MINUTES

REGULAR USD 251 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

September 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
   a. 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, Angela Anderson, Tim Burton, David Goldsmith Jr, Tammie Reed, Mitchell Maxfield, and Gary Heine.
   SUPERINTENDENT:
   Bob Blair
   BOARD CLERK:
   Nicky Nuessen
   GUESTS:
   Dr. Randy Watson and Darrin Harrison.

2. **KSDE AWARD PRESENTATION BY DR. RANDY WATSON**
   Dr. Randy Watson presented 4 Kansans Can Star awards to the district, the Postsecondary Effectiveness Star Award, the Graduation Rate Star Award, the Academically Prepared for Postsecondary Success Star Award, and the Commissioner's Award.

Dr. Randy Watson left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

3. **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:**
   Matt Horton said that the awards are for our staff, for the great work they do, it shows what a difference they make in our students lives. The school activities are ongoing, everyone is following the rules and is being respectful of them.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS:**
   Bob Blair shared a financial report with the board, talked about SPARK and enrollment funding, and Web School Tools for the board documents.

5. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**
   Public comments are suspended until further notice.

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
   Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to approve the amended agenda. Motion passed. (7-0)

7. **DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS BY CONSENT:**
   Angela Anderson (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to approve the consent items. Motion passed. (7-0)
   a. Approval of Minutes from Budget Hearing on August 12, 2020
   b. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting on August 12, 2020
   c. Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting on August 24, 2020
   d. Approval of Expenditures from August 1 – August 31, 2020
   e. Approval of Treasurer Report from August 31, 2020
   f. Acceptance of Resignation from Lesley Harbaugh as Aide at NLC, and Retirement from Carolyn Duvall as Aide at NLC with many thanks for her years of service.
   g. Approval of Recommendation for Michelle Anderson as Aide at NLC for the 2020-21 school year.

8. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
   a. ENROLLMENT UPDATE:
   Preliminary enrollment numbers were shared with the board.
   b. FINANCIAL AND LEGISLATOR REPORT:
   Mr. Blair shared a spreadsheet with current district financials and gave a legislative report.

c. COVID-19 DISCUSSION:
Mr. Blair explained that everyone in schools has been very respectful and following the rules. The district currently has no active cases. The goal is to keep classes in-person. Tammie Reed expressed some concerns about the daily use of thermometers on students' foreheads. Mr. Blair will check with health care professionals and get back to the board.

9. ACTION ITEMS:

a. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE:
Angela Anderson (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to go into executive session, inviting Mr. Blair, to discuss the acquisition of real estate under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:05 p.m. Motion passed. (7-0)
The clerk and Mr. Harrison left the room at 8:55 p.m.
The board returned to open session at 9:05 p.m.
Angela Anderson (David Goldsmith Jr) moved to go into executive session, inviting Mr. Blair, to discuss the acquisition of real estate under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:12 p.m. Motion passed. (7-0)
The clerk and Mr. Harrison left the room at 9:07 p.m.
The board returned to open session at 9:12 p.m.

b. REAL ESTATE ACTIONS:
Tim Burton (Angela Anderson) moved to approve the purchase of the real estate property at 558 Broadway Street in Americus, KS. Motion passed. (5-2 GH, TR)

c. TAX DEFERMENT
Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to decline the COVID-19 tax deferment. Motion passed. (7-0)

10. PERSONNEL:

a. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL:
Angela Anderson (Tim Burton) moved to go into executive session, inviting Mr. Blair, to discuss non-elected personnel matters pursuant to the exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:40 p.m. Motion passed. (7-0)
The clerk and Mr. Harrison left the room at 9:20 p.m.
The board returned to open session at 9:40 p.m.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

David Goldsmith Jr thanked all staff for their work to get the school year started, he is happy kids are able to be in schools.
Angela Anderson thanked Dr. Watson for his presentation. The district has amazing staff and students. She dittoed David's comments.
Tim Burton dittoed David and Angela's comments, said that other districts aren't as lucky, they don't have in-person classes or activities. He also gave his condolences to the Ball Family.
Gary Heine said that the cost per student per year has gone up, said tax payers have contacted him about that.
Tammie Reed congratulated the district on the awards, thanked Mrs. Duvall for her years of service, and thanked Mr. Blair for his transparency.
Matt Horton thanked Mr. Blair for his great interaction with the students. He thanked Dr. Watson, gave kudos to the re-design team, and talked about the success of our athletic teams since the start of school.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Tim Burton (Angela Anderson) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. (7-0)
The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

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Nicolette Nuessen, Board Clerk

"These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next meeting."