

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4

Monday, March 26, 2018

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6:00 P.M. - BOARDROOM

- I. CALL TO ORDER: At 6:00 p.m. Larry Duncan, president, called the meeting to order.
- A. ROLL CALL:
1. MEMBERS PRESENT: Clinton Arbuthnot, Rick Birdsong, Larry Duncan, Kay Maes
  2. MEMBERS ABSENT: Tyler Gibson  
Clinton Arbuthnot made a motion to excuse the absence of Tyler Gibson. Kay Maes seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  3. SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT: Richard Hargrove, Kyle Lasley, Deb Sharpe and Pam Hartley.
  4. GUESTS PRESENT: Sarah Steinman and MaryAnn Moore
- II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Superintendent Hargrove requested that Item C. be added to NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSS AND APPROVE PURCHASE OF LAWNMOWER.
- III. APPROVE THE AGENDA: Kay Maes made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of DISCUSS AND APPROVE PURCHASE OF LAWNMOWER to Item C under NEW BUSINESS. Rick Birdsong seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IV. ROUTINE ITEMS:
- A. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE February 19, 2018 Regular Meeting: Rick Birdsong made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2018, Regular Meeting as presented. Clinton Arbuthnot seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. FINANCIAL REPORTS: Board members reviewed the March Financial Reports.
- C. CLAIMS PAYABLE – March 26, 2018: Rick Birdsong made a motion to approve the March claims payables as presented. Clinton Arbuthnot seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT:
- Sarah Steinman and MaryAnn Moore were representing the Hull Art Studio in Springfield. Ms. Steinman spoke to the board about their ongoing effort to secure funding to help offer art based activities to area students. She was also inquiring about the interest on the part of school districts to allow guest artists to come in to the schools and work with the students. The board applauded these ladies' efforts and agreed they would be very interested in expanding the art opportunities for our students, especially in the elementary grades if they are able to secure funding and guest artists.

Debbie Sharpe reported that 40 preschool children were screened during Child Find. Follow-up evaluations will be completed next week. She shared that the preschool staff attending the RMECC thought it was a marvelous experience and definitely worth giving up personal time during spring break to attend. Mrs. Sharpe reported that the sand box sail cloth experienced some damage during the high winds this month, but the maintenance staff will be able to fix the damage. April looks to be a very busy month with kindergarten transition process taking priority. Currently there are 27 preschool students who will be transitioned to next year kindergarten. She extended an invitation to the board members to attend the Arbor Day activities on May 3, when a tree will be planted in memory of Ms. Beulah Collins, who served for many years on the Springfield Child-Care Center Board.

Mrs. Sharpe gave a brief update on STA activities and reported that two applications were received for the STA Scholarship and the STA writing contest is completed with 50% of judging done. Cash prizes will be awarded to students with winning essays.

**IF YOU ARE HERE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:**

*Welcome to the open forum portion of our meeting. We appreciate your interest in participating in this conversation time with the Springfield School District RE-4 Board of Education. A sign-up sheet was provided at the entrance to the Board meeting for all persons wishing to address the Board. It is requested that comments be limited to five minutes per speaker. Patrons are invited to share comments with the Board in an orderly manner that is consistent with the respect and dignity that should be part of a Board of Education public meeting. The Board will require that speakers and audience members adhere to basic standards of civility and, with limited time available, as the Board President, I may need to limit or terminate discussion to maintain decorum or to give as many people as possible the opportunity to speak. The Board will not take any action during this time. It is the preference of the Board that comments concerning District personnel be addressed in executive session. Discussion of individual students must occur in executive session. Please inform the Board*

*if you intend to make comments concerning District personnel or students so those comments may be heard in executive session.*

A. CORRESPONDENCE: Rick Birdsong read a thank you message from the high school art class for allowing them the opportunity to travel to the Denver Art Museum. In their words, “the special Degas Exhibit was amazing!”

Mr. Birdsong shared a thank you note from Debbie Sharpe thanking all the board members for their service and expressing her appreciation for the raise, Christmas bonus and Thanksgiving turkey.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. APPROVAL OF CASB POLICIES JANUARY 31, 2018 AND JKA-E-2

Superintendent Hargrove discussed and summarized the changes to the following policies: EEA, GCE/GCF, GCE/GCF-R, GDA, GDE/GDF, JF, JF-E, JFABD, JFABD-R, JKA-E-2, JFBA, JFBA-R, JFBB, JFBB-R, JLC, JRA/JRC, JRA/JRC-E-2, KBA, and KBA-E. He explained that the updates relate primarily to verbiage changes made necessary from the program change from NCLB to ESAA. He also informed the board that the following policies have revisions to legal references, cross references and/or explanatory notes only so no vote is needed to approve these policies: ADC, BID/BIE, GC, GCA, IHAM, IHBEA, IKA, JH, JJJ, JKD/JKE, JLCB, JLCB-R, JD, KF, and KLMA. The last policy Mr. Hargrove discussed was GDAA-Title I Paraprofessionals. Based on the new ESAA program, the need for Policy GDAA has been eliminated. Mr. Hargrove recommended adopting the first list of policies and repealing Policy GDAA.

Kay Maes made a motion for final approval of CASB Policies EEA, GCE/GCF, GCE/GCF-R, GDA, GDE/GDF, GDE/GDF-R, JF, JF-E, JFABD-R, JFABE, JFABE-R, JKA-E-2, JFBA, JFBA-R, JFBB, JFBB-R, JLC, JRA/JRC, JRA/JRC-E-2, KBA, and KBA-E.

Clinton Arbuthnot seconded the motion. Motion carried

Rick Birdsong made a motion to repeal Policy GDAA. Kay Maes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. AUDIT UPDATES

Superintendent Hargrove updated the board members on the various audits that the District has had this year. Most sections of the Nutrition Audit have been completed. The resource management section is still being reviewed, and a response for only one non-compliance issue with the procurement section of the review is now being drafted. All documents have been submitted for the Student October, At-Risk and Transportation Audits and are currently being reviewed by CDE. No review results have yet been received.

C. UPDATE ON 18-19 SCHOOL FINANCE BILL

Mr. Hargrove reviewed with the board some of the hand-outs in the board packets related to legislative action on educational funding issues and provided more information about possible finance bills being proposed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Mr. Hargrove told the board that the Salvation Army has agreed to pay the cost of food for the Summer Food Service Program this summer up to \$10,000.00 He also shared that Sheila Adams and Thelma Wells are willing to prepare the SFSP meals. He ask the board for their approval for the Springfield School District to sponsor the Summer Food Service Program for summer 2018. Clinton Arbuthnot made a motion to approve sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for summer 2018. Rick Birdsong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. 2018 – 2019 CALENDAR UPDATE

Mr. Hargrove presented three sample 2018-2019 school calendars and discussed the different options on each of them. He told the board he would be making the calendars available for staff to look over and discuss. He will consider their suggestions and present a final draft for approval at the April board meeting.

C. DISCUSS AND APPROVE PURCHASE OF LAWNMOWER

Mr. Hargrove presented a price quote and product description from Lamar Auto Parts for a new Grasshopper Lawnmower. He informed the board that John Deere declined to furnish a quote as they were unable to offer a quote within the budget parameters. He explained that the price quote from Lamar Auto Parts included some add-ons that he is going to ask them to include in a comprehensive Total Quote amount. He recommended the board approve an expenditure of up to \$23,000.00 for the purchase of the Grasshopper lawnmower and accessories.

Rick Birdsong made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$23,000.00 to purchase a Grasshopper lawnmower and accessories from Lamar Auto Parts. Kay Maes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (f) (h): Board members, Richard Hargrove and Kyle Lasley entered Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. The board returned to regular session at 7:32 p.m.

- A. PERSONNEL: STAFFING NEEDS 18 – 19
- B. 140 CONTRACT FOR RETIRED STAFF
- C. PERSONNEL: PARA-PROFESSIONAL
- D. ASSISTANT HS TRACK COACH
- E. HIGH SCHOOL CUSTODIAN

IX. ACT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hargrove recommended hiring Sara Coleman as a Para-professional. Clinton Arbuthnot made a motion to approve Sara Coleman as a Para-professional. Rick Birdsong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hargrove recommended hiring Peter White as an Assistant High School Track & Field Coach. Kay Maes made a motion to approve Peter White as an assistant high school track & field coach. Clinton Arbuthnot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

X. REPORTS

A. JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL – KYLE LASLEY:

Mr. Lasley reviewed his March 2018 Board Report that was included in the board packets and highlighted many of the completed and upcoming student activities.

B. SUPERINTENDENT/ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT – RICHARD HARGROVE:

Mr. Hargrove congratulated Mr. Lasley on passing his Principal’s license exam over spring break and applauded his dedication to achieving this accomplishment. He reviewed other items from his BOE update in the board packets and shared more details about some of the subjects. He also reported that the school district had recently received a small workman’s comp refund for 2017.

XI. OTHER ITEMS TO DISCUSS: None

XII. BOARD MEETING DATES:

1. REGULAR BOARD MEETING – April 23 OR 24, 2018 6:00 P.M.

The board discussed the conflict of the Elementary Music Concert on the night of the regularly scheduled board meeting and decided by consensus to change the date of the meeting to Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD: None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by consensus of the board at 7:40 p.m.

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Larry Duncan, President

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Kay Maes, Secretary

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Rick Birdsong, Vice-President

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Tyler Gibson, Treasurer

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Clinton Arbuthnot, Director