

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
GIRARD, KS
OCTOBER 14, 2021

The Board of Education of Unified School District 248 met in the HS/MS Library on Thursday, October 14, 2021. President, Lori Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present were: Roger Breneman, Bryan Burks, Lori Johnson, Beth Murphy, and Kelly Peak. Also present were: Superintendent, Blaise Bauer; Clerk, Becky Mein; Treasurer, Laurie Masters; HS Principal, Todd Ferguson; Assistant HS Principal, Chris Swartz; MS Principal, BJ Pruitt; RVH Principal, Tina Daniel; Assistant RVH Principal, Joni Benso; GMS/GHS Choir Director, Meredith Reid; Cindy Murphy, Technology Director; Leslie Montee, Hometown Girard; and seventeen Patrons.

Members absent: Board Member, Dave Goble and Peggy Marshall.

Beth Murphy moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion for the approval of the agenda, approval of the minutes of the September 14, 2021 board meeting and minutes of the Special Board Meeting-September 20, 2021, approval of the treasurer's report and the bills be approved for payment, amounting to \$701,297.90. Motion carried. 5 – 0.

Patrons' comments were heard in regard to face masks.

Bryan Burks moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to approve the following donation: Chicken Annie's-FFA- \$500.00. Motion carried. 5 – 0.

GMS/GHS Choral Music Program update was presented by Meredith Reid, and members of the GHS Reflections performed.

Superintendent, Blaise Bauer, presented 2021-2022 "Return to School" and COVID Health Updates.

Roger Breneman moved, Bryan Burks seconded the motion for approval of the KDHE COVID "Optional" Testing Program in USD 248. Motion carried. 5 – 0.

Superintendent, Blaise Bauer, provided the 2021-2022 student enrollment update.

Approval to purchase a school bus will be presented next month.

Superintendent, Blaise Bauer, presented the facilities/construction updates.

Kelly Peak moved, Bryan Burks seconded the motion to enter executive session at 8:10 pm for a period of 15 minutes, for discussion of non-elected personnel

exception under KOMA, with Board Members, Superintendent and Building Administrators present. Motion carried. 5 – 0.

Back to regular session at 8:27 pm.

Kelly Peak moved, Beth Murphy seconded the motion for “Approval to exempt students who have exceeded the 40 hour limit for remote learning due to quarantine/isolation from COVID-19.” Motion carried. 5 – 0.

Bryan Burks moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion for “Approval of ESSER II Grant Funding for a \$250 staff retention incentive stipend for all USD 248 regular/daily part-time staff members who have been working in the district from 8/13/21 until at least 10/13/21. This will be contingent upon final KSDE approval of the current ESSER II grant application.” Motion carried. 5 – 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Beth Murphy seconded the motion to approve the hiring of an additional school nurse from the KDHE COVID “Optional” Testing Grant. Motion carried. 5 – 0.

Beth Murphy moved, Bryan Burks seconded the motion to approve Kelly Peak as the Delegate and Bryan Burks as the Alternate Delegate for the KASB Delegate Assembly. Motion carried. 5 – 0.

Principal’s Reports in the Board Packets.

No report from the Interlocal, Peggy Marshall-absent and Lori Johnson presented from Greenbush.

Beth Murphy moved, Bryan Burks seconded the adjournment of the meeting at 8:33 pm. Motion carried. 5 – 0.

Becky Mein
Clerk