

MINUTES OF MEETING
Ulysses Board of Education
Unified School District No. 214 - Grant County

The Board met in **Regular** Session **Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.**

Members Present: President Margaret Nightengale
Vice President Jim Wilson
Chris Branch
Dave Otis
Ron Smith
Kara Wilkie

Members Absent: Clay Scott

Others Present: Superintendent Dave Younger
Board Clerk Lori Barlow
* Others - See List

Others Absent:

- (1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Nightengale at 7:30 p.m.
- (2) ***ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** There was a small change to the agenda. Item 8a will be skipped due to Dr. Sailors being unable to attend tonight's meeting. This will be rescheduled. The amended agenda was adopted on a motion by Kara Wilkie — seconded by Chris Branch — motion carried 6-0 .
- (3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Dave Otis — seconded by Kara Wilkie — motion carried 6-0, for the following:

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- (4) ***APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Kara Wilkie moved to approve the transfer from the General Fund on an "as need basis" to cover expenses attributed to the Food Service, Transportation, Vocational Education, and Bilingual Special Funds, and to pay bills in the amount of \$157,962.09 — seconded by Dave Otis — motion carried 6-0.
- (5) **NON-ACTION ITEMS PUBLIC FORUM:** None

(6) **REPORTS:**

- a. **Correspondence** — None.
- b. **Student Report** — Tammy Barb, elementary librarian, and Jessica Zehr, computer teacher at UHS shared how they have been working together on a project using QR codes for reading. The high school students record themselves reading books and the elementary students use iPads to scan the QR codes to hear the book being read to them by the UHS students. The students demonstrated this to the Board.

Candee Amerin, USD 214 preschool teacher and Learn ‘n Play Facilitator for the Building Blocks Grant, shared with the Board a little about the grant. Grant County is one of 18 targeted counties trying to reach students before they enter school to help with learning. There are about 50 families signed up for this program. Candee has done 36 porch visits this month. She hands out packets with educational information. She has a goal of doing 100 porch visits next month.

- c. **High Plains Educational Cooperative (HPEC)** — Kara Wilkie reported that the HPEC Board met on November 21st. They renewed their 5 year contract with SWPRSC. Roger Duncan gave the 2012-2013 audit report. Staff development included KIAS training, KSDE conference, a deaf and hard of hearing workshop, the gifted facilitators categorical meeting, elementary interrelated categorical meeting, and AMO training.
- d. **Building Reports** — No additions.
- e. **Curriculum & Instruction** — Superintendent Younger reported that all 17 teachers who took the ESL Praxis prep through SWPRSC passed their ESL endorsement exam. All buildings in the district were represented. This is a plus for the teachers as well as the district. There will be more teachers participate in February when it is offered again.
- f. **Superintendent’s Report** — Superintendent Younger reported that the Kansas State Board of Education is close to approving assessments for the 2014-2015 school year. They are considering the Smarter Balanced Assessment for grades 3-8, and for high school students either the Smarter Balanced Assessment or the ACT or SAT. Money continues to be an issue for the new assessments as well as the role of CETE.

(7) **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Custodian Job Descriptions and Evaluations** — This is the first review for the custodian job descriptions and evaluations.

(8) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Efficiency and Effectiveness Report** — Dr. Sailors was unable to attend and this will be moved to a later date.
- b. **Providence Canines** — Providence Canines are scheduled for Safety Assemblies on December 12th at each of the four schools. Anyone is welcome to attend.

- c. **AMO Report** — The building administrators shared information on AMO as it pertains to their respective schools. Administrators met with Dr. Gillespie on November 19th to learn more about AMO's and how they will affect USD 214.
- d. **KASB Conference** — Members shared knowledge gained at the conference. Vice President Wilson congratulated President Nightengale for being re-elected as Region 10 Vice President of KASB.

(9) **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. **Bus Bids** — Dave Otis moved to approve the bids from Kansas Truck Equipment for a 65 passenger bus and two 47 passenger busses with trade-ins, in the amount of \$238,172 as presented — seconded by Chris Branch — motion carried 6-0.
- b. **Secretary Job Descriptions and Job Evaluations** — Dave Otis moved to approve the secretary job descriptions and job evaluations as presented — seconded by Ron Smith — motion carried 6-0.

- (10) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 9:14 p.m. Vice President Wilson moved to go into executive session for five (5) minutes to discuss matters affecting a student in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed; and that the Board will return to the open meeting at 9:19 p.m. — seconded by President Nightengale — motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Younger was invited into the executive session.

The Board of Education returned to the open meeting at 9:19 p.m.

- (11) **REVIEW LITIGATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:** None

- (12) **NEGOTIATIONS:** None

- (13) **OTHER:** None

- (14) **PERSONNEL:** None

- (15) **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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President Margaret Nightengale

Vice-President Jim Wilson

Board Member Chris Branch

Board Member Dave Otis

Absent

Board Member Clay Scott

Board Member Ron Smith

Board Member Kara Wilkie

Board Clerk Lori Barlow

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Recorded by: Lori Barlow

*Attachments