

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
U.S.D. 307 Ell-Saline Schools  
Monday, December 9, 2019  
Ell-Saline District Office  
5:30 PM**

At 5:30 p.m., The December Meeting of the USD 307 Ell-Saline School Board was called to order by Marty Kramer. In attendance were Board Members Marty Kramer, President, John Fouard, Vice President, Cheryl Higgins, Michelle Cooper, Mitch Drees and Bill Travis. Shane Schneider arrived at 5:40 p.m. Also in attendance were Brian Rowley, Superintendent; Ann Krone, Treasurer; Dana Sprinkle, Elementary Principal/Deputy Board Clerk; Doug Wilson, Middle/High School Principal; Susan Nelson, Faculty Representative; Becky Walters, Food Service Director; Mark Blythe, OPAA Food Representative; Joyce Fisher, OPAA Food Representative; Aubrey Cook, Music Teacher; and Stephanie Bremerman, Sixth Grade Teacher.

At 5:33 p.m. John Fouard moved to go into Executive Session.

At 5:48 p.m. the open meeting was called back to order.

Cheryl Higgins moved to approve the agenda. Shane Schneider seconded. The motion passed 7 – 0

Bill Travis moved to approve the Minutes from the November 11, 2019 Board Meeting. Michelle Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Cheryl Higgins moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. John Fouard seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

**BUSINESS**

Mark Blythe and Joyce Fisher gave a presentation about the OPAA Food Service Program. Mitch Drees moved to proceed with the OPAA feasibility study. Cheryl Higgins seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

It was discussed that beginning this year, the BOE would plan to have a two year rotation on the negotiations committee so that everyone would be able to serve on the committee but so there would always be someone serving on the committee with some experience. Marty Kramer is serving his second year and Mitch Drees will be serving his first of two years during the 2019-2020 school year.

The 2020-2021 School Calendars were discussed. The Board will take action on selecting a calendar at the January BOE Meeting.

John Fouard moved to approve the Fall Coaches for the 2020-2021 School Year as presented. Michelle Cooper seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Rowley, Mrs. Sprinkle and Mr. Wilson discussed KESA and what the staff has been working on in the REDESIGN process.

In the absence of a Title I Reading Teacher this year, Mitch Drees moved to pay the K-6 PLC Reading Chairs a \$1000 stipend per grade level for their extra work creating Title Reading Lessons for the 2019-2020 school year. Bill Travis seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

It was discussed that with the Cardinal Foundation granting teachers \$35,000 and most of our purchases moving to online, the \$15,000 credit limit on the district credit card was making it difficult to conduct daily business for the district. Mitch Drees moved to increase the district credit card limit to \$50,000 on the current credit card with the Superintendent being the approved signer. John Fouard seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mitch Drees moved to have Mid State Heating and Air and TTI Electrical install a heater for the wrestling room not to exceed \$3500. Michelle Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

It was discussed that the current football bleachers require hours of maintenance each year and are a safety concern. Mitch Drees moved to seek bids for replacing the home football bleachers. Michelle Cooper seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

It was discussed that the current phone system is outdated and we have been told that finding parts to repair it are difficult if not impossible. It was also discussed that a new phone system would help make our schools safer. Bill Travis moved to seek bids for replacing the district telephone system. Shane Schneider seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Wilson discussed the possibility of moving the Sixth grade to the middle school. It was discussed that with the Redesign Process taking place, this may be the time to move the Sixth Grade to the Middle School. There were many questions and concerns raised. It was expressed by administration that this was in the beginning stages of discussions and that this would be a process that would include staff, students and parents before a decision would be made. The Board asked the administration to provide more research at future meetings into how this would positively affect our students and schools.

Michelle Cooper indicated that she is resigning from the Board of Education. With regrets, John Fouard moved to pass a resolution to fill the open position. Shane Schneider seconded. The resolution passed 7-0.

At 7:29 p.m. Shane Schneider moved to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Cooper seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Shane Schneider moved to amend the decision from the October Board Meeting to allow the Booster Club to use the \$3000 provided by the District toward the Booster Club Fan Shop as needed for the total project. Seconded by Bill Travis. Motion passed 6-0.

Shane Schneider moved accept Madonna Anglin's resignation as Paraprofessional. John Fouard seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

John Fouard moved to accept Lynn Davis' resignation as Board Clerk. Cheryl Higgins seconded. The motion passes 6-0.

Bill Travis moved to approve the 2020 Spring Coaches as presented. Shane Schneider seconded. The motion passed 6-0

Shane Schneider moved to approve Lee Weis' request to use two school vans to take 13 students and himself on a trip to Denver, Colorado for the Livestock Show January 18, 19, & 20. Bill Travis seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Cheryl Higgins moved to approve Emily Evans as an Out-of-District Student. Shane Schneider seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Cheryl Higgins moved to approve a modified class schedule for Kayleigh Hobby.

At 7:33 p.m. Cheryl Higgins moved to go into Executive Session for 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel under KOMA. John Fouard seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

At 8:03 p.m. the open meeting was called back to order.

Cheryl Higgins moved to adjourn. Shane Schneider seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

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President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education