

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF U.S.D. NO. 403,  
RUSH COUNTY, KANSAS ON MAY 14, 2019**

The Otis-Bison U.S.D. No. 403 Board of Education meeting was called to order on May 14, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. by President, Bernard Juno. At the roll call five board members were present. Robert Mitchell and Jason Wagner were not present. Superintendent Lowry was present. Patrons present were Ann Baus, Rob Ladd, Cody Ladd, Cindy Ladd and Brandon Fyler.

There was no public open forum.

Karen Maier moved, seconded by Pam Welsh, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

Superintendent Lowry reported on the following:

- School funding case in Supreme Court
- Graduation
- Board election filing due date of June 3, 2019
- Retirement reception
- Southwinds Academy Award of Merit
- Change to regional track

Principal Goodheart and Dr. Dougherty both had written reports. No additions were made to these reports.

Motion made by Gary Yost, seconded by Everett Royer, to approve the consent agenda items consisting of April 8, 2019 regular meeting minutes, April 12, 2019 special board meeting minutes, treasurer's report, accounts payable, activity funds, and petty cash fund. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

The board discussed the renewal of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. No action was taken on Item A - Consideration of Approval of Renewal of Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

Gary Yost moved, seconded by Everett Royer, to approve an extension until August 10, 2019 to allow a student to complete his Government credit in order to receive his diploma. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

Cody Ladd left the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Mr. Ladd asked to speak to the board. President Juno agreed to let him speak.

Mr. and Mrs. Ladd left the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

The board discussed Preschool/Daycare. Brandon Fyler asked to address the board with questions concerning the Preschool/Daycare. President Juno agreed to let Mr. Fyler speak.

Gary Yost moved, seconded by Pam Welsh, to give the Superintendent authority to develop a daycare for use by our preschool students. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

Brandon Fyler left the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Ann Baus discussed the Kansas State Seal of Biliteracy program with the board.

Karen Maier moved, seconded by Everett Royer, to offer the State Seal of Biliteracy to students at USD 403. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

Mrs. Baus left the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Motion made by Everett Royer, seconded by Karen Maier, to approve the 2019-2020 school fees as presented, with the exclusion of preschool fees. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

Motion made by Pam Welsh, seconded by Everett Royer, to approve the Audit Engagement Letter with Gudenkauf & Malone, Inc. for the 2018-2019 audit. Motion vote as: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

Karen Maier moved, seconded by Gary Yost, to approve selling the chromebooks to the seniors for \$75.00. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

The board discussed the future of senior trips. No action was taken on Item H - Consideration of Approval of Senior Trips.

Superintendent Lowry discussed the Adult High School Education program with the board.

No action was taken on Item I - Consideration of Approval of Adult High School Education Fund.

Motion made by Karen Maier, seconded by Pam Welsh, to approve to request a cooperative agreement with LaCrosse for Junior High football. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

Bernard Juno moved, seconded by Everett Royer, to go into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes with the board and Superintendent Lowry to discuss Classified and Certified staff resignations, Classified and Certified Staff contracts and Supplemental contracts, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under the KOMA and that we return to open session in the boardroom at 9:06 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

The meeting was resumed at 9:06 p.m.

Bernard Juno moved, seconded by Everett Royer, to go into executive session for five (5) minutes with the board and Superintendent Lowry to discuss Classified and Certified staff resignations, Classified and Certified Staff contracts and Supplemental contracts, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under the KOMA and that we return to open session in the boardroom at 9:12 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

The meeting was resumed at 9:12 p.m.

Gary Yost moved, seconded by Everett Royer, to accept the resignation of John Besperat as bus driver at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

Motion made by Everett Royer, seconded by Pam Welsh to accept the resignation from Daniel Zarzutzki. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

Motion made by Karen Maier, seconded by Pam Welsh, to approve the classified contracts as presented. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

Gary Yost moved, seconded by Karen Maier, to approve the certified contracts as presented. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

Karen Maier moved, seconded by Everett Royer, to approve the 2019-2020 Supplemental List as presented, with the exception of the H.S. Concession Stand sponsors. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

Motion made by Everett Royer, seconded by Pam Welsh, to authorize the Superintendent to hire an aide for summer school if needed. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

Motion made by Bernard Juno, seconded by Karen Maier, to go into executive session to discuss the negotiations letter, salary increases and health insurance increase for certified employees pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under the Kansas Opens Meeting Act, and that we return to open meeting in the boardroom at 9:33 p.m.

The meeting was resumed at 9:33 p.m. No action resulted from the executive session.

Motion made by Karen Maier, seconded by Gary Yost, to adjourn. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Chairperson

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Janice M. Pivonka, Clerk