

USD 411 Public Budget Hearing
Monday, December 13th, 2021
7:00pm at Board Conference Room

Present: Bryant Miller, Kelly Booton, Maynard Knepp, Ben Schrag, Kyle Funk, Sara Hiebert (by phone) Patrick Flaming, Mark Crawford, Scott Boden and Joni Smith

Guests: Emily Gibson and Cynthia Goerzen

Absent: Ben Schrag

1. Meeting Opening – 7:01 pm

- A. Call to Order
- B. Announcements by the President of the Board or his/her designee
- C. Good news by BOE members

2. Approve or Amend the Agenda (Action Item)

- A. Adoption of the Agenda

Bryant Miller moved and Kyle Funk seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried 6 to 0.

3. Consent Agenda ([One vote to approve all below items in one motion](#))

A. Approval of Previous Minutes

B. Financial Reports

The following financial reports are attached.

- ✓ Cash Summary
- ✓ Check Listing Treasurer Report - [\\$176,956.83](#)
- ✓ Activity Funds Financial Statements – High School and Elementary
- ✓ District Credit Card Usage – [\\$4,222.26](#)
- ✓ Donations – [\\$1,000 from Walmart to High School Music Trip Fund](#)

B. Personnel

- ✓ Resignation from Brittany Hiebert as Jr. High Assistant Volleyball Coach
- ✓ Approval to hire Zach Esau as 2nd Assistant HS Boys Basketball Coach

Sara Hiebert moved and Maynard Knepp seconded to approve the consent agenda. Carried 6 to 0.

4. Patron Time

- A. Patrons to Speak to the Board of Education

Presentation ([Proposed protocol extracted from KASB Policy Handbook and other district practices](#))

At this time during the meeting, members of the public may address the Goessel School District Board of Education. Each speaker must have registered with the Board Clerk, Joni Smith, before the meeting is called to order by completing a Speaker's Card and giving it to the Board Clerk. When recognized by the President of the Board of Education, Kelly Booton, the citizen may address the board on appropriate topics. The Board of Education is not required to reply to the comments but may if they so choose. Each person or organization is allowed to address the board for no more than 5 minutes.

5. Special Presentations – **Ms. Emily Gibson, GES 5th grade teacher**

[Ms. Gibson will present the science curriculum standards and learning opportunities our students experienced this fall through STARBASE field trips. STARBASE provided 25 hours of hands-on learning. Students spent one day a week for five weeks working on engineering design activities, programming an EV3 Lego robot, designing a part for a space station in a Computer Aided Design \(CAD\) program, investigating](#)

Newton's Laws of Motion and Bernoulli's Principle, and exploring nanotechnology. Math is embedded throughout the curriculum, as is working in teams. This was a great experience for our 5th graders.

Emily Gibson left at 7:22 pm

6. Administrator's Report

- A. Superintendent/Elementary Report
 - Search for an Afterschool Program coordinator
 - KESA Accreditation planning
 - Professional Development focuses PreK-5th grade
 - i. Literature study of literacy "best practices"
 - ii. Determining what data measures are most important K-5th grade
 - 5th grade/PTO food drive – Community service project
- B. Jr. High/High School Report
- C. **State Board of Education goal - High School Graduation Rate and definition of a successful graduate – in 2020, Goessel High earned a Gold standard award based on our exceptional graduation rate.**

From the Kansas Department of Education website: Today, the percent of jobs in Kansas only requiring a high school degree or less is just 29%. To give students the best possible chance for success, Kansas schools must not only increase the number of students graduating high school, but increase the number of students graduating with the skills and attributes needed to be successful.

- ✓ For Kansas to lead the world in the success of each student, it must increase its high school graduation rate to 95%.
- ✓ The High School Graduation Star Award recognizes those districts with graduation rates above the state average, with the highest recognition for those districts at or above 95%.

7. Discussion Items

- A. **Marion County Special Education Cooperative Report (MCSEC) – Maynard Knepp**
- B. **TLC Report – Sara Hiebert**
- C. **Legislative Updates**
- D. **Data and discussion on absences, quarantines and testing related to our COVID mitigation plan, including new gating criteria rubric.** Superintendent Crawford will bring updated numbers and commentary as to where we have been this past month and our current levels of testing, positive cases, and vaccination news. His recommendation will also be for a school-wide "yellow" at GES to be "*mask recommended,*" not "*mask required.*"

Patrick Flaming moved and Bryant Miller seconded to approve update to Gating Criteria as recommended. When in the Yellow Zone, for protocols for masks, it will read: "Universal indoor masking required for all children and adults in the presence of children too young to be vaccinated (4 years old and younger) or immunocompromised individuals; Strongly recommended for others" Carried 6 to 0.

- E. **Holiday Banquet Follow-up and Ideas for December 2022 – Mark and Joni would like to hear the Board thoughts on the success and the format of last Saturday night's Staff Christmas Banquet. A total of 76 people attended.**
- F. **Outdoor Learning Space planning at JH/HS –** The West entrance area to the HS gym is a visual centerpiece for this side of our JH/HS complex. In the past year, this area has seen some improvements. Our vision and a desired future for this area is to create an outdoor classroom/learning space. As we learn to live with COVID, having more options for large classes to safely learn is a goal. We are exploring options for using ESSER money to design and build a gazebo like area that could be multi-purpose in nature with the main function to be one of an outdoor, open air classroom.

Cynthia Goerzen left at 7:57 pm

8. Action Items

- A. Motion to approve Knudsen Monroe and Company LLC as our financial auditors for the 2021-22 school year and the budget, funds, and expenses ending June 30, 2022. [Recommend approval. This is the company who has done our financial auditing.](#)

Maynard Knepp moved and Kyle Funk seconded to approve Knudsen Monroe & Company as auditors for 2021-2022 school year. Carried 6 to 0.

- B. Motion to declare five boxes of ceramic bathroom tile as surplus. [Recommend approval. We have no use for this tile. We plan to sell at it the next consignment auction.](#)

Patrick Flaming moved and Bryant Miller seconded to approve 5 boxes of ceramic bathroom tile as surplus to sell. Carried 6 to 0.

9. Executive Session(s)

- A. Meet and Confer
- B. Non-elected personnel
- C. Matters affecting a student

Bryant Miller moved and Kyle Funk seconded to go into executive session with the board for the purpose of discussing personnel. Executive session is to protect the confidentiality for personnel. The board will return to the open meeting at 9:38 pm Carried 6 to 0.

Scott Boden, Mark Crawford and Joni Smith left the meeting at 8:22 pm

Mark Crawford returned to the meeting at 9:24 pm

Joni Smith returned to the meeting at 9:38 pm

- 10. Adjourn: 9:39 pm - Next regular Board of Education Meeting – January 18th @ 7:00pm.**