

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF U.S.D. NO. 403,
RUSH COUNTY, KANSAS ON MAY 8, 2017**

The Otis-Bison U.S.D. 403 Board of Education meeting was called to order on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. by Bernard Juno, Chairman. There were six board members present. Everett Royer was absent. Superintendent Lowry was present. Patrons present were Hank Highfill and Tammy Stout.

There was no public open forum.

Camie Hlavaty moved, seconded by Gary Yost, to approve the May 8, 2017 agenda as presented. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

Superintendent Lowry reported on the following:

- Principal Goodheart is on Senior Trip
- Summer Projects
- Strategic Planning
- Special Board Meeting to be held May 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Pre-School Costs
- KSHSAA Football/Classification vote
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library coming to Otis

Superintendent Lowry asked Hank Highfill to give a report on the Technology Project presented at the 58th Annual Western Kansas Technology Fair.

Mr. Highfill informed the board that students from Otis-Bison attended the Western Kansas Technology Fair at FHSU and presented a virtual reality project. Their project was awarded the Best Project for 12th grade multi-pupil. The board was invited to come at 7:00 p.m. at the June board meeting if they would like to see the project demonstrated.

There was no SouthWinds Academy report.

Motion made by Camie Hlavaty, seconded by Karen Maier, to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017 special board meeting, the April 10, 2017 regular board meeting, treasurer's report, accounts payable, activity funds and petty cash fund as presented. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

Gary Yost moved, seconded by Robert Mitchell, to approve the ESSDACK Membership Fee, Capital Outlay Assessment Fee and Staff FTE Fee in the amount of \$4,889.50. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

Karen Maier moved, seconded by Gary Yost, to approve the Audit Engagement Letter with Gudenkauf & Malone, Inc. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

Superintendent Lowry discussed policies JGCB and JGFGBA with the board. Motion made by Robert Mitchell, seconded by Camie Hlavaty, to approve board policies JGCB and JGFGBA. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

Tammy Stout, Athletic Trainer, discussed her proposed contract for 2017-2018 with the board.

Pam Welsh moved, seconded by Camie Hlavaty, to approve the Athletic Training Contract with Tammy Stout as revised. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

Superintendent Lowry visited with the board regarding using funds from the Golden Belt Community Foundation to help support the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for students in Otis ages 0-5. The funds would also be used to try and get this in the Bison Library.

Motion made by Karen Maier to give \$500.00 from the Golden Belt Foundation funds to United Way to support the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Motion seconded by Camie Hlavaty. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

Camie Hlavaty moved, seconded by Robert Mitchell, to approve changing the last day of school for students to end at 11:30 a.m., with staff allowed to leave at 1:30 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

Motion made by Bernard Juno to approve adoption of the modified block class schedule in grades 6-12 for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion seconded by Camie Hlavaty. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

Gary Yost moved, seconded by Pam Welsh, to approve the annual Maintenance Agreement Fee with Harris School Solutions in the amount of \$4,039.81. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

Superintendent Lowry discussed transportation with the board, stating that he is working on obtaining lease purchase costs for two (2) busses on a three (3) year agreement. No action was taken on Item J - Consideration of Transportation.

Motion made by Camie Hlavaty, seconded by Robert Mitchell, to go into executive session for twenty (20) minutes with the board and Superintendent Lowry 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 8:57 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

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

Motion made by Bernard Juno, seconded by Pam Welsh, to go into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes with the board and Superintendent Lowry 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 9:13 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

The meeting was resumed at 9:13 p.m.

Motion made by Karen Maier, seconded by Gary Yost, to accept the resignation from Rachel Sennett at the end of her current contract. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

Motion made by Robert Mitchell, seconded by Pam Welsh, to accept the resignation of Dennis Scheuerman as Bus Driver effective April 27, 2017. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

Camie Hlavaty moved, seconded by Pam Welsh, to offer a contract for Business Instructor to Margaret Robinson for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

Karen Maier moved, seconded by Robert Mitchell, to approve renewing contracts for classified employees as presented on the list of classified employees. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

Motion made by Camie Hlavaty, seconded by Karen Maier, to approve renewal of contracts for the certified employees as presented on the list of certified employees. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

Pam Welsh moved to approve supplemental contracts as presented on the Supplemental List. Robert Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

There was no action on Item L - Consideration of Negotiations

Gary Yost moved to adjourn. Pam Welsh seconded. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairperson

Janice Pivonka, Clerk