

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF U.S.D. NO. 403,
RUSH COUNTY, KANSAS ON MARCH 14, 2017**

The Otis-Bison U.S.D. 403 Board of Education meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. by Bernard Juno, Chairman. There were seven board members present. Superintendent Lowry and Principal Goodheart were present, along with patron Hank Highfill.

There was no public open forum.

Karen Maier moved, seconded by Camie Hlavaty, to approve the March 14, 2017 agenda as presented. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Superintendent Lowry reported on the following:

- SQE Breakfast
- Legislative Update
- Strategic Planning meeting scheduled for April 5th and 12th at 6:30 p.m.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- State Basketball
- Spring Break next week
- Assessment Testing to begin
- Superior Essex is donating wire for the Elementary School wiring project

Principal Goodheart added the following to his report:

- Water leak outside boy's bathroom at the Elementary School
- J.H. Football - coop with LaCrosse on hold for now
- Student request to take virtual classes through the summer so they can finish their junior year and be considered a senior next year
- Site Council
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Leadership Group
- Drug dogs visited school on Monday, March 13th

Motion made by Camie Hlavaty, seconded by Gary Yost, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 board meeting, treasurer's report, accounts payable, activity funds and petty cash fund as presented. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Motion made by Gary Yost, seconded by Everett Royer, to approve board policies CN, DFAB, DP, EE, GAK, GBU, JBC, JBCA, JBCB, JGC, JGCB, JGFGBA, JRB and MI as presented. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Robert Mitchell moved, seconded by Gary Yost, to approve the Wellness Policies as presented. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Gary Yost moved, seconded by Pam Welsh, to approve allowing the seniors to purchase their chromebooks for \$100.00. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Superintendent Lowry discussed Bus #4 issues with the board. No action was taken on Item E - Consideration of Transportation.

Motion made by Gary Yost, seconded by Everett Royer, to go into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes with the board and calling in Superintendent Lowry when needed, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed and that we return to open session in this room at 8:27 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

The meeting was resumed 8:27 p.m.

Motion made by Bernard Juno, seconded by Gary Yost, to go into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes with the board and Superintendent Lowry and calling in Principal Goodheart, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed and that we return to open session in this room at 8:43 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

The meeting was resumed at 8:43 p.m. The following action was taken after the executive session.

Gary Yost moved to approve the salaries of \$45,000 for Milt Dougherty and \$60,000 for Shannon Anderson for the 2017-18 school term. Pam Welsh seconded the motion. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Everett Royer moved, seconded by Gary Yost, to approve the mowing contract for Patrick Piper for the summer of 2017. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Motion made by Camie Hlavaty, seconded by Robert Mitchell, to approve the football field mowing and painting contract for John Sohm for summer 2017. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Motion made by Karen Maier, seconded by Gary Yost, to hire five (5) individuals to help with summer maintenance and give Superintendent Lowry authority to hire these individuals. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Motion made by Karen Maier, seconded by Everett Royer, to accept the resignation of Edith Elder as the Visual Arts teacher at the end of the 2016-17 school term. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Motion made by Gary Yost, seconded by Everett Royer, to go into executive session for ten (10) minutes with the board and Superintendent Lowry as needed to discuss negotiations and to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract and that we return to open session in this room at 8:57 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

The meeting was resumed at 8:57 p.m.

Motion made by Bernard Juno, seconded by Karen Maier, to go into executive session for five (5) minutes with the board and Superintendent Lowry as needed to discuss negotiations and to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract and that we return to open session in this room at 9:02 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

The meeting was resumed at 9:02 p.m. No action resulted from these executive sessions.

Karen Maier moved to adjourn. Gary Yost seconded the motion. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairperson

Janice Pivonka, Clerk