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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #326 – LOGAN

MONDAY, September 9, 2024

Logan Unified School District #326 Board of Education, met in regular session in the board room at 305 N Sherman St, Logan, KS, to conduct school business. Members present when the meeting was called to order were: Phillip Gottstine, President; Jim Ashmore, Vice-President; Shane DeBoer, member; Brandi Archer, member; Wade Brumbaugh, member; Christina Delimont, member and Ryan Grammon, member.

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

Other Interested Persons: Brien Stockman and Mike Erhart

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Chris Delimont moved the consent agenda including minutes of the August 12, 2024, regular meeting; agenda, purchase orders, and warrants be approved as presented. Wade Brumbaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**REVENUE NEUTRAL TAX RATE:**  At 8:05 p.m., Mr. Gower gave an overview of the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate, as we would exceed the rate due to mill levy or evaluation increases. Chris Delimont moved to approve the Resolution to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate to finance the 2024-2025 Budget. Ryan Grammon seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**BUDGET HEARING**: At 8:10 p.m., Mr. Gower gave an overview of the published budget. He noted the mill levy as proposed with the General, Supplemental General and Capital Outlay, totaling 56.118 mills. Discussion followed. Shane DeBoer moved to approve the 2024-2025 Budget based on the state and building needs assessment information provided to and evaluated by the Board. Brandi Archer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**LOCAL OPTION BUDGET PERCENTAGE:** By resolution, Chris Delimont moved to authorize a Local Option Percentage in the amount of 32.0% for the 2024-2025 school year. Ryan Grammon seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS:** Mike Erhart updated the board on the progress of the LIFE Center Project. He informed the board a portion of the west parking lot would be tore out and replaced due to rough surface from rain. He also informed the board the monument sign was installed and looks really nice.

Brien Stockman presented the deed allocating the property to the Logan Manor noting this is a big key to removing insurance coverage for the manor portion of the building. He also mentioned to the board various groups requesting tours of the new facilities. Discussion ensued in regards to the pros and cons of allowing tours. The board felt it was in the best interest of the students and faculty to conduct tours between 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m., as this is the time frame when K-4 are in PE and music so the scholastic alley would be basically empty with the exception of Pre-K. The board was in favor of having the Museum coordinate tours.

Mike Erhart and Brien Stockman left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

**DISTRICT/SUPERINTENDENT/CAPITAL OUTLAY GOALS:**Mr. Gower listed several goals for the district and capital outlay. His top goal was paying off the HVAC system in the high school with purchase of vehicles and activity bus being second and working to increase salaries and the installation of new windows in the high school.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:** Mr. Kirkendall presented a resignation from himself as Concession Stand manager and an approval of a contract for Janet Gottstine as Concession Stand manager. Brandi Archer moved to accept the resignation and approve the contract. Shane DeBoer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-1.

Mr. Kirkendall then informed the board of the final numbers for enrollment with K-12 being at 115. There are 15 children enrolled in Pre-school. Several factors will be considered when the PreK 3- and 4-year olds are counted.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Mr. Gower informed the board of a $50,000.00 grant received from Patterson Family Foundation Grant for Rural Work Force Development. This grant would strictly be to assist in tuition payments for individuals wanting to pursue a teaching degree or for teachers in the district asked by the board to certify in a subject area they are not certified to teach. The district could require certain commitments in utilizing this grant.

Mr. Gower’s next item was whether or not to use the concession stand in the new building for football games. Due to the replacement of cement in the west parking lot and a delay in completing access to the new building from the west, it was decided to use the concession stand at the football field. Admission prices were also discussed. The league made a motion to cap the price of admission at $6.00 for adults and $5.00 for students with each school deciding the amount to charge within those limits. The board was in consensus to charge a flat rate of $5.00 for each person at high school activities. Junior High prices will remain at $4.00 for adults and $3.00 for students. The board also decided to not charge for Junior High fall sports due to the number of staff required to operate the gates and concession stand.

A final comment was made in regards to the Fitness Center and the feasibility of opening the center to the public. Mr. Gower asked the board members to think about this for discussion at a later date.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  At 9:09 p.m., Phil Gottstine moved to go into executive session for 10 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 9:19 p.m. Wade Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gower was invited to attend the session.

The board reconvened at 9:19 p.m. At 9:20 p.m., Phil Gottstine moved to go into 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 9:25 p.m. Wade Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gower was invited to attend the session.

At 9:25 p.m. the board reconvened with no action taken.

**NCKSEC REPORT:**  Ryan Grammon reported on the recent meeting he attended with items discussed being approval of contracts and resignations.

**ADJOURNMENT:**With no further business, President Gottstine adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

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

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