

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 422
KIOWA COUNTY, GREENSBURG, KANSAS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 422, State of Kansas, Kiowa County, met for a regular meeting at the school district office, 710 S. Main Street in Greensburg. The meeting was called to order by President Ki Gamble at 8:06 p.m.

MEMBERS: Ki Gamble, Paul Kendall, J. Wynn Fleener (via ZOOM), Rosa Hettinger, Darren McDonald, Tony Rhodes, Cory Zenger

STAFF: Staci Derstein, Brian Deterding, Travis Powell, Stephanie White-Neuhold, Cassie Kirby

AUDIENCE: Aaron Koehn

ELECT BOARD OFFICERS: A motion was made by Cory Zenger and seconded by Darren McDonald to elect Ki Gamble as board president and Paul Kendall as board vice president for the 2021 calendar year.
Yes: 5 No: 2 (K. Gamble and P. Kendall abstained) PASSED

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Paul Kendall and seconded by Rosa Hettinger to approve the agenda with one addition:
1. Consider school-based testing pilot
Yes: 7 No: 0 PASSED

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Darren McDonald and seconded by Rosa Hettinger to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 14, 2020 and the minutes of the special meeting held December 21, 2020.
Yes: 7 No: 0 PASSED

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Rosa Hettinger and seconded by Paul Kendall to approve payment of January bills in the amount of \$143,491.66.
Yes: 7 No: 0 PASSED

AUDIT REPORT: Aaron Koehn, CPA with VonFeldt, Bauer and VonFeldt Accountants, reviewed his audit of the 2019-20 fiscal year.

- POLICY UPDATES:** The superintendent distributed policy updates recommended by the Kansas Association of School Boards. Board members will review them, and will consider the updates for approval at the February meeting.
- HIRE CUSTODIAN:** A motion was made by Cory Zenger and seconded by Tony Rhodes to hire Staci Stevens as high school custodian.
Yes: 7 No: 0 PASSED
- TABLE SETTING MEETING DATES:** A motion was made by Paul Kendall and seconded by Rosa Hettinger to table scheduling the second half of 2021 (July through December) meeting dates until the first July board meeting.
Yes: 7 No: 0 PASSED
- ACCEPT RETIREMENT/ RESIGNATIONS:** After the board expressed their appreciation, a motion was made by Darren McDonald and seconded by Rosa Hettinger to approve the retirement letters of Staci Derstein and Luke Derstein, both effective June 30, 2021.
Yes: 7 No: 0 PASSED
- APPOINT NEGOTIATORS:** A motion was made by Tony Rhodes and seconded by Paul Kendall to appoint Rosa Hettinger, J. Wynn Fleener and Ki Gamble as the board's team for 2021-22 negotiations.
Yes: 7 No: 0 PASSED
- DISCUSS COVID TESTING PILOT:** Participation in a school-based COVID-19 testing pilot was discussed. No action was taken.
- REPORTS:** The principals reported on school activities, teacher evaluations and upcoming MAPS testing.

Superintendent Staci Derstein gave a special education cooperative update and shared a report from the school nurse.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Ki Gamble and seconded by Tony Rhodes that the board and superintendent go into executive session at 9:18 p.m. to discuss the superintendent search and staffing, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under the Kansas Open Meeting Act, and that the open meeting will resume at 9:45 p.m.
Yes: 7 No: 0 PASSED

EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

A motion was made by Ki Gamble and seconded by Tony Rhodes that the board and superintendent go into executive session at 9:45 p.m. to discuss the superintendent search and staffing, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under the Kansas Open Meeting Act, and that the open meeting will resume at 10:00 p.m. The principals were invited to join the executive session at 9:53 p.m.

Yes: 7 No: 0 PASSED

ADJOURNMENT: President Ki Gamble declared the meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education

