

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

The Board met in **Regular** Session on **Monday, December 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: President Ron Smith
Vice-President Diana Nunez
Mike Meyer
Daron Cowan
Nichole Winner
Chad McCormick
Kasey Krueger

Members Absent:

Others Present: Superintendent Corey Burton & Assistant
Superintendent Kevin Warner
* Others - See List

Others Absent: Board Clerk Dawn Oakes

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Ron Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
 3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Diana Nunez motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. - Second by Kasey Krueger - motion carried 7-0.
 4. **NON-ACTION PUBLIC FORUM:**
 5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - a. The 2024 UHS Musical Cast sent a thank you note to the BOE for their support in this year's musical.
 - b. Superintendent Corey handed the BOE members were given a letter from KASB.
 6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Daron Cowan motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented - Second by Diana Nunez - the motion carried 7-0.
 - a. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - i. Regular Board of Education meeting - November 11, 2024
 - ii. Special Board of Education meeting - November 25, 2024
 - 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 for **\$2,002,320.72**.

c. **High Plains Education Cooperative Board Minutes (HPEC):**
November 21, 2024

7. **REPORTS:**

- a. **Student and Staff Reports:** Ms. Ochoa and the JAG-K students from UHS shared with the BOE about the JAG-K program and what they have accomplished this year.
- b. **Principal Reports:** The building principals submitted written reports to the BOE. Principals provided a brief oral report and answered questions from the BOE.
- c. **Assistant Superintendent Report:** Kevin Warner submitted a written report to the BOE. Mr. Warner provided a brief oral report on the VU Scholarship Pep Rally, the Suno AI program, the HGSS textbook adoption update, benchmark assessments, and an update on the progress toward the strategic plan.
- d. **Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Corey Burton verbally reported to the BOE about upcoming district activities, including the UHS Track, KMS Auditorium lighting, and Storage Facility.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Samsara K-12 Fleet Management:** Matt Lema from Samsara presented to the BOE features of their Bus Tracking & Fleet Management Software.
- b. **Proposed BOE Policy Changes:** First read of the recommended Board of Education policies from KASB.
- c. **Audit Report:** Rachael Thooft from Medill & Thooft, CPA firm, presented the 2024-2025 audit report to the BOE.

9. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Superintendent Search:** Superintendent Corey Burton shared information about the status of the superintendent search with the BOE.

10. **ACTIONS ITEMS:**

- a. **Early Retirement/Early Resignation Incentive:** Daron Cowan motioned to approve the district offer of a \$1,000 incentive for certified staff who retire or resign early. The certified staff member is to submit a letter of resignation to the superintendent no later than noon Monday, January 13, 2025 - Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7 -0.
- b. **Transportation Cameras:** Mike Meyer made a motion to approve the the three-year contract (attached) and the purchase of the Samsara Camera/GPS system for \$14,176.80 per year with a first-year shipping of hardware cost of \$362.00 - Second by Nichole Winner - motion carried 7-0.

- c. **Approval of Audit Report:** Diana Nunez motioned to approve the 2024-2025 school audit report presented by Medill & Thoof, CPA firm (attached). - Second by Kasey Krueger - motion carried 7 - 0.
- d. **Donations:** Diana Nunez made the motion to approve the acceptance of the following donations: AGC of Kansas for DBA Build up funds for \$250 (each) to be used by Mr. Atayde and Mr. Peach for classroom supplies; HUGS grant for \$4,000 to be used for UHS Media Center; Manga Books Grant for \$700 to be used for the UHS Media Center; Grant County Gives for the Teacher Recruitment Fund Grant for \$159.60; Grant County Gives for Classroom Grants Fund for \$1,360.37; \$2,000 from the Big Orange Boosters for the KMS Activities Fund: \$750 from the Big Orange Boosters for Sullivan Elementary School Activities; \$750 from the Big Orange Boosters for Hickok Elementary School Activities. - Second by Chad McCormick - motioned carries 7-0.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

12. **PERSONNEL:**

- a. **Resignations:** Diana Nunez motioned to accept Esmeralda Garcia Zermeno (USD 214 Nurse Secretary) - Second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 7-0.
- b. **Contracts:** Diana Nunez motioned to accept the contracts of Charles Dirks (UHS Powerlifting Coach) and Dulce Ramirez (School Nurse Secretary). - Second by Daron Cowan - motion carried 7-0.

14. **OTHER:** None

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

- a. At 7:28 p.m., Mike Meyer motioned to adjourn. - Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.

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President Ron Smith

Vice-President Diana Nunez

Board Member Chad McCormick

Board Member Daron Cowan

Board Member Mike Meyer

Board Member Nichole Winner

Board Member Kasey Krueger

Alt. Board Clerk Kevin Warner

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