

Rural Vista USD 481
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
October 10, 2016
Hope, KS
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Jim Barten, Vicki Gruber, Theresa McCreath, Tracy Schmidt, Mike Jacobson and David Whitehair.

Others Present

Superintendent Ralph Blevins, Mike Teeter (Hope), Joel Kahnt (White City), Joann Kahnt (The Prairie Post), Annetta Flax (Board Clerk), JR Sparke (The Abilene Reflector-Chronicle), Crystal Carson, Mike Carson and Joey Carson.

Call to Order

President Jim Barten called the USD 481 Board of Education Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Consent Agenda Approval

Discussion was held concerning missing pages in the consent agenda.
General ledger accounts with zero funds are excluded from the consent agenda.
Theresa McCreath moved to accept the consent agenda as presented.
Vicki Gruber seconded the motion.
Motion carried 6-0

Adoption of October Meeting Agenda

Tracy Schmidt moved to accept the October meeting agenda as presented.
Theresa McCreath seconded the motion.
Motion carried 6-0

Public Presentation

Citizen's Open Forum

There was no one present who wished to address the board.

Correspondence

A thank you letter was read from the family of William Bixler.

Governmental Relations

There was no governmental relations to report.

Old Business

Negotiations

Theresa McCreath discussed the latest counter offer between the board and teachers.

Theresa McCreath moved to approve the monetary portion of the teacher negotiations for the 2016-17 school year. This includes increasing fringe benefits for health insurance to \$330 per month (\$35 increase), change base salary to \$32,750 (\$750 increase), salary schedule column addition and offer a 403b plan.

Vicki Gruber seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

The negotiated agreement will be approved at the next board meeting.

New Business

FFA National Convention

Crystal Carson, Agricultural Education Instructor for Rural Vista, addressed the board.

She presented the Itinerary for the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

Discussion was held.

No action was taken by the board. The administration approved the trip prior to the meeting.

KESA

The administration presented the new accreditation process and guidelines.

Discussion was held.

No action was taken by the board.

Substitute Teacher

Vicki Gruber moved to appoint Tana Churan-Davis as a substitute teacher for the district.

A current license is on file with the district.

Mike Jacobson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

Bus Driver Salary Research

Discussion was held concerning bus driver salaries compared to other school districts in the area.

Mr. Blevins will handle the situation.

No action was taken by the board.

Hope Playground Grant Update

Mr. Teeter addressed the board concerning the Hope Playgrounds.

\$4,490.20 was received from KDHE for the grant.

Additional funds will follow.

No action was taken by the board.

Hope Custodian

Vicki Gruber moved to appoint Rhonda Whitehair as the Hope Schools Assistance Custodian.

Mike Jacobson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

Supplemental Contracts

Tracy Schmidt moved to appoint Liz Peugh as the Assistant Junior High Girls Basketball Coach and Janice Benner as the FFA co-sponsor. (Both are 3% of the base)

Theresa McCreath seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

Administrative Reports

Mr. Blevins, informed the board that he would like to open the FACS position starting in January.

The board agreed with his decision.

The funding for next year was also discussed.

Mike Teeter discussed enrollment counts from September 20th, sports and installing the gym lights.

Joel Kahnt reported enrollment counts, sports, Homecoming and Parent Teacher Conferences.

Adjournment

Tracy Schmidt moved to adjourn the board meeting.

Vicki Gruber seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

The board meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Approved:

Jim Barten: Board President

Annetta Flax: Board Clerk