MINUTES

REGULAR USD 251 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

July 31, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

1. **OPENING ITEMS:**
   The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Matt Horton in the BOE meeting room in Americus.
   BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
   Matt Horton, Sally Anderson, Angela Anderson, Earl Lyddane, Allen Curless, David Goldsmith Jr and Tim Burton
   SUPERINTENDENT:
   Aron Dody
   BOARD CLERK:
   Nicolette Nuessen
   GUESTS:
   Stacie Horton, Jacquelyne Leffler, Bob Reust, Holly French, Bill Leffler, Khylee Massey, Dawn Massey, Jeff Matile, Ryan Brooks, Anthony Hines, Nancy Wells, Tammi Reed, Jana Smart, Krystle Tarver, Courtny Smart, Sherry Ferguson, Roger Ferguson, Diane DeWeese, and John Waechter.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA WITH CONSENT ITEMS :**
   Sally Anderson (Angela Anderson) moved to approve the agenda with consent items as follows. Motion passed. (7-0)
   a. Approval of minutes from organizational meeting held on July 12, 2017
   b. Approval of minutes from regular meeting held on July 12, 2017
   c. Approval of 2017-18 classified handbook

3. **COMMUNICATION TO AND FROM THE BOARD:**
   a. The Clerk handed out mail.
   b. The President welcomed back the principals. He enjoyed visiting with parents of new students during enrollment. He is very impressed with the look of the basement at the Americus school, as well as all the other completed projects in the district.
   c. The Superintendent followed up on the basement topic, said that the mold was removed and the airflow increased. He gave kudos to the crew who worked on that project. He is also impressed by all the other summer projects which have been completed. The restrooms at NHHS are still being worked on, as well as the gym floor. The new phone systems has been installed.

4. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**
   Nancy Wells approached the board with some concerns about the proposed remodel of NHHS. She believes there is lots to be desired. Location is not where the population is, some important things are not included in the proposal, for example the gyms, cafeteria, stage etc. She further thinks that the district should focus on expanding the current AG program.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
   a. Kansans Can:
      Tim Burton (Angela Anderson) moved to approve the application for USD #251 to participate in the Kansans Can project. Local KNEA and the teachers of USD #251 already approved the project prior to the board meeting. Mr. Dody thanked Mr. Baldwin, 3rd grade teacher at Americus, for all his efforts with Kansans Can.

   b. Facilities discussion:
      After a lengthy discussion, comparing renovation vs new-build, Tim Burton (Angela Anderson) moved to approve moving forward with a new-build 6-12 building. Motion passed. (5-2 EL, AC).

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
   a. Sally Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to approve the following resolution:
   Be It Resolved that:

   The board of education of the above-named school district shall be authorized to adopt a local option budget in each school year in an amount not to exceed 33% of the amount of total foundation aid. The local option budget authorized by this resolution may be adopted, unless a petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 5% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home county of the school district within 30 days after publication of this resolution. If a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit the question of whether adoption of the local option budget shall be authorized to the electors in the school district at an election called for the purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the Board of Education of the school district.
   Motion passed. (7-0)
   Sally Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to approve the following resolution:
   Be It Resolved that:

   The above-named school board shall be authorized to make an annual tax levy in an amount not to exceed 8 mills upon the taxable tangible property in the school district for the purpose of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions to, furnishing, maintaining and equipping of school district property and equipment necessary for school district purposes, including (1) computer software; (2) performance uniforms; (3) housing and boarding pupils enrolled in an area vocational school operated under the board; (4) architectural expenses; (5) building sites; (6) undertaking and maintenance of asbestos control projects; (7) school buses; (8) utility expenses; (9) property and casualty insurance; and (10) other fixed assets, and with respect to any redevelopment district established prior to July 1, 2017, pursuant to K.S.A. 72-1771, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of paying a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under the authority of K.S.A. 72-1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the school district. The tax levy authorized by this resolution may be made, unless a petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home county of the school district within 40 calendar days after the last publication of this resolution. In the event a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit the question of whether the tax levy shall be authorized to the electors in the school district at an election called for that purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the Board of Education of the above school district.
   Motion passed. (7-0)
   b. Policy on outside groups performing:
   Mr. Dody had a local business reach out to him, they would like to perform during halftime at ballgames if possible. The Clerk and Superintendent will do some research and bring a policy back to the board.
   c. Council of Superintendents:
   Mr. Dody asked the board if some BOE meetings could be changed, because it conflicts with the Council of Superintendents meetings. The BOE agreed to change the conflicting dates.

7. **PERSONNEL/STUDENTS:**
   a. Sally Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to go into executive session to discuss employee recommendations pursuant to non-elected personnel and base pay rates pursuant negotiations matters under KOMA, for a period of 12 minutes, starting at 8:09 p.m. and ending at 8:21 p.m., inviting Mr. Dody. Motion passed. (7-0)
   The board and Mr. Dody left the room at 8:09 p.m.
   At 8:21 p.m. the board and Mr. Dody returned to open session.
   b. Earl Lyddane (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to offer a work agreement to Dodie Doudna as library aide at NHHS and Reading, supplemental contracts to Lea Hamlin as concession stand director at NHHS, and Morgan Stout as assistant volleyball coach at NHHS for the 2017-18 school year. Motion passed. (7-0)
   c. There were no resignations.
   d. Sally Anderson (Angela Anderson) moved to approve out of district applications #4 and #5. Motion passed. (7-0)

8. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**
   Allen Curless said it was a good meeting. The district has good things going.
   Angela Anderson wished everyone good luck in the new school year.
   David Goldsmith Jr enjoyed the good discussions during the meeting.
   Sally Anderson said things are getting better and faster.
   Tim Burton liked the good meeting.
   Earl Lyddane is looking forward to football season.
   Matt Horton dittoed all BOE comments. He said that the board must agree to do what is best for the district, have positive attitudes and stay on path.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**
   Earl Lyddane (Tim Burton) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. (7-0)
   The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Nicolette Nuessen, Board Clerk

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