

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Ulysses Board of Education**  
**Unified School District No. 214 - Grant County**

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The Board met in **Regular** Session **Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** President Margaret Nightengale  
Vice President Jim Wilson  
Chris Branch  
Dave Otis  
Ron Smith  
Rodney Wilkie

**Members Absent:** Clay Scott

**Others Present:** Superintendent Dave Younger  
Assistant Superintendent Rodger Hilton  
Board Clerk Lori Barlow  
\* Others - See List

**Others Absent:**

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- (1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Nightengale at 7:00 p.m.
- (2) **\*ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Superintendent Younger added Odyssey of the Mind presentation to item 6. The amended agenda was adopted on a motion by Dave Otis — seconded by Chris Branch — motion carried 6-0.
- (3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Dave Otis — seconded by Ron Smith — motion carried 6-0, for the following:  
  
Regular Board of Education Meeting — March 13, 2017  
Special Board of Education Meeting — March 17, 2017
- (4) **\*APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Ron Smith moved to approve the transfer from the General Fund on an "as need basis" to cover expenses attributed to the Food Service, Transportation, Vocational Education, and Bilingual Special Funds, and to pay bills in the amount of \$266,043.32 — seconded by Dave Otis — motion carried 6-0.
- (5) **NON-ACTION ITEMS PUBLIC FORUM:** Lucy Guerra, substitute cook, addressed the Board regarding an incident that took place in the kitchen at Sullivan Elementary.

(6) **REPORTS:**

- a. **Correspondence** — President Nightengale read thank you notes from Leasa Seger and Nikki Garcia thanking the Board for their donation of books to Grant County Library in memory of their son and mother respectively.
- b. **Odyssey of the Mind** — Karen Stinson, Misti Becker and Aaron Hammond were present to inform the Board they had taken their teams to state this past weekend and two of the teams qualified for worlds. Sullivan Elementary's team and UHS's team both qualified for worlds to be held at Michigan State University May 24-27, 2017. They requested permission to take the students out of state and \$1,500 for each first place team to go toward expenses. The remainder of the money will be raised through fundraising should the parents and students decide to move forward. This would include 19 students and 5 adult sponsors. Chris Branch moved to approve their request to take the out of state trip and supply up to \$3,000 in expenses for the two teams — seconded by Ron Smith — motion carried 6-0.
- c. **High Plains Educational Cooperative (HPEC)** — Ron Smith reported that HPEC Board met on March 23, 2017. They approved resignations and new contracts. Marcy gave a list of recruiting fairs they had attended. She reported on open positions, staff development and August inservice dates.
- d. **Principal Reports** — Mark Paul stated that several students had made it to state in choir, band, FFA, forensics and Odyssey of the Mind. He reported that over 200 students attended prom and it was a good evening. Scott Meitler thanked Nikki Garcia for coordinating the Title I family nights. A.C. Barker reported on the All in for Ashland fundraiser Hickok and Sullivan students did for the fire victims in Ashland. They raised close to \$5,000. Juan Perez stated that several students won awards at the GWAC art show held recently in Holcomb.
- e. **Curriculum & Instruction** — Assistant Superintendent Hilton reported that KITE had some issues, but state assessments are nearly complete. MAP testing will begin later this month. He stated that he is actively recruiting new teachers. There will be summer school this year, 9 days after school is out and 9 days prior to the start of the 2017-2018 school year. There will be credit recovery and remediation classes at UHS. These will be paid for with migrant and title funds. Assistant Superintendent Hilton also commended Nikki Garcia for her hard work of coordinating the Title I family nights.
- f. **Superintendent's Report** — Superintendent Younger asked for the Board's permission to sell a 1993 Chevy Suburban and some unused sewing machines at UHS. Ron Smith moved to approve the sale of the suburban and the unused sewing machines — seconded by Dave Otis — motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Younger reminded Board members that with the date changes for school board elections the filing deadline is

June 1<sup>st</sup>, the primary is August 1<sup>st</sup>, and the general election is November 7<sup>th</sup>. He shared that the legislature is working on the school finance plan and are reverting back to the per pupil base aid, starting with \$4,006 per pupil and going up \$200 each year. They are discussing funding all day kindergarten, additional funding for at-risk students, and professional development for teachers. Superintendent Younger will be attending the Council of Superintendents in Topeka later this week. He then shared photos from around the district.

(7) **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA)** — The district leadership team will have their final meeting of the school year with Dr. Gillespie on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

(8) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Food Service presentation** — Steve Adams, a representative of OPAA!, a food service management company, was in attendance to present how they can make homemade food affordable for the district through purchasing power. He stated they can increase participation through quality and choice. They are in full compliance with federal, state and local regulations. They have an app that parents can download which has the monthly menu with pictures and nutritional information. Employees can remain employees of the district or they can become employees of OPAA!. The director of food service would be an employee of OPAA!. They bring in a team for the first few weeks of implementation. They have a 99% retention rate and require 60 days notice to terminate.
- b. **ELA presentation** — Nikki Garcia, Pam Patrick, Barbara Hart, Samantha Pixler and Ginger Hartman, English Language Arts teachers at Sullivan and Hickok, shared with the Board how they are using the Journeys curriculum purchased two years ago. At Hickok they supplement the Journeys curriculum with Pathways. Journeys is inclusive in that it teaches reading, writing, grammar and spelling. The skills spiral within grade level and on to the next grade level.

(9) **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. **Bonus Movement** — The following teachers qualify for Bonus Movement: Candee Amerin, Tammy Barb, Dan Billinger, Bob Buhr, Teresa Johnson, Becky Schloemer, and Karen Stinson. Superintendent Younger recommended bonus movement for these teachers. Ron Smith moved to approve bonus movement for the seven teachers who qualify — seconded by Chris Branch — motion carried 6-0.

(10) **REVIEW LITIGATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:** None

- (11) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 8:50 p.m. Chris Branch moved to go into executive session for twenty (20) minutes to discuss personnel matters of

nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed; and that the Board will return to the open meeting at 9:10 p.m. — seconded by Rodney Wilkie — motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Younger and Assistant Superintendent Hilton were invited into the executive session.

The Board of Education returned to the open meeting at 9:10 p.m.

At 9:11 p.m. Rodney Wilkie moved to go into executive session for twenty (20) minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed; and that the Board will return to the open meeting at 9:31 p.m. — seconded by Ron Smith — motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Younger and Assistant Superintendent Hilton were invited into the executive session.

The Board of Education returned to the open meeting at 9:31 p.m.

- (12) **PERSONNEL:** Superintendent Younger read a letter of resignation from Lynn Barnes, counselor at Kepley Middle School. Dave Otis moved to approve the resignation of Lynn Barnes as counselor at Kepley Middle School — seconded by Chris Branch — motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Younger read a letter of resignation from Peggy Moore, teacher at Hickok Elementary School. Dave Otis moved to accept the resignation of Peggy Moore, teacher at Hickok Elementary School, with regrets — seconded by Chris Branch — motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Younger recommended the Board approve the early retirements of Peggy Moore and Randy Phillips. Chris Branch moved to approve the early retirement of Peggy Moore and Randy Phillips — seconded by Ron Smith — motion carried 6-0.

- (13) **NEGOTIATIONS:** At 9:35 p.m. Chris Branch moved to go into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract; and that the Board will return to the open meeting at 9:50 p.m. — seconded by President Nightengale — motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Younger and Assistant Superintendent Hilton were invited into the executive session.

The Board of Education returned to the open meeting at 9:50 p.m.

At 9:51 p.m. Ron Smith moved to go into executive session for five (5) minutes to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract; and that the Board will return to the open meeting at 9:56 p.m. — seconded by Chris Branch — motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Younger and Assistant Superintendent Hilton were invited into the executive session.

The Board of Education returned to the open meeting at 9:56 p.m.

(14) **OTHER:** None.

(15) **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

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Vice-President Jim Wilson

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Board Member Chris Branch

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Board Member Dave Otis

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Board Member Rodney Wilkie

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Board Clerk Lori Barlow

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Recorded by: Lori Barlow  
\*Attachments