

Doniphan County Education Coop #616
Regular Board Meeting
March 22, 2023
6:15 pm

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by President Sue Bartley at 6:15 pm. (Call to Order)

A moment of silence was taken. (Moment of Silence)

Steve Bowe & Nathan Geiger (arrived at 6:17) -Troy.
Wes Keller and John Gladhart- Doniphan West.
Sue Bartley & Barb Derrick -Riverside.
Pat McKernan- Troy Superintendent, and Dr. Volora Hanzlicek - Doniphan West Superintendent
Kristin Franken- Director, Sheila Marriott- Clerk. (Members Present)

John Whetzal - Riverside Superintendent. (Members Absent)

Becky Martinez (Teacher Representative)

No Patron Visitors

Wes Keller made a motion to approve the agenda.
Steve Bowe seconded. Motion carried (5-0). (Agenda)

Wes Keller made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
John Gladhart seconded. Motion carried (5-0). (Consent Agenda)

No Patron Communications

Informational Items:
Director Report

All vacant paraprofessional positions have been filled. December 1 count numbers are official, DCEC is servicing 309 students with IEP's for the 2022-23 school year. Updated referral forms have been created to streamline the paperwork that comes into DCEC from the districts. Negotiations letter has been prepared and will be mailed by March 31, 2023. The board was updated on the state level funding for special education which is now being tied to the voucher bill. DCEC will have to participate in the "Alternative Monitoring for Adult Jails Self-Assessment". Mrs. Franken will be working on the assessment which is due by June 1, 2023.

Steve Bowe made a motion to go into Executive Session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and discuss individual contracts pursuant to nonelected personnel exception under KOMA, the open meeting will resume at 6:40 pm.
Wes Keller seconded. Motion carried (6-0).
The Superintendents and Director were invited to the executive session. (Executive Session)

Meeting resumed at 6:40 pm.

Nathan Geiger made a motion to go into Executive Session for 5 minutes to discuss negotiations to protect interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract to be discussed under KOMA, the open meeting with resume in the board room at 6:45 pm.
Steve Bowe seconded. Motion carried (6-0).
The Superintendents and Director were invited to the executive session. (Executive Session)

Meeting resumed at 6:45 pm.

Action Resulting from Executive session:

Kristin Franken recommended the board approve the resignation of teacher Kourtney Marlowe at the end of the 2022-23 school year. (Executive Session)
Wes Keller made a motion to approve the recommendation.
John Gladhart seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Kristin Franken recommended the board approve a contract for SLP Blair Halter for the 2023-24 school year. (Executive Session)
Nathan Geiger made a motion to approve the recommendation.
Wes Keller seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Kristin Franken recommended the board approve a teaching contract for Levi Watts for the 2023-24 school year and approve him to take part in the loan forgiveness program. (Teacher Contract)
Wes Keller made a motion to approve the recommendation.
John Gladhart seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Kristin Franken recommended the board approve the resignations of Para Professional Katie Herie. (Para Resignation)
Nathan Geiger made a motion to approve the recommendation.
Wes Keller seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Kristin Franken recommended the board approve the resignation of Para Professional Jo Keller at the end 2022-23 school year. (Para Resignation)
Steve Bowe made a motion to approve the recommendation.
Barb Derrick seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Kristin Franken recommended the board approve Para Professional contracts for Pam Kostman, Jessica Herrera, and Amber Logan. (Para Contracts)
Wes Keller made a motion to approve the recommendation.
Steve Bowe seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

The FY '22 Audit prepared by Varney & Associates was presented to the board. A short discussion was held regarding the audit. The audit report showed no significant issues, all records were found to be in good order.

Kristin Franken recommended the board approve the FY '22 Financial Statement and Audit. (FY '22 Audit)
Nathan Geiger made a motion to approve the recommendation.
Steve Bowe seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Kristin Franken let the board know that the Interlocal Agreement needs to be updated, it has not been updated since 2009. There are several items that are outdated along outdated exceptionalities verbiage. Once she has updated the agreement, she will submit to KSDE for approval.

Discussion between the director, board, and superintendents was held regarding the need to review district assessment funds, as there have been no increases since 2009.

Wes Keller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. (Adjourn)
Steve Bowe. Motion Carried (6-0)

Sheila Marriott, Board Clerk

Date