

**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, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Kepley Middle School**

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

**Members Absent:**

**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 President Nightengale at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Superintendent David Younger presented to the Board of Education to add a student presentation of the FFA officers to the Reports (6.a). The motion was made by Clay Scott to adopt the agenda with the addition to the reports for Clay Scott with a seconded Jamie Kratzer. The motion passed 7-0.
- 3) **NON-ACTION PUBLIC FORM:** None
- 4) **CORRESPONDENCE:** President Nightengale read thank you letters from several staff members of USD 214 to the Board of Education regarding the retention bonus that was handed out to staff on September 3, 2021. The thank you letters come from classified staff, Stephanie Castillo, Mr. and Mrs. Rietcheck, Becky Schloemer, Jan Stejskal, Kepley Middle School Staff and bus drivers.
- 5) **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
    - i) Board of Education meeting – August 9, 2021 (regular)
    - ii) Board of Education meeting – August 25, 2021 (special – RNR hearing)
    - iii) Board of Education meeting – August 25, 2021 (special – budget hearing)

- iv) **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 \$641, 242.27.
  - b) HIGH PLAINS EDUCATIONAL COOP (HPEC): Thursday, August 19, 2021.
- 6) **REPORTS:**
- a) Student Presentation
    - i) UHS FFA Officers presented to the Board of Education a proposal to attend the National FFA Convention from October 26th-30th in Indianapolis, Indiana and the Board of Education covered the cost of transportation. 8 students would be attending and 2 sponsors the convention. Ron Smith made a motion to approve the UHS FFA Field Trip proposal as presented with a seconded from Mike Meyer. The motion passed 7-0.
  - b) Principal Reports
    - i) UHS Principal Mark Paul presented the Board of Education two donations: Friends of Buffalo Dunes for \$1,0000 for the golf team and \$11,000 donation from the Big Orange Boosters to the UHS Athletics. Jamie Kratzer motioned to accept the donations from the two organizations with a seconded from Diana Nunez. The motion passed 7-0.
  - c) Director of Student Learning
    - i) Kevin Warner updated the Board of Education on current professional development going on in the district with Adaptive Schools with Dr. Kelly Gillispie, ELA curriculum mapping with Suzy Meyers, and the work that KESA DLT team has completed with Dr. Amber Miller.
  - d) Superintendent's Report
    - i) Superintendent David Younger provided the Board of Education with the number of Home Economics Survey, 1,300 surveys have been turned in at this time. Superintendent David Younger reviewed with the Board of Education that this survey will be used for At-Risk Funding. The district will be having a raffle for the families that completed the Home Economics Survey for each of the school buildings.
    - ii) Superintendent David Younger provided an update to the Board of Education at this time the overall district student enrollment at this time is down 60 students.
- 7) **NEW BUSINESS:**
- a) Field House
    - i) Nick Nemichek from GMCN Architect Firm presented to the Board of Education rendering drawings, blueprints and possible budget for a possible Field House at the football field and track. Ron Smith made a motion to proceed to finalize and continue the

development of construction designs for the field house. The second was made by Diana Nunez. The motion was passed 7-0.

8) **OLD BUSINESS:**

a) COVID Update

- i) Superintendent David Younger and Head School Nurse Ruby Romero updated the Board of Education about COVID in the District. Superintendent David Younger shared three emails from parents about supporting wearing masks at school, reviewed the updated guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools, and newsletter for school recommendations from CDC and KDHE, reviewed the USD 214 COVID protocols. Superintendent David Younger also updated the Board of Education that students even wearing a mask at school would still be quarantined by the County Health Department.
- ii) Superintendent David Younger presented to the Board of Education an addition to test students for COVID through a grant from KSDE to help lower the number of students and shorten the length of quarantined students. The parents would opt-in for the rapid COVID testing. The grant would pay for rapid COVID tests of students, a nurse and administrative assistant to administrator and manage the COVID rapid-testing. Dianna Nunez motion to approve a opt-in COVID rapid testing program for in-school close contact exposure with a seconded with Jamie Kratzer. Motion passed with a 6-1 vote with the dissenting vote from President Margaret Nightengale.

9) **ACTION ITEMS:** None

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

11) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

12) **PERSONNEL:**

- a) At 8:40 p.m. Jamie Kratzer made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss matters regarding personnel. 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 Mike Meyer. Motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Younger and Kevin Warner were invited into the executive session.
- b) The Board of Education returned to regular session at 8:50 p.m.

13) **NEGOTIATIONS:**

14) **OTHER:**

15) **ADJOURNMENT:**

- a) Jamie Kratzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. with a second from Mike Meyer. The motion passed 7-0.

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\*Attachments