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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #326 – LOGAN

MONDAY, February 14, 2022

Logan Unified School District #326 Board of Education, met in regular session to conduct school business. Members present when the meeting was called to order were: Phillip Gottstine, President; Ashlee Tien, Vice-President; Christina Delimont, member; Shane DeBoer, member; Jim Ashmore, member; Lynette Stockman, member and Ryan Grammon, member.

Officials present:  Michael Gower, Superintendent; David Kirkendall, Principal; and Joan Long, Clerk.

Other Interested Persons: Brien Stockman and Robin Van Laeys.

**CALL TO ORDER:**Phil Gottstine, President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Gower added item E: Preschool to his report. Ryan Grammon moved the consent agenda; minutes of the January 10, 2022, regular meeting; agenda with item E added; purchase orders, and warrants be approved as presented. Chris Delimont seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS:** Brien Stockman visited with the board about federal, state and county funds that are available to apply for in helping the community grow. He mentioned working in conjunction with NCK Tech to certify students in trade skills such as carpentry, plumbing and electrical, that are in high demand. Students could possibly work under McDonald Brothers Construction in the building of spec homes. He also pointed out SPARK funds available for infrastructure. President Gottstine thanked Mr. Stockman for the information.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:** Mr. Kirkendall presented, for acceptance a resignation from David Leanna, custodian, effective February 18, 2022. Chris Delimont moved to accept the resignation and Shane DeBoer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. He then presented a contract for full-time custodian to Cindy Ramos for the remainder of the school year. Lynette Stockman moved to approve the contract as presented. Ashlee Tien seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Kirkendall next reported on the Cooperative Agreement and the possibility of entering into a 2-year or 4-year agreement. He invited Robin Van Laeys to explain the pros and cons of working together, areas for consideration and the advantage for a longer commitment. Discussion will continue after getting opinions from constituents. Phil Gottstine, Chris Delimont and Ashlee Tien agreed to meet with members from Palco’s board to share

information. Robin Van Laeys also asked for input and support of our league forming an alliance with the Northwest Kansas League for scheduling and tournaments and the advantages it would bring to our extra-curricular activities. This will be discussed at the next league meeting.

Mr. Kirkendall’s final item was the explanation and approval to apply for a matching Grant from Land O’ Lakes Foundation strictly for Agriculture or Agriculture Production. Tom Benoit provided the $1,000.00 donation to be eligible to apply. Chris Delimont moved to accept the donation and apply for the matching grant from Land O’ Lakes Foundation. Jim Ashmore seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**  Mr. Gower informed the board of the difficulty in obtaining bids on the window project using ESSER III funds discussed last month, due to the time frame of the project along with availability of obtaining the products. The other issue of concern was glass companies being certified to close in part of the windows. Mr. Gower suggested the board reconsider breaking the project down into a construction project along with installation of windows. Since the ESSER III funds will be available for drawdown through 2023, the project could be temporarily put on hold. He informed the board of at least 20% being spent on learning loss by bringing on an additional instructor.

Mr. Gower’s next item was an update on redistricting. He informed the board of several ways to go, noting any change in boundaries needs to represent the same population numbers within 10% of the other districts. It was decided to continue working on various scenarios and revisit restructuring later.

Mr. Gower then informed the board of several bills before the legislature and the ramifications they would have on our district.

Mr. Gower next informed the board of the requirement to submit a letter to the teachers outlining items for negotiations.

Mr. Gower’s last item updated the board on his findings from area school districts incorporating daycare/preschools in their districts. He emphasized daycare must be funded through grants or parental/community support and the preschool portion could use educational funding through state aid, taxes, etc. Discussion ensued. Members agreed to take a little more time to think about this before making a decision.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 9:50 p.m.,Shane DeBoer moved to go into executive session to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and requested the open meeting to resume in the board room at 9:55 p.m. Ryan Grammon seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Gower was asked to attend the session.

Brien Stockman and Robin Van Laeys left the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

The board reconvened at 9:55 p.m. At 9:56 p.m.,Shane DeBoer moved to return to executive session for an additional 5 minutes to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and requested the open meeting to resume in the board room at 10:01 p.m. Ryan Grammon seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Gower was asked to attend the session.

The board reconvened at 10:01 p.m. with no action taken.

**NCKSEC REPORT:**  Shane DeBoer presented a report on the recent meeting he attended. Main items discussed included contracts approved, directors review and ESSER funds being transferred to boost health insurance reserves.

**ADJOURNMENT:**With no further business, President Gottstine adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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