

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on October 23, 2023 at the Unified School District Office. Those present were Robert Miller, Juanita Morris, Michelle Murk, Jeff Shamburg, Rani Pecenka and Jeremiah VanDoren, Superintendent Pam Irwin, Administrators Tricia McVay, Shane Clark, Dr. Curt Graves and Steven Kimmi, Deputy Clerk Val Graves and 5 guests.

President Juanita Morris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting was adopted. Motion by Rani Pecenka, seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rani Pecenka to adopt the consent agenda, approval of September 18, 2023 minutes and checks 38996, 66939 through 67068 totaling \$664,185.75. Seconded by Michelle Murk. Motion carried 6-0.

Bennington FFA members and sponsor David Gillett gave a Chapter update.

Teachers Katrina Ringler and Monica Farrell gave a presentation on the Literacy For All conference.

Motion by Robert Miller to enter executive session for 15 minutes with the board, Superintendent Irwin and Shane Clark to discuss student issues. Seconded by Jeremiah VanDoren. Motion carried 6-0. The board entered executive session at 6:35 p.m.

The board reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

Motion by Jeff Shamburg to reenter executive session for 60 minutes. Seconded by Jeremiah VanDoren. Motion carried 6-0. Parents were asked to enter executive session at 6:50 p.m.

The board reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Technology Director, Kinsy McVay presented technology updates within the district.

Motion by Jeff Shamburg, seconded by Jeremiah VanDoren that the additional custodial positions be approved as presented. Motion carried 5–1, Pecenka opposed.

Motion by Robert Miller, seconded by Jeremiah VanDoren to approve the addition of student teacher stipend. Motion carried 6–0.

Motion by Jeff Shamburg to approve the updated out-of-district application process to “no longer accept transfers past September 20 unless there are demonstrated extenuating circumstances”, seconded by Jeremiah VanDoren. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Irwin led discussion on Policy JBCC.

Superintendent reported on KSDE Awards for the 22-23 school year.

Awards received for 2022-23 school year include:
Academically Prepared for Postsecondary - Copper award
Graduation Rate - Silver award
Postsecondary Effectiveness - Silver award
Commissioner's Award with Honors

Motion by Jeremiah VanDoren, seconded by Robert Miller to approve the facility use requests as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

The board discussed Continuous improvement. Steven Kimmi presented information on Schoology and Online Learning Report.

Motion by Robert Miller that the board and administrators enter executive session for 15 minutes to discuss student and personnel information. Seconded by Jeremiah VanDoren. Motion carried 6-0. The board entered executive session at 9:50 p.m.

The board reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

Motion by Jeremiah VanDoren seconded by Rani Pecenka to accept negotiation changes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jeremiah VanDoren to approve the resignation of Chase Owen as Tescott HS Boys Basketball Coach. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jeremiah VanDoren to approve hiring of Kya Johnson as Substitute Teacher, Michelle Perry as Substitute Teacher, Dee Wills as Substitute Teacher, Joyce Gans as Substitute Teacher, Greg Tanzer as Bennington JRH Girls Assistant Basketball Coach, Dr. Curt Graves as Tescott HS Boys Basketball Coach, and Rueben Gonzalez as Tescott Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, all effective with the 23-24 school year. Seconded by Michelle Murk. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Irwin announced next meeting November 20 starts at 6:00 p.m. with the Policy JBCC Public Hearing. Board of Education meeting begins at 6:15 p.m.

President Juanita Morris adjourned the meeting.

Val Graves
Deputy Clerk

