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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #326 – LOGAN

MONDAY, November 13, 2023

Logan Unified School District #326 Board of Education, met in regular session in the board room at 305 N Sherman St, Logan, KS, to conduct school business. Members present when the meeting was called to order were: Phillip Gottstine, President; Jim Ashmore, Vice-President; Ryan Grammon, member and Chris Delimont, member. Members Ashlee Tien and Lynette Stockman were present via phone. Shane DeBoer, member, was absent

Officials present: Mike Gower, Superintendent, David Kirkendall, Principal and Joan Long, Clerk.

Other Interested Person: Mrs. Janet Gottstine, FFA members: Hayden Gottstine, Ansley Delimont, Lylah Voss, Case Ashmore and Vivian Burmeister. Also present were Wade Brumbaugh, Mike Erhart and Brien Stockman.

**CALL TO ORDER:**Phil Gottstine, President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Kirkendall asked to have item D) Parent/Teacher Conferences added to his report. Jim Ashmore moved to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the October 9, 2023, regular meeting; agenda, with item D added; purchase orders, and warrants to be approved. Ryan Grammon seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATION:** Mrs. Janet Gottstine, FFA sponsor, and present FFA members presented a slide presentation and spoke on their recent trip to the National FFA Convention the end of October through first part of November. Each member spoke about several places of interest they visited on the way to the convention and the return trip. At the end of their presentation, FFA President Hayden Gottstine informed the board of current projects the organization has in progress and upcoming events.

All FFA members and sponsor Janet Gottstine left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Mike Erhart updated the board on the LIFE Center Project. He indicated the project would be all boxed in by the end of the month. He noted there are boards set up in a several areas for students and staff members to sign that will be part of the building rafters. He encouraged the board members to sign this board as well.

Brien Stockman and Mike Erhart left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:** Mr. Kirkendall informed the board he is waiting on a bid for the HVAC systems in the high school as well as a bid for glass doors. The roof area where the old high school chiller was, will be repaired in the next week or two. All elementary and high school students took tours of the new project on Friday, November 10.

Ryan Prewo and Case Ashmore joined the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Mr. Kirkendall next informed the board of the recent survey he sent 6th thru 12th grade students in regards to their level of interest in participating in competitive golf this coming spring. Mr. Gower roughly estimated the cost to the district to allow this sport would be between $4,500 and $6,000.

Robin Van Laeys joined the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Discussion ensued as to whether the board policy would be changed to allow dual sports. The policy will remain as passed earlier with no allowance of dual sports. Jim Ashmore moved to add a golf program with the stipulation of 6 students committing to participate in the sport and registering with KSHSAA as a sand green participant. Chris Delimont seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Ryan Prewo and Case Ashmore left the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Mr. Kirkendall then addressed the board of the current agreement with Palco for home football games. The administrators will meet with Palco to further discuss field conditions.

Mr. Kirkendall’s last item was an explanation of the current format for middle school and high school parent/teacher conferences. Several boards members received calls from patrons indicating their disappointment in the format. Administrators will explore other formats and visit with teachers about the current method.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Mr. Gower informed the board of administration evaluations that will be discussed at the December meeting. Superintendent evaluation forms will be sent out and need to be completed and returned to President Gottstine or the Board Clerk prior to December’s meeting. Any concerns in regards to Mr. Kirkendall need to be sent to Mr. Gower.

Mr. Gower’s next informed the board of the 5-yr Smoky Hill Interlocal Agreement and the benefits it provides for our district. After some discussion, Chris Delimont moved to approve Logan USD #326 being a Charter member in Smoky Hill Education Service Center for a five-year term commencing on July 1, 2024, and continuing through June 30, 2029. This membership will provide our district with the opportunity to benefit from the services, resources, and collaborative opportunities offered by Smoky Hill Education Service Center. Ryan Grammon seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Robin Van Laeys and Wade Brumbaugh left the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 10:10 p.m.,Phil Gottstine moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss an individual employee pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and requested the open meeting to resume in the board room at 10:20 p.m. Jim Ashmore seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gower was asked to attend the session.

At 10:20 p.m., the board reconvened.

At 10:21 p.m.,Phil Gottstine moved to go into executive session for an additional 5 minutes to discuss an individual employee pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and requested the open meeting to resume in the board room at 10:26 p.m. Jim Ashmore seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gower was asked to attend the session.

At 10:26 p.m., the board reconvened.

At 10:27 p.m.,Phil Gottstine moved to go into executive session for an additional 5 minutes to discuss an individual employee pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and requested the open meeting to resume in the board room at 10:32 p.m. Jim Ashmore seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gower was asked to attend the session.

At 10:32 p.m., the board reconvened with no action taken.

**NCKSEC REPORT:**  Due to Shane DeBoer’s absence, Mr. Gower reported on the recent meeting. The main topics included the decrease in number of students being served and the concern of covering new students from outside the Cooperative area enrolling once the Nonresident Student Policy takes effect.

**FINAL COMMENT:** Mr. Gower informed the board the deductible of the property and casualty insurance to increase to 1% of the value of the property when we renew in March.

**ADJOURNMENT:**With no further business, President Gottstine adjourned the meeting at 10:37 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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