**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – December 18, 2024**

President Troy Hilt called the meeting to order in the administration office on the above date at 7:00 a.m., with everyone present. Also present were Susan Dinkel, Delbert Schmidt, and Tania Quintero.

Chris Hingst made a motion to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by Shawna Blanka and carried.

Audiences: None

Items on the Consent Calendar were next considered. Following a review of these items, Dustin Andrist moved, Bruce Swihart seconded, and it carried to approve the consent calendar, including the following items: a) The minutes of the regular Board meeting on November 14, 2024 and December 5, 2024. b) A list of bills being paid on direct deposit slips numbering 1119001 – 1119077 and on checks numbering 12548-12562 on BANKWEST, and checks numbering 17904-17972 on FNB Bank for a total of $480,815.32. c) The Cash Summary Report, the Grade School Activity Fund Report, and the High School Activity Fund Report – all as of November 30, 2024. d) the following gift offer was accepted from the St. Francis Wrestling Club in the amount of $400.00.

Committee Reports – None

Under Old Business, Superintendent Penka presented a letter received from ShayLinn Zweygardt and a separate letter delivered from Jessica Mathies.

Next, under Old Business, Superintendent Penka reviewed a proposal from Jessica Matthies, Cheyenne County Childcare Coalition, regarding the possibility of the school partnering to implement a new preschool and daycare. Bruce Swihart reported his trip with Jessica to Plainville to visit their preschool/daycare facility. After much discussion, Dustin Andrist motioned to turn down the proposal and its entirety, seconded by J. W. Milliken. The motion carried with a 5 to 1 vote.

Under New Business, Superintendent Penka discussed the number of participants involved in junior high sports with the board. The junior high boys will have an exuberant amount for the next several years. It was reported that the administration would investigate all options on how they will proceed and potentially not allow the 6th grade to participate. The administration is tasked with listening to feedback from the public concerning this and will decide at a later date.

Next, the Superintendent reviewed the Board policy updates recommended by KASB. Shawna Blanka motioned to accept the updates, which was seconded by Bruce Swihart and carried.

Next, under New Business, Superintendent Penka did the annual renewal of the KESA school accreditation. With this recommendation, the school would like to set the school day from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., starting in August 2025. Chris Hingst motioned to approve the KESA accreditation and the new school hours, which were seconded by Shawna Blanka and carried.

Next, Principal Schmidt reviewed the updated attendance policy for junior high and high school, effective January 2025, with the board. Bruce Swihart motioned to approve the policy, seconded by Chris Hingst, and carried.

Next, Chris Hingst requested a 15-minute executive session to discuss nonelected personnel issues. Chris Hingst made the following motion: Mr. President, I move that the board recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4319 and to return to open session at 9:06 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Bruce Swihart and carried. Superintendent Penka, Principal Dinkel, Principal Schmidt, Clerk Neitzel, and Clerk Quintero left the meeting at 9:06 a.m. Superintendent Penka, Clerk Neitzel, and Clerk Quintero returned to the meeting. Upon returning to the meeting, Chris Hingst, seconded by Bruce Swihart, made a motion to extend Superintendent Penka’s contract for the next two years; the motion carried.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 7:00 a.m.

At 9:17 a.m., Bruce Swihart moved that the meeting be adjourned; Chris Hingst seconded the motion, which was carried.

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