MINUTES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #326 – LOGAN MONDAY, February 10, 2025

Logan Unified School District #326 Board of Education, met in regular session in the board room at 305 N Sherman, 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; Wade Brumbaugh, member; Brandi Archer, member; Ryan Grammon, member and Christina Delimont, member.

Officials present: Michael Gower, Superintendent; David Kirkendall, Principal; and Jordyn Leggett, Clerk.

Other Interested Persons: Dorothy Becker, Brien Stockman, Katie Becker, Trase McQueen, Natalie Bartlett

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Gower added F) 4 Day School Week; G) P-E/Sports Practice during school. Jordyn Leggett informed the board of a manual check to Drone Nerds that was added to the warrant list. Jim Ashmore moved to approve the consent agenda with added items; minutes of the January 13, 2025, regular meeting; purchase orders, and warrants. Ryan Grammon seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATION: Wellness Center Survey Report – A patron presented survey results. A lengthy discussion ensued. Jim Ashmore made a motion to table a decision until the March meeting. Shane DeBoer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

Trase McQueen and Natalie Bartlett entered the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Research Proposal: They discussed the study they are proposing on how intergenerational programs at the LIFE Center affect students and residents. Approval for the study is needed by the board and K-State Ethics Board before they can get permission from teachers and students/parents. There would be both child and teacher surveys. Participation is voluntary. The program would offer special presentations for teachers and parents. Jim Ashmore made a motion to approve the participation of the intergenerational study. Wade Brumbaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Further information will be available once it is approved by the K-State Ethics Board.

Trase McQueen and Natalie Bartlett left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Kirkendall informed the board that in the fall after construction, there has been water build up at certain locations. Tyler has been working in getting everything to drain away from the building. They are hoping to get everything ready for when the grass gets seeded.

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Mr. Kirkendall next informed the board that Tyler is working with his dad to use his tractor for snow removal and Myron also has a 4-wheeler with a snowblade that he's willing to help with.

Mr. Kirkendall reported he spoke with Pete regarding his storage unit removal. He asked him to move it towards the north end and closer to the road.

Mr. Kirkendall's final item was discussing the new track layout so that water drains away and also that 4 squares of concrete will need to be poured. He discussed the types of grass to be planted and has also spoke to the fire department regarding possibly watering it once it has been seeded. He mentioned getting advice from Kiser Ag.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Gower informed the board of several bills before the legislature and the ramifications they would have on district funding, if passed.

Mr. Gower next informed the board of the requirement to submit a letter to the teachers outlining items for negotiations. He noted items to be included in the negotiations. Shane DeBoer made a motion to approve the letter as presented. Christina Delimont seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gower then informed the board of the unused property in the East building and discussed options for selling and possibly removal of old gym floor to create memorabilia pieces. Wade Brumbaugh made a motion to approve of the sale of unused property. Brandi Archer approved the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gower next reported information in regards to district boundaries. When comparing surrounding county districts our number of residents per district boundaries are similar. He also discussed the different options for re-districting and how they would affect the school district.

Mr. Gower's next item was community room rental. Mr. Kirkendall spoke with Teresa McComb regarding community members interested in renting the space. Brandi Archer made a motion for the community to have access to the community room by signing a building use form with donations being encouraged to offset expenses. Chris Delimont seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gower then discussed the pros and cons of a 4-day school week, noting we are 1 of 2 districts in our league that still have a 5-day school week.

Mr. Gower's final item was to discuss the possibility of re-structuring the school schedule to include sports practice during the school day. He also discussed options for non-athlete students, how the schedule would potentially change and the effect it would have with the Palco cooperative.

Brien Stockman, Dorothy Becker and Katie Becker let the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 9:33 p.m., Jim Ashmore made a motion to enter 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 9:48 p.m. Shane DeBoer seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gower and Mr. Kirkendall were asked to attend the session.

The board reconvened at 9:48 p.m. At 9:49 p.m. Jim Ashmore moved to return to 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 9:04 p.m. Shane DeBoer seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

The board reconvened at 9:04 p.m. with no action taken.

NCKSEC REPORT: Ryan Grammon presented a report on the recent meeting he attended. Main items included: progress on construction at new building, leadership met with High Plains Mental Health, grants available, resignations and work agreement like normal. Head count on December 1, 2024 was 567 students.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, President Gottstine adjourned the meeting at 10:16 p.m.

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MINUTES APPROVED: