younger shared with the Board the results from the Community Facility Planning Meeting conducted by KASB on December 12, 2019.

8) **ACTION ITEMS:**

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

10) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

a) At 8:40 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 8:45 p.m. Second by Ron Smith. Motion passed 6-0. Superintendent Younger, Assistant Superintendent Krug, Scott Meitler, and Marcia Raines were invited into executive session.

11) **PERSONNEL:**

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12) **NEGOTIATIONS:**

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13) **OTHER:**

14) **ADJOURNMENT:**

a) At 8:46 p.m. Mike Meyer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ron Smith. Motion passes 6-0.

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President Margaret Nightengale

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Vice-President Jim Wilson

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Board Member Mike Meyer

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Board Member (vacant seat)

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absent  
Board Member Clay Scott

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Board Member Ron Smith

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Board Member: Jamie Kratzer

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Board Clerk Chad Krug

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Recorded by: Chad Krug  
\*Attachments