

ROCK CREEK
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 323
POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, KANSAS

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2022 REGULAR MEETING

Board Members Present

Brian Bittle
Dee Forge
Dawn Henry
Jared Meitler - Zoom
Dan Moser – Zoom
Stuart Schwarz
Jody Wick

Staff Present

Kevin Logan
Mina Grutzmacher
Dan Ackland
Rachel Buessing
Scott Harshbarger
Eric Koppes
Kristi Timm
Staci Miner

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING & FLAG SALUTE
Jody Wick, Board President called to order the regular February 14, 2022 meeting at the USD 323 District Office at 7:00 p.m.
- 2.0 ROUTINE ITEMS * (Consent items approved without discussion.)
 - 2.1 Approval of Agenda- Masking Protocol moved from 6.1 to follow Consent Items.
 - 2.2 Approval of Minutes
 - 2.3 Treasurer's Report
 - 2.4 Payment of Bills
 - 2.5 Transfers
- 3.0 CONSENT ITEMS*(No discussion, unless pulled from consent items.)
 - 3.1 Personnel Recommendations
 - 3.2 TCA Maintenance Agreement
 - 3.3 Permission for out of state travel, band and choir to Disney World Spring Break 2023
 - 3.4 Out of District Application

Dawn Henry moved to approve the routine and consent items as amended. Stuart Schwarz seconded the motion. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- 4.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Non Agenda Items Only)
Tim Pralle, Max Zerwas, Marissa Zerwas, Lance Zimmerman, Jennifer Torrey, William Coon, Veronica Coon, Matthew Asbury, Louisa Asbury, Sandy Anderson and Ben Meyer.

Zoom attendees: Cale Prather, Addison Howley, Catherine Seitz, Alyssa Cahoj, Lorriel Dover, Beka Meitler, Mendy Gehrt, Jay Koupal.

- 6.1 Masking Protocol moved from 6.1 to follow Consent Items.
Jody Wick read a statement to the public in attendance regarding public input on Masking Protocol. Public comment is not normally allowed on Agenda Items, but this was a special circumstance. Several Patrons had comments about the protocol. All those that spoke were against the masking protocol.

Kevin Logan reported on current Covid numbers in the schools & district. Shared that he'd received a many communications from patrons/parents about the protocol. No action was taken to change the Masking Protocol that was put into place on January 10 and effective January 18.

- 5.0 Reports
 - 5.1 Building Reports
 - 5.1.1 Rock Creek High School
 - 5.1.2 Rock Creek Middle School
 - 5.1.3 Rock Creek Activities
 - 5.1.4 St. George Elementary
 - 5.1.5 Westmoreland Elementary
 - 5.1.6 CIA Report
 - 5.2 Superintendent's Report
 - 5.21 CPSI Information – Dr. Douglas Reeves presented, February 8
 - 5.22 Leading for Impact – KESA – District BLT and DLT met in Topeka Feb. 10
 - 5.23 KAGAN “Brain Based” Instruction August 2022
 - 5.24 Skyward – work in process – go live April 1, 2022, possibility change in Board policies.
 - 5.25 Additional Baseball and Softball Seating Options
- 6.0 OLD BUSINESS
 - 6.1 Masking Protocol moved to follow Routine and Consent Items.
 - 6.2 KASB Board Policy Updates
Dawn Henry moved to adopt the KASB Board Policy updates as presented. Dee Forge seconded the motion. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion carried.
 - 6.3 Safe Routes to School
Dawn Henry moved to approve support for Safe Routes to School requested by Flint Hills Metro Planning. Brian Bittle seconded the motion. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- 7.0 NEW BUSINESS
 - 7.1 Juul
Brian Bittle moved to join the “Mass Action” lawsuit against vaping companies on Juul. Jody Wick seconded the motion. Ayes - 7; Nays – 0. Motion carried.

- 7.2 English Language Arts Resources
Kristi Timm presented the English Language Arts Resources recommendation for Board approval.

Stuart Schwarz moved to approve the English Language Arts Resources as recommended. Jared Meitler seconded the motion. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion carried.

- 7.3 Greenbush Virtual Agreement
Kevin Logan reported that Greenbush has requested changes to the Virtual Agreement. Brian Bittle moved to approve the Greenbush Virtual Agreement as presented. Dawn Henry seconded the motion. Ayes – 7; Nays - 0. Motion carried.

- 7.4 Repairs December 15th Windstorm
Kevin Logan reported on windstorm damage and information on terms from BHS construction for Dec. 15 repairs –excluding baseball backstop, HVAC, and Parking Lot Banners, these are all separate contracts.

Dee Forge moved to go with Option 2 BHS \$26,060.61. Dawn Henry seconded the motion. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion carried.

- 7.5 2022-23 Staffing
Kevin reported since 5-year Strategic Plan not completed, the USD 323 hiring plan for next school year is still in flux. What we do know: We have approximately \$460,000 in new general fund money coming into the district next year. This is money for adding staff, programming, raises, utilities, etc.

Hiring Information:

Must add one new social studies teacher at Rock Creek High School, must add one new administrative assistant at the District Office. Would like to add one new 1st grade teacher at St. George Elementary; an activities director/teacher at Rock Creek Middle School; an electives teacher at Rock Creek Middle School; Other support and class reduction staff.

Break 5 minutes

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

8.1 Negotiations

Jody moved to go into an executive session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and to reconvene in the meeting room at 9:25 p.m. Stuart Schwarz seconded the motion. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion carried. Kevin Logan and Kristi Timm were asked to attend. The meeting returned to open session at 9:25 p.m.

8.2 Non-elected personnel

Brian Bittle moved to go into executive session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will reconvene in the meeting room at 9:50 p.m. Stuart Schwarz seconded the motion. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion carried. Kevin Logan was asked to attend. The meeting reconvened in the meeting room at 9:50 p.m.
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Dawn Henry moved to extend Kevin Logan's contract through June 2025. Dee Forge seconded the motion. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion carried.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9.1 Stifel – Bond Refunding - Brad and/or Steve Shogren

9.2 Summer 2022 Technology Purchases

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.1 Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at USD 323 District Office, 7:00 p.m.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Stuart Schwarz moved to adjourn. Dee Forge seconded the motion. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion carried.


Mina Grutzmacher, Clerk

Jodi Wick, President

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