MINUTES

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #326 – LOGAN

MONDAY, March 10, 2025

Logan Unified School District #326 Board of Education, met in regular session 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; Christine Delimont, member (via phone); Wade Brumbaugh, member; Shane DeBoer, member and Brandi Archer, member. Ryan Grammon, member was absent.

Officials present:  Michael Gower, Superintendent; Joan Long and Jordyn Leggett, Board Clerks.

Other Interested Persons: Paula Hofaker, Denis Miller and Dorothy Becker who entered the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Jim Ashmore asked to have item D) Increase in Costs for new addition added under the Superintendent’s Report. Mr. Gower asked to have items E) Acceptance of Donations, and F) Signage. Brandi Archer moved to approve the consent agenda including additional items; minutes of the February 10, 2025, regular meeting; purchase orders, warrants and agenda as presented. Jim Ashmore seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS:** Paula Hofaker reported on the KS Supreme Court Oral Argument to take place on April 29, 2025 at the Life Gym. She gave an overview of the case the Supreme Court Justices are arguing. They are encouraging maximum coordination and effort of teachers for high school and junior high students to attend. It will take place from roughly 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Paula Hofaker left the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

**AUDIT:** Denis Miller, of Mapes & Miller, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, Phillipsburg, gave an overview of the 2023-2024 Audit. He noted the changes in various funds from the previous year to this audit year. Wade Brumbaugh moved to accept the audit as presented. Shane DeBoer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Denis Miller left the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

**WELLNESS CENTER/TABLED LAST MONTH:**  President Gottstine made a recommendation for use of the wellness center. A lengthy discussion ensued. Chris Delimont moved to charge $45 for family membership and $25 for a single membership with a 10% discount if paid yearly. Yearly memberships will be for the calendar year, January – December. Brandi Archer seconded the motion. There was more discussion as to the lengths and discounts to memberships. Motion carried 6-0.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:** Mr. Gower presented on behalf of Mr. Kirkendall a resignation from Lynette Ehm as Science Teacher, HS Cheerleading Sponsor, HS Scholar’s Bowl and HS Boys and Girls Track coach at the end of the 2024-2025 school year as well as a contract for Khloee Braun as JH/HS Science Instructor for the 2025-2026 school year. Wade Brumbaugh moved to accept the resignation and contract as presented. Jim Ashmore seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The final item he presented on behalf of Mr. Kirkendall was the approval of an out of district request for 2 students to attend 3-and 4-year-old Preschool for the 2025-2026 school year. Shane DeBoer moved to approve the out of district requests. Brandi Archer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gower also noted that the new paging system for the elementary will be installed over spring break.

Dorothy Becker left the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Mr. Gower brought to the board’s attention the renewal of the Cooperative Agreement with Palco in regards to football. A decision needs to be made by June.

Mr. Gower informed the board on the recent KESA meeting he attended. KESA pertains to school accreditation. Reading, writing, speaking, listening, thinking and problem solving are the areas the superintendent and principal look for when conducting classroom walkthroughs.

Mr. Gower then discussed with the board about an appreciation meal for faculty and staff. Two dates were discussed and the board chose to have the board clerk check with the employees which date would be best. The board clerk will finalize details with the Rustic Roots Café.

Mr. Gower’s next item for discussion was the increases in utilities and insurance with the new addition, resulting in an estimated $70,000 increase overall.

Mr. Gower next informed the board of a donation from Reformed Church of Prairie View from the Oliff Memorial to go towards lunches, supplies, etc. Brandi Archer moved to accept the donation. Jim Ashmore seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gower’s last item was signage at the new parking lot. Reports were received in the city office from patrons about the confusion while leaving games. The city will be putting up stop signs at the intersection of North Street and Jefferson Street.

**PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE:** Mr. Gower informed the board of the annual cost of insuring the facility. He explained the policy change for deductible on property for wind or hail would now be $75,000 instead of the 1%. He informed the board of the cost of a buydown policy available to help cover the deductible wouldn’t be beneficial. Jim Ashmore made a motion to approve the proposal of $172,647.00 with the $75,000.00 deductible and no buydown. Wade Brumbaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 9:35 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 9:45 p.m. Wade Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gower was invited to attend the session.

The board reconvened at 9:45 p.m. with no action taken.

**NCKSEC REPORT:** Mr. Gower informed the board of the recent meeting with items discussed being audit presentation, savings on health insurance, resignations, agreements, and updated policies as well as extending the contracts for Cher Greving and Jon Granberry.

**ADJOURNMENT:**With no further business, President Gottstine adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

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

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