

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

The Board met in **Regular** Session **Monday, August 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Vice-President Jim Wilson
Mike Meyer
Ron Smith
Diana Nunez
Clay Scott

Members Absent: President Margaret Nightengale
Jamie Kratzer

Others Present: Superintendent Dave Younger
Director of Student Learning Kevin Warner
* Others - See List

Others Absent:

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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Jim Wilson at 7:00 p.m.
 - 2) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The agenda was adopted on a motion by Mike Meyer with a second by Ron Smith. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.
 - 3) **NON-ACTION PUBLIC FORM:** None
 - 4) **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
 - 5) **CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda was motion to be approved as presented by Clay Scott with a second by Ron Smith. The consent agenda was approved with a 5-0 vote.
 - a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - i) Regular BOE meeting minutes of July 12, 2021 were approved.
 - ii) **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** 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 \$1,069,379.94.
 - b) HIGH PLAINS EDUCATIONAL COOP (HPEC): July 15, 2021.
 - 6) **REPORTS:**
 - a) Director of Student Learning

- i) Director of Student Learning Kevin Warner gave a report to the Board of Education about the New Teacher Academy on August 9th and the variety of professional development that will be conducted by the district and school buildings as teachers return on August 10, 2021. Professional Development will be conducted on the new math resources for the teachers, intervention resources for reading, HGSS field test, Fastbridge, eHall Pass at Ulysses High School and individual building professional development.
 - ii) Mr. Warner also reviewed with the Board of Education professional development activities that will be conducted throughout the year with Dr. Kelly Gillispie (Adaptive Schools), Mrs. Melissa Fast (Math Curriculum Mapping) and Mrs. Suzy Myers (ELA Curriculum Mapping).
- b) Superintendent's Report
- i) Superintendent Younger discussed that the Ulysses Ministerial Alliance will be providing lunch for teachers on August 10th. They will be cooking hamburgers on the lawn of Joyce School at 11:30 on the 10th. The staff will then have a brief presentation to celebrate the return back to school with the staff having the option to go across the street to BearCreek to grab a drink or coffee after the presentation. The staff will then be released to go back to their buildings to finish the day.
 - ii) Superintendent Younger introduced Travis McAtee the new Ulysses High School Activities/Athletics Director.
 - iii) Superintendent Younger updated the Board of Education the District's bus fleet passed inspection with Kansas Highway Patrol.

7) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) COVID Protocols
- i) Superintendent Younger presented the Board of Education with two proposed COVID Protocols about wearing masks and COVID Protocols within district buildings. Superintendent Younger presented to the Board the CDC guidelines and Federal Order of the requirement that masks must be worn on all public transportation that includes school vehicles. Superintendent Younger also presented to the Board the latest county health data on COVID with a comparison chart of the number of cases at this time last year. Superintendent Younger also reviewed with the Board the Kansas Department of Health and Environment updated guidelines for COVID Prevention in K-12 Schools.
 - ii) Discussion followed among the Board members about the COVID protocols presented. Questions were asked and answered by Superintendent Younger and Head School Nurse Ruby Romero about the presented COVID protocols and information presented to the Board.
 - iii) Corey Davidson asked to speak to the Board regarding masks being worn at school.

- iv) A motion was made by Clay Scott and seconded by Diana Nunez to approve that masks not be required at school, but strongly encouraged and that masks are to be worn on all school vehicles per CDC guidelines and Federal Order. The schools will also follow the USD 214 - Ulysses COVID Protocols for mitigation of COVID. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

8) **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Capital Outlay update
 - i) Superintendent Younger gave the Board an update on the progress of Capital Outlay projects at Ulysses High School (The HVAC system for the gym and new shingles for the gym are complete). The floors at Sullivan Elementary are complete and new carpet has been installed in the Sullivan Elementary Library.
 - ii) Superintendent Younger presented to the Board about future Capital Outlay projects with the Football Fieldhouse and concession stands and the District architect is creating plans to address that area of need. Superintendent Younger also addressed the need to replace the windows, some brickwork and hallway lights at Hickok elementary school.

9) **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) Board Policy Updates
 - i) A motion by Ron Smith and a seconded by Diana Nunez to accept the Board Policy updates. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

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

11) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

12) **PERSONNEL:** The board approved the supplemental contracts with a 5-0 vote. The motion was brought by Clay Scott and seconded by Mike Meyers to approve the following supplemental contracts:

- Megan Rice: FFA Sponsor
- Josh Sullivan- UHS- Football Assistant Coach
- Nathan Buchholz- Kepley Middle School- Football Assistant Coach

13) **NEGOTIATIONS:**

- a) At 8:08 p.m. Clay Scott made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and the open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by Diana Nunez. Motion carried 5-0. Superintendent Younger and Kevin Warner were invited into the executive session.
- b) At 8:18 p.m. the Board returned to regular session. Clay Scott made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss negotiations pursuant to the

exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and the open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:34 p.m. The motion was seconded by Diana Nunez. Motion carried 5-0. Superintendent Younger and Kevin Warner were invited into the executive session.

- c) At 8:34 p.m. the Board returned to regular session.
- d) A motion was made by Ron Smith to approve the contracts that includes 2.39% increase to teacher's salary, \$425 to the base of the salary schedule, a total increase of 3.4% that includes salary with benefits and the negotiated agreement for the teachers for the 2021-2022 school year pending ratification from the Grant County Teachers Union. The motion also included a 2.39% increase to the salary of the classified employees, school administrators and all district directors. The motion was seconded by Mike Meyers. The motion passed 5-0.

14) **OTHER:** None

15) **ADJOURNMENT:**

- a) Ron Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dianna Nunez. The Motion passed 5-0.

President Margaret Nightengale

Vice-President Jim Wilson

Board Member Mike Meyer

Board Member Diana Nunez

Board Member Clay Scott

Board Member Ron Smith

Board Member: Jamie Kratzer

Board Clerk: Kevin Warner

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Recorded by: Kevin Warner

*Attachments