

**Unofficial Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Education of U.S.D. No. 403,
Rush County, Kansas, on May 11, 2015**

The Otis-Bison U.S.D. No. 403 Board of Education meeting was called to order on May 11, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman, Bernard Juno. At roll call, there were seven board members present. Superintendent Piper was present. Patrons present were Sarah Gregory, Danielle Espinosa, Rachel Sennett, Kris Hagans, Edie Elder, Dee Bartonek, Cathy Ochs, Rachel Harmon, Richard Harmon, Jennifer Chapman, Maddie Tanger and Crystal Chapman.

In Public Open Forum, Rachel Sennett asked the board to consider renewing her contract and Edie Elder asked the board to consider reinstating her to a full time instructor. Both items will be addressed under the Personnel section of the meeting.

Superintendent Piper's report included the following:

- New Board Member Meeting in Hays, May 30, 2015
- Bus #5 has been picked up from F & F Repair
- Meeting held with Craig Seibel, Golden Belt Telephone, regarding technology position. He will meet with Bo Rebel next week.
- Webinar on KEEP2
- Stated that Mark Goodheart, Troy Piper, Cathy Ochs, Ann Baus, Stan Ewy and Amanda Wiltse will compose the Performance Appraisal Committee for 2015-16.
- Legislative update

The board discussed the SouthWinds Academy report.

Sarah Gregory discussed technology. Items discussed were:

- Informed the board that schools are starting to move toward letting students bring in their own technology devices, rather than the school providing them with one.
- Discussed the media release form for grades K-12
- Progress of Chrome Book purchases
- Moving iPads to Elementary School for 2015-16
- Wiring will start at the H.S. on June 1, 2015

Motion made by Amanda Wiltse, seconded by Ted Bannister, to amend the agenda for May 11, 2015 by moving Item O – Personnel up to Item D

and moving remaining items down one. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Ted Bannister moved, seconded by Amy Blackburn, to approve the May 11, 2015 agenda as amended. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

The budget hearing for republishing the budget was discussed. Motion made by Bernard Juno, seconded by Ted Bannister, to approve and accept the 2014-15 amended budget for publication. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Motion made by Camie Hlavaty, seconded by Gary Yost, to approve the April 13-14, 2015 regular board meeting minutes, treasurer's report, accounts payable, activity funds and petty cash fund. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Gary Yost moved, seconded by Amy Blackburn, to approve the KASB Membership Renewal and Legal Assistance Fund Service Fee in the amount of \$5,541.00 for 2015-16. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Amy Blackburn moved, seconded by Verla King, to approve the membership renewal to ESSDACK in the amount of \$4,219.00. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Amanda Wiltse moved, seconded by Gary Yost, to go into executive session for twenty (20) minutes with the board and Superintendent Piper, to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel and to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and that we return to open session in this room at 8:34 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

The meeting was resumed at 8:34 p.m.

Camie Hlavaty moved, seconded by Amanda Wiltse, to go into executive session for twenty (20) minutes with the board and Superintendent Piper, to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel and to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and that we return to open session in this room at 8:54 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

The meeting was resumed at 8:54 p.m.

Amy Blackburn moved, seconded by Gary Yost, to go into executive session for five (5) minutes with the board and Superintendent Piper, to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel and to protect the privacy

interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and that we return to open session in this room at 9:00 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

The meeting was resumed at 9:00 p.m.

Bernard Juno moved, seconded by Ted Bannister, to go into executive session for five (5) minutes with the board and Superintendent Piper, to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel and to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and that we return to open session in this room at 9:06 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

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

Amanda Wiltse moved, seconded by Verla King, to go into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes with the board and Superintendent Piper, to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel and to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and that we return to open session in this room at 9:22 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

The meeting was resumed at 9:22 p.m.

Ted Bannister moved, seconded by Bernard Juno, to go into executive session for five (5) minutes with the board and Superintendent Piper, to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel and to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and that we return to open session in this room at 9:27 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

The meeting was resumed at 9:27 p.m.

Motion made by Ted Bannister, seconded by Amanda Wiltse, to renew Rachel Sennett's contract for 2015-16 based on her proposal. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Motion made by Ted Bannister, seconded by Verla King, to offer Edith Elder a 7/8 contract for 2015-16. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Amy Blackburn moved, seconded by Amanda Wiltse, to accept the resignation of Sarah Gregory. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Motion made by Verla King, seconded by Ted Bannister, to accept the resignation of Danielle Espinosa. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Motion made by Camie Hlavaty, seconded by Amanda Wiltse, to accept the resignation of Weston Cossman. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Motion made by Ted Bannister, seconded by Amy Blackburn, to non-renew the contract of Eldon Martell for 2015-16. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Motion made by Gary Yost, seconded by Ted Bannister, to set John Sohm's salary at \$9.00 per hour. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Motion made by Ted Bannister, seconded by Verla King, to hire Kathy Nelson for summer mowing with a limit of twenty (20) hours per week. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Ted Bannister moved, seconded by Amy Blackburn, to offer classified contracts to employees listed. (See list attached and made a part of these minutes.) Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Motion made by Amanda Wiltse, seconded by Camie Hlavaty, to offer the High School Girl's Basketball coach contract to Bobby Trapp. Motion vote was: Affirmative 5, Negative 2. Negative votes cast by Bernard Juno and Gary Yost.

Motion made by Ted Bannister, seconded by Gary Yost, to approve the KASB Blanket Student Accident Insurance policy for 2015-16 in the amount of \$6,129.00. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Camie Hlavaty moved, seconded by Amy Blackburn, to approve the SHESC Membership for 2015-16 in the amount of \$805.50. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Motion made by Amy Blackburn, seconded by Camie Hlavaty, to accept the resignation letter from Everett Royer as a board member. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Gary Yost moved, seconded by Amanda Wiltse to approve the Board Vacancy Resolution. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Sarah Gregory discussed with the board the options of purchasing iPads vs. textbooks for Chemistry and Biology.

Ted Bannister moved, seconded by Amy Blackburn to purchase textbooks for Chemistry and Biology. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Amanda Wiltse moved, seconded by Ted Bannister, to table Item J – Consideration of Approval of Implementing a Virtual Program with YongDing School in China. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Gary Yost moved, seconded by Ted Bannister, to approval affiliation with the Child Optional Group Life Insurance Coverage. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Motion made by Ted Bannister, seconded by Camie Hlavaty, to accept the ESSDACK Mentoring Plan. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Gary Yost moved, seconded by Ted Bannister, to approve up to thirty (30) percent LOB authorization if needed. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

The board held the first reading of Board Policy GAAF. No action was taken.

Discussion was held on changing the board member election plan. Motion made by Bernard Juno, seconded by Gary Yost, to table Item O – Consideration of Discussion on Changing Board Member Election Plan. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Amy Blackburn moved, seconded by Verla King, to go into executive session for five (5) minutes with the board and Superintendent Piper, to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel and to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and that we return to open session in this room at 10:25 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

The meeting was resumed at 10:25 p.m.

Motion made by Amanda Wiltse, seconded by Gary Yost, to transfer Julie Wagner to 7th and 8th grade position. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Ted Bannister moved to direct Principal Goodheart to combine two (2) elementary school classes at his discretion with input from the teachers.

Camie Hlavaty seconded the motion. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

There was no action of Item P – Consideration of Negotiations.

Motion made by Gary Yost, seconded by Amy Blackburn to adjourn. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairperson

Janice M. Pivonka, Clerk