

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

The Board met in **Regular** Session **February 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.**

Members Present: President Carol Tarbet
Vice-President Jim Wilson
Beaty Annis
Chris Branch
Joel Jarnagin
Margaret Nightengale
Kara Wilkie

Members Absent:

Others Present: Superintendent Bill Hall
Assistant Superintendent/Board Clerk Bonita Deiter
Attorney Dave Black

* Others - See List

Others Absent:

(1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Tarbet at 7:30 p.m.

(2) ***ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The agenda was adopted on a motion by Chris Branch—seconded by Margaret Nightengale—motion carried 7-0.

(3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Joel Jarnagin—seconded by Kara Wilkie—motion carried 7-0, for the following:

Special Board Meeting—January 10, 2011; 6:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting—January 10, 2011

(4) **CORRESPONDENCE:** No report.

(5) ***APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Margaret Nightengale moved to approve the transfer from the General Fund on an "as need basis" to cover expenses attributed to the Transportation, Vocational Education, and Bilingual Special Funds, and to pay bills in the amount of \$932,116.51 --seconded by Kara Wilkie—motion carried 7-0.

(6) **STUDENT REPORTS:** Fifth grade students, Megan Nightengale, Rachel Pauda, Justin Giesbrecht, Koby Erives, Chase Bledsoe, and Mela Sullivan, presented information about their science project on the proper nutrition for rats. The students identified specific state standards that were related to their science experiments with the rats. Fifth grade teachers Mrs. Shelley Phelps, Ms. Susan Alexander, and Mrs. Kristi Kunselman were also present to share information with the Board. The students showed their class rats to the Board of Education. UCLA students Matthew Ochoa and Abraham Jaramillo, and Sponsors Lorrie Munsell and Ricky Atayde reported on their recent class trip to ITT Tech, Eisenhower Museum at Abilene, and the *Brown vs Board of Education* school in Topeka. The students also reported that they were able to participate in a march commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr..

(7) **NON-ACTION ITEMS PUBLIC FORUM:** No report.

(8) **HPEC REPORT:** Kara Wilkie reported that they had approved the annual audit report. Kara Wilkie noted that Gail Gillespie was appointed as the new Director of HPEC starting with the 2011-2012 school year.

(9) **BUILDING REPORTS**

High School: Principal Rodger Hilton reported that attendance is averaging around 93%. The yearbook dinner was held Saturday night. Mr. Hilton thanked Joel Jarnagin and 5 Rivers Cattle Feeders for their donation of meat for the dinner. Students presented different song and dance routines. Spring state testing starts in early March and runs into early May. Mr. Hilton noted that in planning for next year, UHS may be able to offer classes in AP Biology and concurrent Chemistry. They are also studying the possibility of implementing AVID in 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Hilton noted that Activities Director Jason Kenny asked him to remind the Board of the Pink Out at the basketball game Tuesday, February 15th. Spring sports season start February 28th.

Assistant Principal Ron Smith encouraged Board members to attend the Pink Out basketball games on Tuesday, February 15th.

Sullivan School: Principal Larry Geist reported that students have finished winter testing of MAPS and DIBELS. The PLC groups are now analyzing the data. The 4th grade teachers are piloting a new class schedule that would allow Tier 2 and Tier 3 classes in the day. The Grant County Spelling Bee is February 16th at Sullivan gym at 2:00 p.m.

Kepley School: Principal Juan Perez reported that PLCs are continuing their discussions. Spring state testing starts in early March and runs into early May. Mr. Perez noted that they have started work on next year's schedule.

Assistant Principal Rico Perez noted that there are 12 students involved in Scholar's Bowl and the Music Festival has been rescheduled to March 2nd at Colby.

Ulysses Career Learning Academy: In Mrs. Koop's absence, teacher Lorrie Munsell reported that there are 26 students currently enrolled. The students are organizing a health fair for Sullivan students.

(10) **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION REPORT:** Assistant Superintendent Bonnie Deiter shared the results of the Structured Walkthrough observations and how that data can be used to determine professional development needs for teachers. Mrs. Deiter also noted that UHS Science teacher, Wendy Calderwood has received her "Teacher Leader" endorsement from KSDE. She shared that the District Inservice scheduled for Friday, February 18th will allow time for teachers to meet in PLC groups.

(11) **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Superintendent Bill Hall reported that he attended the Legislative coffee on Saturday and met with Senator Steve Morris. Mr. Hall noted that the talk out of Topeka is looking at more cuts to education. Senator Morris reported on a current bill to increase employee contribution to 6% for KPERS and to increase the employers' contribution also. The KSDE auditor is in the district this week. There is no school on Monday, February 21st in observance of President's Day.

(12) **PRESENTATION FROM TRC GROUP ATTENDING NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE:** KMS teachers Gary Hart, Amy Wartman, Georjean Perez, KMS Principal Juan Perez, and District Technology Director Matt Stein shared information they gathered from their attendance at a national technology conference. Some ideas that were shared were: use of quick-on devices (IPAD, Nooks, and Kindles); Promethean boards; new technologies being produced for schools at reduced costs; and Android technology. The teachers also noted that they received much free information and free web sites that related to technology use in education.

(13) **ACTION ON RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MITIGATION PLAN(Action):** Superintendent Hall and Grant County Emergency Management Director Don Button presented information on the county mitigation plan. Margaret Nightengale moved to approve the resolution to adopt the County/USD 214 Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, USD 214, with the assistance from *E-Fm Consulting, LLC, Plan Author*, has gathered information and prepared this portion of the *Grant Count KS Multi-Jurisdictional Plan*; and,

WHEREAS, USD 214 Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 C.F.R. 201.6; and,

WHEREAS, USD 214 is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, USD 214 *School Board* has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by USD 214 *School Board* that USD 214 adopts the Grant County KS/USD 214 Multijurisdictional Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

—Beaty Annis seconded the motion—motion carried 7-0.

ADOPTED this 14th day of February, 2011 at the meeting of the USD 214 Board of Education.

(14) AINFORMATION ON UPDATING DISTRICT FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS:

Superintendent Hall updated the Board on upgrading of the district fire alarm systems in Joyce and Kepley schools, Tiger Pit, and Kepley gym.

(15) REVIEW OF PUBLISHED CAPITAL OUTLAY RESOLUTION:

Superintendent Hall reviewed the published capital outlay resolution adopted at the special board meeting on January 10, 2011.

(16) REVIEW & DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT BUDGET REDUCTION PLAN:

Superintendent Hall reviewed the District budget reduction plan that was developed last year.

(17) REVIEW AND SET DATES FOR SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS:

The Board set March 28th, 2011 as the date for their Quarterly Planning meeting and April 27, 2011 for a special meeting to discuss certified personnel.

(18) PERSONNEL:

Assistant Superintendent Bonnie Deiter recommended that the Board approve PDC transcripts for Rick Cue for 259.5 points and for Sonia Rojas for 239 points. Margaret Nightengale moved to approve PDC transcripts for Rick Cue for 259.5 points and for Sonia Rojas for 239 points—seconded by Joel Jarnagin—motion carried 7-0.

Margaret Nightengale moved to extend Superintendent Hall's contract by one year to expire June 30, 2013—seconded by Joel Jarnagin—motion carried 7-0

(19) REVIEW LITIGATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: No report.

(20) NEGOTIATIONS: No report.

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The Board of Education took a short break and returned to open session at 10:02 p.m.

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(21) **OTHER:** At 10:03 p.m. Margaret Nightengale moved to go into executive session for 15 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 10:18 p.m. – Beaty Annis seconded the motion—motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Bill Hall, Assistant Superintendent Bonnie Deiter, UHS Principal Rodger Hilton, and Attorney Dave Black were invited into the executive session.

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 10:18 p.m.

(22) **EXECUTIVE SESSION and/or ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

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Board Clerk Bonita Deiter

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Recorded by: Bonita Deiter
*Attachments