**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting –March 13, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Board President Troy Hilt in the administration office on the above date at 7:00 a.m. with everyone present. Principal Schmidt and Principal Dinkel were also present.

Chris Hingst made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; the motion was seconded by J.W. Milliken and carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the items on the consent calendar. A motion was then made by Bruce Swihart, seconded by Shawna Blanka, to approve the consent calendar, including the following items: a) The minutes of the regular Board meeting on February 13, 2025. b) A list of bills being paid on direct deposit slips numbering 0219001 – 0219077 and on checks numbering 18111-18168 on FNB Bank. c) The Cash Summary Report, the Grade School Activity Fund Report, and the High School Activity Fund Report – all as of February 28, 2025. d) Gift offers approved were $10,000 from SFCHS Wrestling Club for the purchase of a wrestling mat and $100 from the Booster Club to pay for a State Wrestling ad.

Audiences: Katisha Wiegers was present to observe.

Principal Schmidt and Katisha Wiegers will have the necessary scholarship information ready for the scholarship committee sometime later this month or the beginning of April. We will contact the scholarship committee members with a meeting day and time.

Under Old Business, Superintendent Penka discussed purchasing a program from Touch Pro. This is an electronic program that will have all yearbooks and class photos available on it so anyone that wants that information can access it. Shawna Blanka made a motion to commit to this project, seconded by Danielle McAtee and carried. Superintendent Penka will be in touch with the sales representative to get a closer quote on cost.

Next, Superintendent Penka presented the following resignations: Kim McGinnis as transportation director, Michael McGinnis resigning from his position as bus driver effective March 3, 2025; Laura Dietz, resigning her position as junior high girls’ head basketball coach; Doris Clingenpeel, resigning her position as cheer/pom sponsor; Morgan Sherlock, resigning her position as high school girls’ assistant basketball coach; Brock Waters, resigning his position as junior high basketball coach; and Jairo Rodriguez, resigning his position as the Business/Finance instructor.

Next, the Hiring Committee recommended hiring Adrienne Ehresman for an elementary teaching position for the 2025-2036 school year. Chris Hingst made a motion to approve the new hire; seconded by Dustin Andrist and carried. Bruce Swihart abstained from voting.

Next, Superintendent Penka requested a 30 minute executive session. Chris Hingst made the following motion; seconded by J. W. Milliken and carried: Mr. President, I move that the board recess into executive session to discuss the performance of individual staff members in order to protect their privacy pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:19 a.m. At 8:19 a.m. J. W. Milliken made a motion for an additional 10 minutes of executive session; seconded by Bruce Swihart and carried. The meeting resumed at 8:29 a.m.

At this time under New Business, Superintendent Penka discussed some of the staffing needs at this time. It was the consensus of the board to run an ad for the Transportation Director position.

Under New Business, after discussion, Shawna Blanka made a motion that an additional teacher, Arely Ramirez, be hired at the elementary school with the expectation that one of the new hires be an additional 5th grade teacher. The motion was seconded by J.W. Milliken and carried.

Next, under New Business, after discussion, J.W. Milliken made a motion to keep 6th grade sports. The board will be looking for an additional coach for boys’ junior high basketball. Motion was seconded by Chris Hingst and carried.

The Board was reminded that by law (K.S.A. 72-5411, as amended), a school board must notify a teacher in writing on or before the third Friday in May (May 16th this year) if said teacher’s contract will not be renewed; and a teacher must notify the school board in writing on or before 14 days after the third Friday in May (May 30th this year) if (s)he is resigning from their teaching contract.

Contract offers and proposed reassignments (if any) for the 2025-2026 school year can be acted on at the regular meeting on April 10, 2025, or at the May 8, 2025, meeting if necessary.

It was the consensus of the Board to give permission to Superintendent Penka to continue looking for a new vehicle, suburban or expedition.

Principal Schmidt reported that the high school had 96% attendance for Parent/Teacher conferences. Principal Dinkel reported that the grade school had 91% attendance. It was also reported that Assessment Tests will begin after Spring Break.

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on April 10, 2025, at 7:00 a.m.

At 8:45 a.m., J. W. Milliken moved that the meeting adjourn; the motion was seconded by Chris Hingst and carried.

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