

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
GIRARD, KS
August 12, 2021

The Board of Education of Unified School District 248 met in the HS/MS Library on Thursday, August 12, 2021. President, Lori Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present were: Roger Breneman, Bryan Burks, Dave Goble, Lori Johnson, Peggy Marshall, Beth Murphy-Via Zoom, 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; Troy Combs, Maintenance Director; Cindy Murphy, Technology Director; Jeff McDonald, SRO; Phil Stevens, Hometown Girard; Teddi Van Kam; Crawford County Health Director; and seventy-five Patrons.

President Lori Johnson called the meeting to order. Beth Murphy moved, no second, for an addition to the agenda, specifically to the Back to School policy, and face coverings. Motion failed.

Peggy Marshall moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion for the approval of the agenda, approval of the minutes of the July 8, 2021 board meeting, approval of the treasurer's report and the bills be approved for payment, amounting to \$2,842,865.96. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Patrons' comments were heard in regard to face masks.

Dave Goble moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion to approve the following donations: 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant - \$64,984 for RVH; Year 4 Football Field Turf Donations: \$5,000-Chicken Annie's of Girard; \$2,500-Ag Choice of Hepler; \$5,000-Producer's Coop; \$5,000-Community National Bank; \$5,000-Craw-Kan; and \$3,500-GHS Class of 1971 for GMS/GHS Commons. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Superintendent, Blaise Bauer presented the 2021-2022 USD 248 Proposed District Budget Update. John Staton and Blaise meet with Dale Dennis from KSDE on July 20, 2021. Upon the recommendation of Dale Dennis, it is the consensus of the Board to approve 51.994 mills.

Dave Goble moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to establish the 2021-2022 Budget Hearing on September 9, 2021 at 7:05 pm. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Connection was lost with Board Member, Beth Murphy.

Kelly Peak moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion to establish the 2021-2022 Budget Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing on September 9, 2021 at 7 pm. Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Connection was restored with Board Member, Beth Murphy.

Blaise Bauer, Superintendent, and Teddi Van Kam, Crawford County Health Director, provided details on the “Return to School” Guide update.

Dave Goble moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion to approve the 2021-2022 District Classified Handbook. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Superintendent, Blaise Bauer, provided details on the facilities/construction update report. The deadline for surplus items to be sold via Purple Wave is August 31, 2021.

Roger Breneman moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion for approval of invoice pay application from Arck Construction for parking lot construction. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Entered executive session at 8:39 pm for a period of 10 minutes, for the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with the Board Members, Superintendent, and Building Administrators present. This executive session was required for Meet and Confer items.

Back to regular session at 8:49 pm.

Dave Goble moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion to approve the resignation of GMS Cheerleading Sponsor – Bryanna Whelan. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Peggy Marshall moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to approve the employment recommendations of: GHS Assistant Boys Baseball Coach-Brendan Schmidt; and GMS Cheerleading Sponsor-Alex Childers. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Dave Goble moved, Bryan Burks seconded the motion to approve the classified staff raises of .65 cents per hour and 4.53% increase for other staff. Not yet ready for the certified salary schedule staff. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Roger Breneman moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion for approval to accept the bid from Midwest Transit for \$100,478 for a school bus. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Dave Goble moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the appointment of Brian Norton as a member of the Recreation Commission Board, with the resignation of Kelsey Vinze. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Principal's Reports in the Board Packets.

Superintendent, Blaise Bauer, presented information

Peggy Marshall reported from the Interlocal and Lori Johnson presented her report from Greenbush.

Peggy Marshall moved, Dave Goble seconded the adjournment of the meeting at 8:55 pm. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Becky Mein
Clerk

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