

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

The Board met in **Regular** Session **Monday, October 12, 2020 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) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The agenda was adopted on a motion by Clay Scott — seconded by Jamie Kratzer — motion carried 7-0.
- 3) **CONSENT AGENDA:** Superintendent Younger reviewed the Consent Agenda as attached.
 - a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - i) Regular BOE meeting of September 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 \$638,153.03.
 - c) **HIGH PLAINS EDUCATIONAL COOP (HPEC):** Unofficial notes as there was not a quorum from Sept. 17, 2020.

Jamie Kratzer moved to approve the consent agenda — seconded by Ron Smith — motion carried 7-0.

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

a) None

5) **CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) Thank you from Dr. Forrest Saxon for having the opportunity to speak at a previous meeting.

6) **REPORTS:**

a) **Student/Staff report:** none

b) **Curriculum & Instruction:** Mr. Krug explained that voice amplification systems have been provided to 21 faculty and the initial reports are very positive. Most staff indicate they use them multiple times a week. The textbook/resource adoptions cycles will begin in the next couple months for K-5 ELA and 6-12 math resource/textbook adoption. Mr. Krug indicated this will be a multi-month process. In addition to faculty, parents and students, Mr. Krug shared that the district will consider the assistance of Taylor Selk who is an Instructional Materials Specialist from Gentryrose Educational Materials. She has experience with districts in SW Kansas. Mr. Krug shared with the board the reminder that staff will need 12 hours of PPD for release from January 18 and May 21. HMH has prepared some professional development opportunities across a variety of topics which would count toward the PPD (flex/release days). Mr. Coffey will be providing training for teachers interested in obtaining their ESL endorsement. The efforts of Mr. Coffey are appreciated.

c) **Superintendent's Report:** Atmos Energy paid off outstanding student debt of student lunches in the amount of \$2,500. Ten MiFi options through Verizon used to help students access WiFi at approximately \$49/month. Three-dimensional commercial asphalt shingle samples were on display for leak in the concession stand area at UHS, composite shingle in lieu of the roofing tile used before. A color match was not possible as they are no longer available. Stewart Nelson addressed the board to detail the roofing considerations for the project. Five teachers were awarded mini-grants through the Grant County Community Foundation were thanked for their application and Mr. Younger shared his appreciation of the GCCF. Mr. Younger shared pictures of school lunches being served from Sept. 16 through Oct. 9. Motion to approve the donation from Atmos Energy made by Jamie Kratzer - seconded by Diana Nunez. Motion carried 7-0.

d) President Nightengale recognized the principals as part of Principal's Appreciation month. Cookies and certificates were presented.

7) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) No new business

8) **OLD BUSINESS:**

a) District property update – The local contractor has decided to look at other options.

- b) Facilities – Mr. Younger shared with the board the Facility Timeline from last spring and also shared the feedback from the Community Facility Planning meeting (December 12, 2019) that had themes, questions, and considerations from the committee. Stewart Nelson and Nick Nemechek with GMCN Architects from Garden City addressed the board with regards to current projects that have been accomplished over the summer and future facility needs. Four options were presented that included timelines. The board has agreed to have Mr. Younger continue the community planning meetings.
- c) Navigating Change: On October 1st the Grant County Health department and the county medical officer agreed to ease restrictions on the school close contact procedures. This will continue to be monitored while wearing masks and adhere to social distancing. Mr. Younger provided information to the board for the consideration of modifying daily temperature checks. Motion to approve providing the nurses the authority to implement CDC guidelines as needed, to include dropping daily temperature checks, made by Jamie Kratzer - seconded by Diana Nunez. Motion carried 7-0.

9) **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) Supplemental contracts – Approval of winter and spring supplemental contracts made by Clay Scott - seconded by Ron Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

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

11) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a) At 8:25 p.m. Ron Smith moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel information pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:40 p.m. Second by Jamie Kratzer. Motion carried 7-0.
- b) At 8:40 p.m. President Nightengale moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel information pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:55 p.m. Second by Diana Nunez. Motion carried 7-0.

12) **PERSONNEL:**

- a) Supplemental contracts.

13) **NEGOTIATIONS:**

- a) GCTA approved the contract on Wednesday, October 7. Jamie Kratzer moved to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between USD 214 board of education and the GCTA. Seconded by Diana Nunez. Motion carried 7-0.

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14) **OTHER:**

15) **ADJOURNMENT:**

a) At 9:00 p.m. Ron Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jamie Kratzer. Motion carried 7-0.

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Board Member Mike Meyer

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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