

MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248  
GIRARD, KS  
JANUARY 14, 2021

The Board of Education of Unified School District 248 met in the GHS/GMS Library on Thursday, January 14, 2021, no ZOOM. President, Dave Goble, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present were: Roger Breneman, Dave Goble, Lori Johnson, Peggy Marshall, Kelly Peak, and Dale Shireman. Also present were: Superintendent, Blaise Bauer; Clerk, Becky Mein; HS Principal, Todd Ferguson; HS Assistant Principal, Chris Swartz; MS Principal, BJ Pruitt; RVH Principal, Tina Daniel; RVH Assistant Principal, Joni Benso; Greg Vahrenberg, Raymond James; and Cecily Perry, Hometown Girard.

Absent: Beth Murphy, Board Member; and Laurie Masters, Treasurer.

Dale Shireman moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion for the approval of the agenda with the following addition: 21C-Employment-Food Service Cook; approval of the minutes of the December 10, 2020 board meeting, approval of the treasurer's report and the bills be approved for payment, amounting to \$457,008.67. Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Roger Breneman moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion to approve the following donations: \$250.00-Trish Self-RVH Student Resource Fund; and \$1,000.00-ETCO-GHS Student Resource Fund. Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Greg Vahrenberg, with Raymond James, presented information on bond refinancing.

Kelly Peak moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion "A resolution authorizing and providing for the sale, issuance and delivery of taxable general obligation refunding bonds, series 2021, of the Unified School District No. 248, Crawford County, Kansas (Girard), for the purpose of providing funds to refund a portion of the issuer's outstanding general obligation bonds; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due; making certain covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof and authorizing certain other documents and actions connected therewith." Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Roger Breneman moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion to approve the amended Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Extension for USD 248 Staff, as presented. Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Peggy Marshall moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to approve the KSDE Professional Development Waiver to Count 20 Hours of Staff Professional Development as Student Contact Hours. Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Dale Shireman moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to approve an amendment to the 2020-2021 District School Calendar, as presented. Motion carried. 6 – 0.

HS Principal, Todd Ferguson, discussed the preliminary 2021-2022 District School Calendar. Board Member, Peggy Marshall, will be the Board Representative on the Calendar Committee.

Peggy Marshall moved, Dale Shireman approved the following KASB Board Policies: EBBD-Evacuations & Emergencies; GAR-Communicable Diseases; JBE-Education Pays Form (Parent Consent and Waiver); JBE Waiver of Compulsory Attendance Form; JGCA-Local Health and Wellness; JGCA-Sample District Health and Wellness Plan; JGCC-Communicable Diseases; and JHCAA-Gang Intimidation. Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Superintendent, Blaise Bauer, provided information on the ESSER Funding updates for both ESSER I and ESSER II Funds.

Superintendent, Blaise Bauer, presented information on the “Back to School Plan”/ COVID Updates.

Superintendent, Blaise Bauer, presented information on the Facilities update.

Principal reports were distributed in the Board Packets.

Roger Breneman and Lori Johnson had the opportunity to report from the Interlocal and Greenbush.

Dale Shireman moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion for Executive Session at 7:08 pm, for a period of 10 minutes, for discussion of Non-Elected Personal exception under KOMA, with Board Members and Superintendent present. Motion carried. 6 – 0. Superintendent, Blaise Bauer, was excused from the Executive Session at 7:15 pm.

Back to regular session at 7:18 pm.

Dale Shireman moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion for Executive Session at 7:18 pm, for a period of 4 minutes, for discussion of Non-Elected Personal exception under KOMA, with Board Members, Superintendent and Building Administrators present. Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Back to regular session at 7:22 pm.

Lori Johnson moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion to approve the employment of Heather Culbertson as RVH Instructor for the 2021-2022 school year.

No action taken on items 21-B-Superintendent’s Contract Extension, or 21-C-Food Service employee.

Dale Shireman moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the retirement of Steve Curran, GHS Math Instructor. Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Peggy Marshall moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion for adjournment of the meeting at 7:23 pm. Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Becky Mein  
Clerk