

Board BriefsJuly 13, 2020

The U.S.D. 409 Board of Education met on Monday, July 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Community Room.

CALL TO ORDER

President Carrie Sowers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed patrons and staff to the meeting.

ORDERING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda, as presented.

REPORTS

Lucas Hunzinger, with Highland Community College Technical Center, provided the following report:

- Working on (fluid) plans as HCC navigates the pandemic – HCC’s plan is to begin meeting face to face on August 24th. HCC has also planned for hybrid models depending on K-12 schools navigation plan(s).
- 60-64% secondary students attend HCC Technical Center (working with area schools to best accommodate schools to navigate the pandemic).
- HCC’s plan is to end the 2020 fall semester on the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving – HCC Technical Center plan is end the semester on December 18th (fluid plan).
- Nine AHS students graduated in Spring 2020 with technical certificates – these students are commended for receiving both their HS diploma and technical certificates.
- Early enrollment – 42 AHS students have enrolled for the fall semester. AHS is the largest enrollment school into the Technical Center.
- HCC is working toward the construction of the diesel technology building – the plan for rezoning the ground recently passed in City planning and zoning – the plan now goes to the city commission on July 22 – HCC was approved for tax credits through the Kansas Department of Commerce. HCC’s timeline is to break ground on August 1st – The project completion is proposed for 9-10 month following the groundbreaking.

Renee Scott and Donna Noll gave an update from the Ad Hoc Safety Committee. Their presentation highlighted where our district is currently with security measures and highlighted the plan as we move forward. After discussion, the plan is to meet at least three times a year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- Approved the minutes of the June 1, 2020 regular meeting and June 26, 2020, special meeting.
- Approved the Treasurer’s Report, which included the bank reconciliation summary report, monthly cash summary report, year-to-date cash summary report, budget summary of funds, transfers and security pledges.
- Approved activity fund account statements.
- Approved organizational items, as follows:
 - Resolution setting appointments & treasurer’s bond
 - Resolution designating official school newspaper

- Resolution establishing school activity funds
 - Resolution establishing petty cash accounts
 - Resolution authorizing advance payment of claims by superintendent & treasurer
 - Policy setting school term
 - Resolution allowing for destruction of records
 - Resolution authorizing mileage rate
 - Resolution designating Section 504 coordinator and appointing authorized representative for Title VI, Title VII, Title IX and all other federal funds
 - Resolution to waive the annual requirement of generally accepted accounting principles and fixed asset accounting
 - Rescind policy statements found in board minutes
 - Home rule authority
 - Resolution designating official depository for school district funds
 - Electronic services resolution
 - Resolution designating authorized signatures on district checking accounts
 - Resolution designating Policy KN investigator or appeal hearing officer
 - Resolution designating committee members for student extended-term suspension or expulsion hearings
 - Resolution appointing a hearing officer to hear all appeals of extended-term suspension or expulsion determinations
- Approved the 2020-21 Child Nutrition Programs Procurement Plan.
 - Approved the 2020-21 Parents as Teachers Request Form.
 - Approved the 2020-21 Herf Jones Yearbook Agreement.
 - Approved the 2020-21 Food Service Agreement with Trinity Lutheran School.
 - Accepted the Feeding Kansas Kids Grant.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board reaffirmed the following policies, as presented:

- Policy GA- Personnel Policy Organization (reaffirm)
- Policy GAA - Goals and Objectives (reaffirm)
- Policy GAAA- Equal Employment Opportunity and Non-Discrimination (reaffirm)
- Policy GAACA - Racial and Disability Harassment- Employees (reaffirm)
- Policy GAAE - Bullying by Staff (reaffirm)
- Policy GAAF - Emergency Safety Interventions (reaffirm)
- Policy GACA - Positions (reaffirm)
- Policy GACB - Job Descriptions (reaffirm)
- Policy GACC - Recruiting and Hiring (reaffirm)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

The Board reviewed the following policies as a first reading:

- Policy CF - Board-Superintendent Relations (revised)
- Policy DFE - Investment of Funds (revised)
- Policy GAAB - Complaints of Discrimination (revised)
- Policy GAAC - Sexual Harassment-Employees (revised)
- Policy GAAD - Child Abuse (revised)
- Policy GAOB - Use of Tobacco Products and Nicotine Delivery Devices in USD 409 (revised)
- Policy HAE - Board Negotiating Agents (revised)
- Policy IC - Academic Program (revised)

- Policy IJ - Evaluation of Instructional Program (revised)
- Policy JCDA - Tobacco Use (revised)
- Policy JGEC - Sexual Harassment - Students (revised)
- Policy JQKA - Foreign Exchange Students (revised)
- Policy KMA - Tobacco-Free School Grounds for Visitors (adopt)
- Policy KN - Complaints (revised)
- Policy KNA - Complaints Regarding Child Nutrition Programs (adopt)

These policies will be brought back to the next meeting for further review and approval.

School Finance Discussion

The budget software was released last week. The plan is to complete the budget and take it to Topeka (the week of August 3rd) for KSDE to review prior to the August 7th budget hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:26 p.m., the Board went into executive session to discuss the following subjects: negotiations. The justification for this executive session is: to discuss employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA.

Superintendent Renee Scott, Board Attorney Larry Mears, and Business Manager Lori Lanter attended the executive session.

The open meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

At 7:45 p.m., the Board extended executive session to discuss the following subjects: negotiations. The justification for this executive session is: to discuss employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA.

Superintendent Renee Scott, Board Attorney Larry Mears, and Business Manager Lori Lanter attended the executive session.

John Eplee entered executive session at 7:50 p.m.

The open meeting reconvened at 7:57 p.m.

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following **resignations**:

- Jamie Collins – Paraeducator, effective June 29, 2020.
- Leslie Lanning – Paraeducator, effective July 14, 2020.

The Board approved the following **recommendations for employment (for the 2020-2021 school year)**:

- Orlando Rivera – Paraeducator, Central School, effective August 12, 2020.
- John Pustejovsky – Grades 9-12 Science Teacher, Atchison High School, effective July 1, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Renee advised that it is anticipated that the State will release a draft of the “returning to schools” guidelines this week. There will be a joint media release from various state departments regarding the plans moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.