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MINUTES
USD #325 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

The Board of Education of Phillipsburg USD 325 met in regular session Monday, February 10, 2025 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: Brock Johnson, Vice-President; Rick Dusin, member; Todd Kennedy, member; and Justin Taylor, member. Shawn Hoover, President; Danielle Bohl, member; and Tyson Wisinger, member, were absent.

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

Brock Johnson, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA

Todd Kennedy moved the consent agenda including January 13, 2025 regular meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and warrants be approved as presented. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

REPORT TO THE BOARD BY
THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent updated the Board on bills in the Kansas Legislature that may negatively impact public education including vouchers/school choice proposals.

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

Bill Vanderplas Memorial - \$3,845 to be divided equally between the following Phillipsburg High School Athletics programs: Football, Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, and Track.

Justin Taylor moved the Board accept the memorial contribution and distribute it as designated. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Gower presented his findings regarding how other area school districts are handling recommended restrictions on student cell phone use. Discussion followed. Mr. Gower will continue to update the Board as more information becomes available from the Kansas State Department of Education and Kansas schools.

DRIVERS EDUCATION
DATES & INSTRUCTORS

One session of driver's education is scheduled for May 19, 2025 through June 30, 2025. J.B. Covington and Kelsi Blew will be instructors. Todd Kennedy 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. Justin Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

NCKSEC INTERLOCAL
#636 REPORT

Mr. Gower reported on the recent Interlocal meeting.

PERSONNEL

Brock Johnson moved the Board enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes, until 6:17 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, Mr. Bowman, Mrs. Laurin, and Mr. Strasburg were asked to be present. Justin Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:17 p.m.

PERSONNEL (Continued)

Brock Johnson moved the Board re-enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes, until 6:23 p.m., for the same purpose as stated above. Mr. Gower, Mr. Bowman, Mrs. Laurin, and Mr. Strasburg were asked to remain. Justin Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:23 p.m. No action taken.

RESIGNATIONS

Justin Taylor moved the Board accept the following resignations:

Imm, Mandra – HS Assistant Cheer Sponsor effective end of 2024-2025 School Year

Miller, Rachel – HS STUCO Sponsor effective end of 2024-2025 School Year

Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

REQUEST FOR USE OF
SCHOOL FACILITIES

Information

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Vice-President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

MINUTES RECORDED:

DATE: