

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President Skylar Rawlins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call: Billie Jo Russell, Dr. Becky Maher, Doug Garrett and Mardell Tomlonovic. Absent: Don Goodman, Jan Myers. Administrators present: Superintendent Lucas, Principal Jones, and Principal Summy.
- II. Approval of Agenda: Superintendent Lucas requested Discussion Item 8.1 be moved on the agenda to follow Recognition of Guests to accommodate meeting attendees. Tomlonovic moved, Maher seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5-0.
- III. Recognition of Guests: Several citizens spoke to the Board, requesting a policy be created to deny registered sex offenders on school property or at school events. A petition supporting this request was circulated in the community and presented to the Board.

Discussion Item 08.1 – Superintendent Lucas reviewed previous information regarding procedures adopted by other school districts, who handle those on the Registry on a case by case basis as this district does. In addition, no policy has been created and adopted by any school district at this date. Until a formal policy can be created and adopted, Superintendent Lucas requested the minutes reflect that this district will deny registered sex offenders, at any level, access to school property and events effective immediately, except for what is required by law. The Board requested he pursue development of such a policy, engaging legal and other resources for input and guidance.

- IV. Board Member Reports: Dr. Maher provided information to the Board from an IASB School Law Conference she attended. Tomlonovic requested information regarding the Property Manager position the district is advertising for. There was no additional information at this time, other than what was already provided via previous correspondence.

V. Administrator Reports:

Elementary - Track & Field Day was successful. Principal Summy thanked the nutrition staff and Larry Glasford for making the out cook out a success. In addition to the staff and students, there were 142 guests. Class plays and poems are scheduled for second, third, and fourth grades. Preschool graduation is Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> followed by last day of school activities on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. K-2 will have awards at 9:00 followed by grades 3-6 at 10:00. These assemblies will be in the gym. Dismissal will be at 1:30. On Data day and at transition meetings, staff will review student data that has been compiled over the year, then meet with the next grade level to transition students from grade level to grade level. These meetings include preschool to kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The new math series, teacher leadership & collaboration, and the preschool site visit were the major focuses of the 13-14 school year. The major areas of focus for the 2014-15 school year are: New reading series in grades K-8; Technology- The elementary will have 2 LearnPad tablet carts along with 2 ChromeBook carts, with professional development to learn how to incorporate technology into the classroom and enhance student learning; Department of Education's Early Literacy Initiative, which replaces DIBELS with the State-approved FAST assessment, and will provide summer training, and the Department of Education district site visit in February 2015. He is also reviewing the elementary handbook for updates and revisions. At this time, any changes would be clarification vs. policy. High School - Semester tests on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Scheduling for next year begins soon. State qualifying meet in Van Meter for both boys and girls and golf districts will be held this week. Softball and baseball seasons have begun. Promotion for 8<sup>th</sup> grade is Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The last Junior High Music Concert of the year was last Tuesday. Local Scholarships given out this last week was \$156,000. On top of this money given locally, our students easily qualified for well over \$275,000 in scholarships. Not bad for a small town group. There is one retirement this year. Ms. Pat Jesse is retiring at the end of the school year. A new 7<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher will be recommended and Principal Jones will be interviewing Social Studies teachers next week.

- VI. Consent Agenda: Russell moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the 4/21 minutes, the May payables and the April financials as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. Action Items:

07.1 Personnel Matters

Tomlonovic moved, Maher seconded to approve the recommendation to accept resignation of Pat Jesse as special education instructor effective the end of the 2013-14 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Russell moved, Garrett seconded to approve the recommendation to accept resignation of Michelle Grant as junior high volleyball coach effective immediately. Motion carried 5-0.

Russell moved, Maher seconded to approve the recommendation to hire Michelle Grant as high school head varsity volleyball coach for the upcoming 2014-15 season. Motion carried 5-0.

07.2 Maher moved, Garrett seconded to approve the recommendation to participate in the Iowa Association for Educational Purchasing Agreement for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

07.3 Russell moved, Garrett seconded to approve the recommendation to enter into a sharing agreement for the Alternative Basics and Beyond program with Newton schools for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

07.4 Garrett moved, Russell seconded to approve the recommendation to approve the settlement agreement for the CMEA teachers' association for the 2014-15 school year. Total package increase is 4.05%, total package cost \$142,908. Motion carried 5-0.

07.5 Maher moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation to approve the resolution reaffirming plans, specifications, contract form and estimate of cost for the elementary groundwater project. Motion carried 5-0.

07.6 Russell moved, Garrett seconded to approve the recommendation to approve the resolution approving the construction contract and bond for the elementary groundwater project. Motion carried 5-0.

07.7 Russell moved, Maher seconded to approve the recommendation to approve the overnight field trip request for the high school cheer squad to attend a camp in Missouri in June. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Discussion Items:

08.1 Discussion regarding access to school events and property for persons identified on the sex offender registry held earlier in the meeting.

08.2 Results of the Iowa Assessment tests shows great improvement in math and reading scores in all grades. This is a celebration for staff and students. All grades were at or near the eighty percent proficiency goal, with impressive improvements in many grades.

08.3 Principal Summy introduced criteria for the Early Literacy Initiative, many of which the district already meets. This is an ongoing process, with direction still coming forward from the Department of Education. Updates will be provided as the program progresses.

IX. Superintendent's Report: None at this time.

X. Adjourn: Tomlonovic moved to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Time 8:17 pm.

APPROVAL

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Skylar Rawlins, Board of Directors Vice-President

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Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary