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USD #292 GOVE COUNTY – WHEATLAND SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Board Room – Wheatland High School  
Monday, March 13, 2017

President Nick Zerr called the regular Board of Education meeting to order on Monday, March 13, 2017, at 7:30 pm.

Board members present were Aaron Dohm, Damian Melgoza, Steve Watts, Nick Zerr and Richard Zimmerman. Gary Kraus, Administrator; Todd Flinn, WHS Intern; Terry Ostmeier, AD; and Paula Chapin, Clerk.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Watts and second by Melgoza to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Connie Lewis arrived at 7:31 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Dohm and second by Zimmerman to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017, meeting as read. Motion carried 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** The board discussed the bills and the financial statements Motion by Zimmerman and second by Dohm to approve payment of check journal #17593-#17627 in the amount of \$28,227.54 and electronic checks #2016784-#2016785 in the amount of \$4,759.30; March payroll check register in the amount of \$54,975.31; payroll bills check register in the amount of \$34,087.91; void check journal #2016824 in the amount of \$5,033.61; check journal #17642 and electronic check #2016828-2016829 in the amount of \$5,033.61; and to approve February financial statements as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**GUESTS:** Mrs. Shari Burks was present.

**CURRICULUM REPORT:** Mrs. Burks joined the faculty last year on a half time basis to teach preschool. She has a weekly schedule enhancing the letter of the week. This week's letter is T and she gave the board a copy of the classroom activities for that letter. Each week a community member who has an occupation beginning with the weekly letter visits the classroom.

**SAFE TRIP REPORT:** Trina Rathgeber, Haelie Kniesteadt, Carlie Zimmerman, Bailey Bixenman, Brooke Bixenman and Mrs. Monica Countryman joined the meeting. The SAFE (Seatbelts Are for Everyone) program began in 2012-2013 at Wheatland. Students sign a pledge card to wear seatbelts. National Honor Society members monitor seatbelt usage and qualifying students are eligible to win a gift card. The Wheatland chapter was one of twenty-two schools invited to present its program to the Kansas Legislature. They were able to attend a legislative discussion as well as tour the Capitol and Dome of the Capitol.

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**FACILITY USE REQUEST:** The board reviewed a building facility use request for Wheatland High School from Ashley Coberly for a summer dance camp. It was the consensus of the board to allow the use of the building as per the request from Ashley Coberly as per the administrative guidelines and those conditions met.

**FCCLA OVERNIGHT TRIP REQUEST:** The board considered the overnight trip request for the FCCLA group to attend the FCCLA Leadership Conference in Wichita on April 3 & 4. Motion by Watts and second by Zimmerman to approve the FCCLA overnight trip request for Mrs. White, a sponsor and 12 students to attend the FCCLA Leadership Conference in Wichita on April 3 & 4, 2017. Motion carried 6-0.

**FOOTBALL PROGRAM:** Wheatland High School will start the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the two year football cycle this fall. The board chose not to seek an 8-man football assignment for the 2016-2017 and 2017-18 seasons. The deadline to submit for the next cycle is September 17 for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 seasons. Terry is attending a football meeting on March 29 with other schools. He will send a questionnaire to parents of GMS and WHS students affected by the next cycle. The board will continue to discuss the football cycle options.

**BOARD MEMBER TERM OF OFFICE RESOLUTION:** Motion by Dohm and second by Lewis to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 292, Gove County, Kansas, hereby extends the term of office for any elected board member whose term would expire at any time in 2017 until the second Monday in January of 2018, when newly elected members of the governing body and other newly elected officials shall take office pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 25-21a01. Motion passed 6-0.

**REPORTS:**

**WHS Maintenance Report:** Butch Weber provided the board with a written report:

- Oakley Ag picked up the Kubota tractor and left a new ~~L735~~ <sup>1200</sup> Case tractor for the lease;
- Minor repairs were need on bus #10 and bus #110;
- A light pole on the football field blew over during the windstorm. The lights were destroyed. The district has the three small replacement lights but will need to purchase the larger light.

**A.D. Report:** Mr. Ostmeyer reported on the following:

- The next WKLL meeting is April 26, 2017, at Oakley. At the recent meeting, the league decided to change the leadership training to condense the program to two sessions and use the third session for the entire student body;
- Thunderhawk basketball completed their season with both teams winning sub-state to qualify for state basketball in Dodge City. The boys lost in quarterfinal play. The girls' team advanced to the championship game to place as 1A DII State Runner Up. He thanked the players, coaches, cheerleaders, & sponsors for a great effort as well as a great crowd turnout;
- Congratulated Bailey Bixenman, Brooke Bixenman, Zoe Schultz, Jorge Esparza, Weston Lewis, and Chandler Ostmeyer for being named to the WKLL First team and to Lanae Goetz for being named to the Honorable Mention team;
- Thanked the many sponsors of the radio and online streaming sponsors of the sub-state and state basketball tournaments;
- WKLL track is May 12 in Logan. Regional track is at FHSU. He is seeking volunteers to help with girls shot put;
- WKLL leadership students will travel to Topeka to meet with Rep. Hineman and Senator Billinger on April 6<sup>th</sup> as well as touring the KSHSAA office.

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**Building Report:** Mr. Flinn reported on the following:

- Carlie Zimmerman, Brooke Bixenman, Bailey Bixenman, Trina Rathgeber, Cory Prewo and former graduate Tenille Tholen received scholarships from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation;
- 50% of the parents attended the March 7, 2017, parent teacher conference;
- During a short teacher in-service, the elementary students came to the high school to be paired with a high school student and participate in an activity so that teachers could meet about the KESA program;
- K-23 highway closure could present bussing situations especially with mud routes;
- Attended an administrative training for reasonable suspicion for bus drivers as well as training for individual plans of study;
- Upcoming calendar events: CPR Training – March 17<sup>th</sup>; FCCLA Community Clean up – March 17<sup>th</sup>; Spring break – March 20<sup>th</sup>-March 24<sup>th</sup>; Prom – April 1<sup>st</sup>; FCCLA Convention – April 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup>; Dr. Randy Watson, Commissioner of Education visit – April 5<sup>th</sup>;
- A rock & fossil collection to be used in the Science room and a metal brake that will be used in the Shop were donated to the school from Mike and Peggy Moore.

Motion by Dohm and second by Melgoza to accept the donation of a rock & fossil collection and a metal shop brake to Wheatland High School from Mike and Peggy Moore. Motion passed 6-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Mr. Kraus reported on the following:

- Supreme Court Decision was published on March 2;
- Legislative Update and the Governor's Budget package;
- KSDE audit findings;
- Upcoming KSDE food service review for March 15 & 16;
- Results of annual Kansas State Fire Marshal inspection;
- In-service activities with continued focus on KESA rubrics and elementary textbook consideration.

**NKESC REPORT:** Steve Watts shared the minutes of the February 16, 2017, NKESC board meeting.

Nick reminded the board of an upcoming negotiations workshop on March 29.

Zerr declared a 5-minute recess at 9:10 pm.

**PERSONNEL:** Motion by Melgoza and second by Dohm to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Mr. Kraus, Mr. Flinn, and Mr. Ostmeyer present for 15 minutes beginning at 9:15 pm in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 6-0. Terry left the executive session at 9:23 pm.

The board returned to open session at 9:30 pm with no action taken.

Motion by Dohm and second by Melgoza to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Mr. Kraus and Mr. Flinn present for 10 minutes beginning at 9:32 pm in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 6-0.

The board returned to open session at 9:42 pm with no action taken.

Motion by Dohm and second by Melgoza to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Mr. Kraus present for 10 minutes beginning at 9:43 pm in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 6-0. Mr. Kraus left the executive session at 9:47 pm

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The board returned to open session at 9:53 pm with no action taken.

Motion by Dohm and second by Lewis to extend the administrative contract for Mr. Gary Kraus for an additional year.  
Motion passed 6-0.

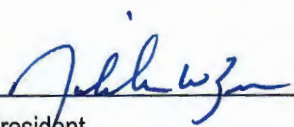
Motion by Dohm and second by Lewis to ratify the contract for Dina Heier as WHS Cook. Motion passed 6-0.

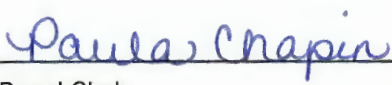
Motion by Dohm and second by <sup>Watts</sup> Heier to accept the resignation of Mrs. Heather Burmeister effect at the end of the school year. Motion passed 6-0.


Motion by Zerr and second by Watts to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Mr. Kraus present for 10 minutes beginning at 10:00 pm in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 6-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:10 pm with no action taken.


Chairman Zerr declared the meeting adjourned at 10:11 pm.

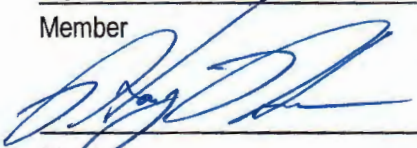
  
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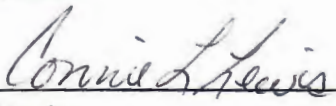
  
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