

Board BriefsFebruary 08, 2021

The U.S.D. 409 Board of Education met on Monday, February 08, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Community Room.

CALL TO ORDER

President Carrie Sowers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She welcomed staff and patrons to the meeting.

ORDERING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda, as presented.

REPORTS

Chad Bilderback, Principal, and Tyler Lueckenhoff, Assistant Principal/Activities Director, provided a AMS building report. The report included an overview of building procedures, test scores, and activities.

Stephanie Affield and Melissa Huntington, district parents, provided a presentation on possible improvements to the district's soccer field. A group of school community parents are interested in improving the soccer field by fundraising. Their presentation included two phases. After discussion, John Eplee made the motion, seconded by Stefanie Gardner, to "bless" the parents fundraising efforts to enhance the district's soccer field. The motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Josh Wolf, representing Atchison United, read a letter giving the Native American historical perspective of Redmen / Lady Red and the negative condonation of schools using Redmen and Lady Red as mascots and asked the Board to consider discussing the possible change of the Redmen / Lady Red mascot. Josh also asked that the AMS "Brave" mascot be part of the discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- Approved the minutes of the January 11, 2021, 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, transfer of funds, and security pledges
- Approved payment of claims and credit card account statements.
- Approved activity fund account statements.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board approved the reaffirmation of the following policies, as presented:

- Policy IA - Philosophy (reaffirm)
- Policy IB - School Site Councils (reaffirm)
- Policy IC - Educational Program (reaffirm)
- Policy ICA - Pilot Projects (reaffirm)
- Policy ICAA - Teaching Methods (reaffirm)
- Policy ID - Instructional Program (reaffirm)
- Policy IDAA - Special Programs (reaffirm)
- Policy IDAB - Support Programs (reaffirm)
- Policy IDAC - Exceptional Programs (reaffirm)

- Policy IDACA - Special Education Services (reaffirm)
- Policy IDACB - Section 504 Accommodations for Students (reaffirm)
- Policy IDAD - Title I Programs (reaffirm)
- Policy IDAD-R - Regulation - Title I (reaffirm)

The Board approved the amended 2021-2022 school calendar.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

The following policies were presented to the Board as a first reading for discussion:

- Policy IDAE & IDEA-R - Student Privacy Policy (reaffirm)
- Policy IDCE - College Classes (reaffirm)
- Policy IDFA - Athletics (reaffirm)
- Policy IE - Instructional Arrangements (reaffirm)
- Policy IEB - Charter Schools (reaffirm)
- Policy IF - Textbooks, Instructional Materials, and Media Centers (reaffirm)
- Policy IFBH - Outside Speakers (reaffirm)
- Policy IFC - Community Resources (reaffirm)
- Policy IFCB - Field Trips (reaffirm)
- Policy IHA - Grading System (reaffirm)
- Policy IHB - Homework (reaffirm)
- Policy IHEA - Make-Up Opportunities (reaffirm)

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

The timeline for Central School Public Forum was discussed. The public forum is scheduled for Thursday, February 18th, at 5:30 p.m., at Central School gymnasium.

The Board was presented the 2022-2023 school calendar for review.

Board members began discussions regarding the Redmen mascot. Several letters of requests have been received calling for change in mascots. Board members were asked for comments regarding opening mascot discussions. Several Board members made comment regarding the mascot. The Board last considered the Redmen and Brave mascots in November 2018, after a school-community committee, spent approximately two years discussing and researching mascots. The Board voted, then, to retain the mascots.

After comments and discussion, the general consensus of the board is to open mascot discussions, again, and hold a public forum for public comment. Discussion included setting a timeline of 60-90 days to study, hold a public forum, and make a determination regarding the usage of the Redmen (and Brave) mascots.

Executive Session

At 7:03 p.m., John Eplee made the motion, seconded by Sean Crittendon, to go into executive session to discuss the following subjects: employees employment performances and employment recommendations. The justification for this executive session is: to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The opening meeting will resume in the BOE Community Room at 7:35 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Renee Scott attended the executive session.

Chad Bilderback, AMS Principal, attended executive session at 7:03 p.m. Chad Bilderback left executive session at 7:05 p.m.

LaTisha Downing, Central Principal, attended executive session at 7:05 p.m. LaTisha Downing left executive session at 7:08 p.m.

Lisa Pierce, AES Principal, attended executive session at 7:08 p.m. Lisa Pierce left executive session at 7:13 p.m.

Lacy Warren, AHS Principal, attended executive session at 7:13p.m. Lacy Warren left executive session at 7:20 p.m.

Renee Scott, Superintendent, left executive session at 7:24 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:35 p.m.

Personnel

The Board accepted the following **resignations**:

- Becky Dimmitt – FACS Teacher, Atchison High School, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, for purposes of retirement. (9 years of service to district)
- JoAnn Shugart – School Counselor, Atchison High School, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, for purposes of retirement. (40 years of service to district).
- Kirsten Elkins – ELA Teacher, Atchison Middle School, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- Jason Schroeder – Assistant Principal-Activities Director, Atchison High School, effective June 30, 2021.
- Kurt Schlanker – Middle School Cross Country Assistant Coach and Middle School Track Head Coach, effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

The Board approved the following supplemental contracts for the **2020-2021 school year**:

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| • Nic Downing | Assistant Soccer Coach | Atchison Middle School |
| • Hector (Enrique) Flores | Assistant Soccer Coach | Atchison Middle School |
| • Patrick Battle | Assistant Track Coach | Atchison High School |
| • John Pustejovsky | Assistant Track Coach | Atchison High School |
| • Sterling Jackson | Assistant Track Coach | Atchison High School |

The Board approved the following transfer for the **2021-2022 school year**:

- Lauren Benning – from 1st grade teacher to K-5 Interventionist.
- Ashley Sandborn – from Kindergarten teacher to 3rd grade teacher

The Board approved the extension of the following administrators/directors contracts for the **2021-2022 school year**:

- Chad Bilderback –Principal, Atchison Middle School
- Jacqueline Coleman – Director, Curriculum & Instruction
- Andrea Coppinger – Associate Principal, Atchison Elementary School
- LaTisha Downing – Principal, Central School
- Patty Gaul – Director, Food Service
- Lindsey Hansen – Assistant Principal, Atchison High School
- Nichole Honeywell – Coordinator, Special Education
- Lori Lanter – Business Manager
- Andrew Lillie – Associate Principal, Atchison Elementary School
- Tyler Lueckenhoff – Assistant Principal/Activities Director, Atchison Middle School
- Sharla Miller – Assistant Director, Food Service
- Donna Noll – Director, Technology Education
- Lisa Pierce – Head Principal, Atchison Elementary School
- Jay Robinson – Director, Maintenance
- Renee Scott, Superintendent (**2-year contract 2021-2022; 2022-2023**)
- Lacy Warren – Head Principal, Atchison High School

Superintendent Renee Scott gave a “state-of-the-state” on the district’s COVID data.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.