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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #326 – LOGAN

MONDAY, March 9, 2023

Logan Unified School District #326 Board of Education, met in regular session to conduct school business. Members present when the meeting was called to order were: Phillip Gottstine, President; Ashlee Tien, Vice-President; Christine Delimont, member; Ryan Grammon, member; Shane DeBoer, member and Jim Ashmore, member. Member Lynette Stockman was present via zoom.

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

Other Interested Persons: Brein Stockman and Paul Prewo.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Kirkendall asked to have item B) Personnel Transactions added to his report. Mr. Gower asked to have the following items added to his report: B) Tax Exemption; C) Library Books; D) Logan/Phillipsburg Cooperative; E) Light Poles; F) Roof and G) Track/Field Events. Jim Ashmore moved to approve the consent agenda including additional items; minutes of the February 13, 2023, regular meeting; purchase orders, warrants and agenda as presented. Shane DeBoer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:** Mr. Kirkendall informed the board of the local Strategic Doing meetings held a couple weeks ago. He attended the evening session and reported the main objective of committees that were formed were to help the betterment of the community and mentioned projects that could be done in cooperation with the Life Center Project.

His final item was presenting a resignation from Elaine Holloway as Co-Concession Stand Manager for the 2023-2024 school year and approval of a contract for a band/vocal instructor for the 2023-2024 school year.

At 8:08 p.m. Jim Ashmore moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and requested the open meeting to resume in the board room at 8:13 p.m. Shane DeBoer seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gower and Mr. Kirkendall were asked to attend the session.

The board reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

Chris Delimont moved to accept the resignation from Elaine Holloway as Co-Concession Stand manager and approve the band/vocal instructor contract for Lucas Burmeister. Ryan Grammon seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Mr. Gower updated the board on bills mentioned at last month’s meeting that are before the legislature and where they currently stand. He emphasized the bill that threatens to take tax dollars from schools for private/home schools and how this is being tied to Special Education funding in order to encourage passage.

Mr. Gower next informed the board about a tax exemption issue. At 8:20 p.m., Ashlee Tien moved to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss a potential litigation with our legal counsel pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under KOMA, and requested the open meeting to resume in the board room at 8:50 p.m. Jim Ashmore seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gower was invited to attend the session.

The board reconvened at 8:50 p.m. with discussion ensuing. Mr. Gower pointed out the three options available to the board in regards to the tax exemption issue.

At 9:08 p.m., Shane DeBoer moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss a potential litigation with our legal counsel pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under KOMA, and requested the open meeting to resume in the board room at 9:13 p.m. Jim Ashmore seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gower was invited to attend the session.

The board reconvened at 9:13 p.m. Shane DeBoer moved to discuss the options of the full disclosure tax exemption with Eric Parkhurst, Hansen Foundation attorney. Ashlee Tien seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gower next visited with the board about options to clean out the library of unused books. Discussion ensued. It was decided to donate locally and then to the area district library systems.

Mr. Gower asked Phil Gottstine and Jim Ashmore to update the board on the meeting they had with Todd Kennedy and JC Sauer of USD 325’s board in regards to a Cooperative. The discussion focused on ways each school could benefit from one other.

Mr. Gower then informed the board of the current situation in regards to lights and poles for the football/track field. He has been unable to obtain bids from businesses that provide both. Ryan Grammon reached out to another company who is gathering information to submit a bid for poles and lighting.

Mr. Gower next informed the board of the adjustors report for hail damage to the school which excludes the gymnasium roof due to age, not hail damage. The damage to the school was estimated at $239,234.65. He is still waiting on a bid from a contractor for repair to the gymnasium.

Mr. Gower’s final item was locations for practice areas for field events. Javelin practice options are the football field after running practice is over or the golf course. Discuss rings are going to be formed at the open space directly across the street to the east of the school building. A toe board for shot practice will be made by the outside basketball court on the playground. A toe board will be made that can be easily removed when practice is not taking place.

Brien Stockman left the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 9:35 p.m.,Ashlee Tien moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and requested the open meeting to resume in the board room at 9:45 p.m. Chris Delimont seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gower was asked to attend the session.

The board reconvened at 9:45 p.m. with no action taken.

**NCKSEC REPORT:** Shane DeBoer informed the board of the recent meeting he had attended. He reported on the Special Education bill before the legislature as well as resignations, hires, the insurance fund, that is still low and a parent mediation.

**ADJOURNMENT:**With no further business, President Gottstine adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

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

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