

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 15, 2018

President Mitch Feldman called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mitch Feldman, Marie Sweley, Steve Heapy, April Gross, and Bill Howard.

Visitors: Brian Johnson and Cannon Blauvelt.

President Mitch Feldman announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room.

Steve Heapy made a motion to excuse Jim Holm from the meeting. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 5-0.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Bill Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried 5-0.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,111,977.66 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$224,490.63 were presented for payment. Marie Sweley made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 5-0.

In the Principal's Report Mr. Drew discussed staff recognition; Mrs. Varah was rewarded Nebraska Art Teacher of the Year and Brian Johnson received \$1000 award from Farm Bureau for dedication to agricultural education and an additional \$1000 grant to attend the National Agricultural Educational program. CONGRATULATIONS!!! Field Trips; Sophomore Science went to the Planetarium and IMAX in Hastings, K,1,2,5,6 went to Plum Creek Literacy Festival in Seward, Spring results for NSCAS are not yet in, Mrs. Poland planning college visits, Financial Aid night, and bringing on speakers to talk over lunch, Rifle club has nine members and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Pressey shoot, The Band consisting of 20 members including 6,7,8 marched in Minden, and End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter should be sending out report cards this week.

Wade Finley reported on recognition of the LEA for the 2020-2021 negotiations, district Audit, state education conference, building and grounds, and joint coop meeting.

April Gross moved to recommend that the Litchfield Education Association to be the exclusive bargaining agent for the districts certified staff for 2020-2021 contract year. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 5-0.

The District Audit will take place on October 17<sup>th</sup> and the in-house audit of the district's financial records for 2017-18 school year will occur that day also.

State Education Conference has been registered for and will be attended by Bill Howard, Steve Heapy, April Gross, and Wade Finley on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Wade discussed the new exit doors to both locker rooms that will be installed, weight room update and time frame to get it available to the public, door and lights update, called Miller and Associates and still waiting for a reply, sent out a questionnaire to teachers and staff for long range planning ideas to discuss to further explore. Also discussed taking care of alley by old tennis court and waiting for city to check it out and will spray sooner next year to stay ahead of the weeds.

We will be having a joint Board meeting with Ansley's Board around the first part of November possibly and it will be in Litchfield.

Jim Holm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Second Bill Howard. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on November 19, 2018. The agenda is a continuous agenda and is available for examination during regular hours at the office of the Superintendent. Public notice of the meeting will be given in the Small Town Times Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley  
Board Secretary