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MINUTES
USD #325 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

The Board of Education of Phillipsburg USD 325 met in regular session Monday, February 12, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office, 240 S. 7th Street, Phillipsburg. Members present when the meeting was called to order were: Todd Kennedy, President; Shawn Hoover, Vice-President; Danielle Bohl, member; Brock Johnson, member; Justin Taylor, member; and Tyson Wisinger, member. Rick Dusin, member, arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Officials present: Michael Gower, Superintendent; Amanda Hudson, Treasurer; and Angela Thompson, Clerk.

Other interested persons: Crystal Laurin, Elementary School Principal; Nathan Strasburg, Middle School Principal; and Todd Bowman, High School Principal.

CALL TO ORDER

Todd Kennedy, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA

Shawn Hoover moved the consent agenda including January 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and warrants be approved as presented. Danielle Bohl seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you card

REPORT TO THE BOARD BY
THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent updated the Board on bills in the Kansas Legislature that may impact school finance and At-Risk funding.

The Superintendent reported that the district had received the following grants:

Grants: Healthworks - \$4,000 for Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
Phillips County Economic Development \$10,000 for the ES Playground Project

Tyson Wisinger moved the Board accept the grants as listed. Brock Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gower updated the Board on the Elementary School Playground Project, reporting that the district has received approximately \$310,000 in funding. The preliminary cost of the project is \$410,000. The final plans for the project will be presented at the March Board Meeting for final approval. Again, the new playground will be all inclusive allowing for wheelchairs and would continue to be available for the community's use.

The Superintendent reminded the Board that the current Technology Lease will be ending this spring, and the Board should receive a new proposal in the next couple of months.

Following discussion, Brock Johnson moved the Board approve the purchase of a 2017 GMC Box Cargo Van in the amount of \$22,950 from Steve Walton of Independence, Kansas to replace the old chow wagon. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. The Board further directed Mr. Gower to sell the old cargo van through Purple Wave Auction.

Mr. Gower presented proposals to replace the metal roof over the middle school gymnasium. Following discussion, Shawn Hoover moved the Board approve the proposal for the middle school gymnasium metal roof in the amount of \$55,718.00 from Wray Roofing as recommended. Justin Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. The project will be completed this spring.

The Superintendent shared that the Phillips County Health Department will be sponsoring a Stop Trafficking Program by Russ Tuttle at the Huck Boyd Community Center on March 22nd. The program is about keeping students safer when they are online. Age-appropriate presentations will be held for 3rd-5th Grades, 6th-8th Grades, and 9th-12th Grades. Parents will be provided an opt out form before March 22nd.

REPORT TO THE BOARD BY
THE SUPERINTENDENT
(CONTINUED)

Mr. Gower discussed new graduation requirements for this year's 8th Grade Students including postsecondary assets such as participation in activities and community service. Information will be given to parents of 7th and 8th Grade students at Parent Teacher Conferences March 5th.

DRIVERS EDUCATION
DATES & INSTRUCTORS

One session of driver's education is scheduled for May 13, 2024 through June 28, 2024. J.B. Covington and Kelsi Blew will be instructors. Justin Taylor moved the Board approve the driver's education sessions and staff, as recommended. A fee of \$100 will be charged for all currently enrolled USD 325 students and a \$250 fee for non-USD 325 students. Danielle Bohl seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

NCKSEC INTERLOCAL
#636 REPORT

Todd Kennedy reported on the recent Interlocal meeting.

PERSONNEL

Todd Kennedy moved the Board enter into executive session for a period of 20 minutes, until 6:55 p.m., for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Mr. Gower was asked to be present. Shawn Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:55 p.m.

Todd Kennedy moved the Board re-enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes, until 7:11 p.m., for the same purpose as stated above. Mr. Gower was asked to remain. Shawn Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Laurin was asked to enter at 6:58 p.m.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:11 p.m.

Todd Kennedy moved the Board re-enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes, until 7:22 p.m., for the same purpose as stated above. Mr. Gower and Mrs. Laurin were asked to remain. Shawn Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:22 p.m. No action taken.

RESIGNATIONS

Justin Taylor moved the Board accept the following resignations:

Black, Kylee – MS Head Volleyball Coach effective end of 2023-2024 School Year
Chestnut, Earnest – Assistant Transportation effective February 9, 2024

Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

REQUEST FOR USE OF
SCHOOL FACILITIES

Information

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

MINUTES RECORDED:

DATE: