Goddard USD No. 265 Board of Education Central Administration Center, BOE Room 201 S. Main Street Goddard, Kansas 67052

Monday, December 14, 2020 7:00 pm



Meeting Minutes

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 265, Sedgwick County, Goddard, Kansas, met at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, December 14th, 2020, for a regularly scheduled meeting in the Board of Education Room of the USD 265 Central Administration Center. BOE members present: President Mark Richards, Vice-President Jenny Simmons, Mr. Kevin McWhorter, Ms. Sara McDonald, Ms. Ruth Wood, Ms. Nicole Hawkins, and Mrs. Gail Jamison. Also present: Dr. Justin B. Henry, Superintendent; Dr. Julie Cannizzo, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Jeff Hersh, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Doug Maxwell, Finance Director; and Mr. Dane Baxa, Clerk of the Board.

1. Call to Order

President Mark Richards called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.1 Flag Salute

The Flag Salute was led by the Goddard USD 265 BOE Members.

1.2 USD 265 Mission Statement

President Mark Richards read the USD 265 Mission Statement, "The mission of Goddard School District, USD 265 is to educate all students for lifelong success."

1.3 Attitude Awards

Mr. Jeff Hersh presented District Attitude Awards to the following individuals:

Missy Davis, Classroom Teacher, Challenger Intermediate School Nominated by: Karli Foy, Julie Adams, and Diana VanHorn

Missy's nominators wrote, "I would like to nominate Missy Davis for the District Attitude award. Missy has received numerous positive emails and support for her teaching and her health situation. Missy has taken a very challenging situation in teaching virtual classes and turned it into a success story. Her students are engaged and succeeding during a very difficult time. On top of all this, her battle with her illness has taken its toll on her, but she continues to push forward and be there for her students and parents. I think Missy exemplifies the positive attitude that we all strive for."

"I am writing you because I would like to nominate Missy Davis for the "Attitude Award". As you know, this past year hasn't been the best for Missy, but she's handling it like a champ. I am amazed by her fight! She pushes, daily, to remain positive and to keep working. Even though she's not in the classroom

working, she's making a positive impact on the virtual students she teaches. If there is one good thing that has come out of Covid-19, it's that there is a place for Missy Davis in the "classroom".

"I wanted to nominate Missy Davis for the Attitude Award. She has been going through so much in her own personal life and she is still doing a phenomenal job teaching online. I know she has been working very hard to make sure her students understand the concepts that they are learning and she is making connections with kids in her virtual classroom. She is an outstanding teacher who motivates kids to become successful in whatever they are doing. She did this while teaching in a traditional classroom over several years, but she is still providing that same learner friendly environment in her virtual/remote class. She is working hard teaching online giving 110%, while battling her health issues. I am so proud of how hard Missy continues to work and how hard she is fighting!"

Dan Funke, Classroom Teacher at Oak Street Elementary School Nominated by Ashley Miller

Dan's Nominator wrote, "Dan Funke has been a teacher in the Goddard School District serving students since 1976. Throughout his time in the Goddard District Dan has taught 1st grade, 4th grade, Science/PLTW and has worked at the ILC, Central Office and Oak Street Elementary.

Dan has touched the lives of many students, staff, and families not only within the Goddard School District but throughout the Goddard Community, serving the Boy Scouts, Goddard Public Library and Lions Club. He played a leading role with the implementation of PLTW at Oak Street and has carried over his love for Science and learning into after school programs offered by Oak Street. Dan has led many traditions at Oak Street including Math & Science Day, Oak Street Halloween Parade of Costumes through downtown Goddard, the annual Oak Street Thanksgiving Feast, Reading and Science Nights, community and virtual field trips as well as the annual Oak Street Sedgwick County Zoo Trip each year.

Dan is one of the first to assist students, staff, and parents needing help. Whether it is through helping facilitate free eye exams and glasses to those in need, or helping those that have needs due to job loss, house fires, storms, etc. Dan is always willing to lead the charge. While Dan has seen all three of his girls attend and graduate from the Goddard School District, he has also provided support and guidance to many other students and families throughout their education as well. He is a true advocate for students, this district, and our community. ALL that have learned from Mr. Funke have had the opportunity to learn the curriculum in fun and exciting ways, but have also learned what it means to be a contributing member of our great community.

When asked about his career, Dan stated, 'I have believed all through my life it is not about me, but it is about involving others in the process. I try to be a catalyst for others to get involved and serve for lifelong success. By working together, we can all play an important part of all children's lives... Success is when we see the children we have worked with grow into successful community minded members.'

Thank you Mr. Funke for all the lives you have touched, not only in this district, but within the Goddard Community and beyond. We are blessed to have you. Congratulations on your retirement!"

Dr. Justin B. Henry presented BOE President Mark Richards an Attitude Award for his service on the KSHSAA Board of Directors.

1.4 Adopt Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Jenny Simmons, second from Mr. Kevin McWhorter, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

2. Information from the Superintendent

Dr. Justin B. Henry, superintendent of schools, provided an update on the WSU Testing Agreement, and the timeline and process for administering the Covid-19 tests as well as the updated quarantine timeline and procedures from Sedgwick County.

Dr. Julie Cannizzo provided an update on plans for the second semester of learning in Goddard Public Schools.

Mr. Jeff Hersh provided an update on staffing.

3. Minutes

3.1 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Ruth Wood, second by Ms. Nicole Hawkins, to approve the BOE Meeting Minutes from the November 9, 2020 Special Meeting, November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting, and December 7, 2020 Work Session as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

4. Presentations

4.1 Special Education Update

Mr. Jess Herbig, Mr. Doug Maxwell, Mrs. Sydney Graf, and Melody Stuckey, provided an update on the GCCC SPED Education Cooperative transition.

4.2 Updated Calendar Information

A motion was made by Mrs. Gail Jamison, second by Mrs. Jenny Simmons, to amend the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar and add Professional Development Days on January 18th, 2021, February 15th, 2021, and April 2nd, 2021, as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Terminations, Resignations and Retirements

The following resignations have been received and are recommended for acceptance: Tyron Bowen, CDS LT sub; Kris Houseberg, GMS track/field assistant; Stephanie Ryan, GHS volleyball assistant; Curtis Albin, GHS track/field assistant; Connie Staley, GMS math relay; Melissa Davis, CHA QPA; Vicky Cole, APO secretary; Kasi Graves, transportation.

The following retirements have been received and are recommended for acceptance: Carrie Schrader, EHS FACS & department head.

5.2 Contracts and Letters of Employment

Early Hire teaching contracts to start 2nd semester FY 2020-21:

Brent Glann, 7-12 TBD; Hina Anwar, Abby Montgomery, Olivia Joy, Malori Bridwell, Emily Roets, K-6 TBD.

Long Term Substitute Teachers to start Jan 4 - May 26, 2021:

Kim Truzzolino, Kirsten Long, Hadley Blaine & Stephanie Hoffman, grade and location TBD; Derek Stearns, GHS.

Early Hire Teaching contracts to start FY 2021-22:

Madison Evans, K-6 TBD.

Contracts will be presented for the following:

Dakota Driskill, GMS wrestling assistant (temp-7 days); Marcy Cross, EHS bowling assistant; Dylan Davenport, EMS Basketball assistant; Kim Lynch, facilitator of health services.

Letters of Employment will be presented for the following: Brandie Latimer, EHS secretary/registrar; Rose Valek, EXP library clerk; Ray Ramey, Rosa Meza & Levi Norby, building engineer; Vanessa Stockemer, parts courier / building engineer; Crystal Shultz & Kelly Self, transportation; Michael Berry, assistant mechanic; Deana Callison, nutrition services.

5.3 Acceptance of Gifts and Grants

Gift: Strawbridge Donations - Various buildings received a signing bonus for picture day.

Total of: \$3,600

ACA: \$500 APO: \$500 CDS: \$500 EMS: \$500 EXP: \$100 GHS: \$500 OAK: \$500 CHA: \$500

Gift: APO PTO - APO PTO is paying for a Clear Touch Board in the amount of \$3,225.69

Gift: GIMB - GHS received \$2500.00 specific for sound equipment.

Grant: Cox Communications - DIS received two checks to total \$2,000 for the 2020 Cox Charities Education Grant.

5.4 Surplus

Approve the appropriate disposal of the GHS Early Childhood department list of items due to the items being out of date. These items have been replaced with newer models.

5.5 Testing Partnership

Approve the testing partnership with WSU as presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jenny Simmons, second by Ms. Ruth Wood, to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

6. Monthly Business Report

6.1 Approve Bills and Transfers

A motion was made by Mr. Kevin McWhorter, second by Mrs. Jenny Simmons, to approve the bills and transfers in the amount of \$974,152.61 as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

7. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Richards, second by Mr. Kevin McWhorter, to enter into executive session at 8:41 p.m. in the BOE room for the purpose of discussing issues concerning an employee pursuant to the KOMA exception regarding personnel matters of non-elected personnel, and include Dr. Henry, Mr. Hersh, and Dr. Cannizzo, and that the board return to the open meeting at 8:56 p.m. in the BOE Room. The motion carried 7-0.

The board returned to open meeting at 8:56 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Richards, second by Mrs. Jenny Simmons, to enter into executive session at 8:56 p.m. in the BOE room for the purpose of discussion of issues concerning the acquisition of real estate pursuant to the KOMA exception regarding the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property, and include Dr. Henry, Mr. Hersh, Mr. Maxwell, Dr. Cannizzo, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. Herbig and that the board return to the open meeting at 9:01 p.m. in the BOE Room. The motion carried 7-0.

The board returned to open meeting at 9:01 p.m.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by
Dane Baxa, Clerk of the Board, USD 265 BOE
APPROVED:
Mark Richards, President, USD 265 BOE