

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
GIRARD, KS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

The Board of Education of Unified School District 248 met at the Board Office on Thursday, September 12, 2019. President, Beth Murphy, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present were: Roger Breneman, Lori Johnson, Peggy Marshall, Beth Murphy, Kelly Peak, and Dale Shireman. Also present were: Superintendent, Blaise Bauer; Clerk, Becky Mein; Treasurer, Laurie Masters; HS Principal, Todd Ferguson; MS Principal, BJ Pruitt; RVH Principal, Mark LaTurner; RVH Assistant Principal, Tina Daniel; GTA Representative, Donna Martin; RVH Teachers, Hadyn Gustafson and Casey Swartz; Special Education Teacher, Shelby Callaway; HS/MS Music Teacher, Meredith Reid; FBLA Students, Tricia Combs, Ashley Ray, and Lara Wells; Greg Vahrenberg, Raymond James Public Finance; and Cecily Perry, Hometown Girard.

Absent were: Board Member, Dave Goble and HS Assistant Principal, Chris Swartz.

Dale Shireman moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion for the approval of the agenda; approval of the minutes of the August 8, 2019 board meeting, approval of the treasurer's report and the bills be approved for payment, amounting to \$667,959.75. Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Roger Breneman moved, Dale Shireman seconded the motion to approve the following donations: \$153,926.00 – Kansas Pre-School Pilot Grant, RVH Pre-School; \$16,440.00 – KSDE Child Nutrition/Wellness Grant, Food Service; \$1,000.00 – All Area Fantasy Basketball Camp, GHS Basketball; \$600.00 – Flaharty Farms, GHS FFA; and \$500.00 Murphy Seed, GHS FFA. Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Welcome to our new teachers: Shelby Callaway, Hadyn Gustafson; Meredith Reid, and Casey Swartz.

FBLA President, Ashley Ray; Vice-President, Tricia Combs; and Treasurer, Lara Wells presented a slide show of their recent trip for National competition in San Antonio and thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend.

Greg Vahrenberg with Raymond James Public Finance presented information on bond refinancing.

Dale Shireman moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion for "A resolution authorizing the offering for sale of taxable general obligation refunding bonds, series 2019, of U.S.D. #248, Crawford County, KS." Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Mr. Bauer presented information on the facility renovation/construction update at the Activity Center-Wrestling, the project to reduce the water runoff in the cafeteria and art room. He also discussed the press box and a method to secure funding. By consensus of the Board, Mr. Bauer is to move forward on the funding source.

Roger Breneman moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion for the “Approval of Invoice Pay Application from Arck Construction for partial completed renovation work at the Activity Center for the amount of \$56,219.00.” Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Peggy Marshall moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion for the “Approval of Construction Change Orders for the Activity Center” for additions and deletions from the original bid, the contracted amount is now \$151,091.00. Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Dale Shireman moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion to purchase staff iPads, for a quote of \$39,474.00. Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Mr. Ferguson presented the results of the Kansas Communities That Care Survey.

Mr. LaTurner presented information on the RVH Pre-School programs we have at RVH.

Mr. Ferguson presented information on the Applied Communications (English) credit for GHS students.

Dale Shireman moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the following employment recommendations: Lindsay Schossow, GMS Assistant Volleyball Coach; Rob Massa, GHS Assistant Girl’s Golf Coach; James Light, RVH Custodian; and Keith Kroenke, GMS Custodian. Motion carried. 5 – 1. Lori Johnson – abstained vote.

Peggy Marshall moved, Kelly Peak seconded the retirements of: Jeff Zitsch, RVH Custodian and Kelly Crim, GHS Custodian. Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Principal reports were distributed in the Board Packets.

Mr. Bauer reported on several items.

No report from the Interlocal, as Beth was not able to attend the meeting. Lori Johnson reported on the Greenbush meeting.

Dale Shireman moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion for adjournment of the meeting at 8 pm.

Becky Mein
Clerk