

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
April 15, 2019

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

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

Jim Holm made a motion to count Steve Heapy absent and excused. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 5-0.

Visitors: Jeralynn Moser, and Brian Moser .

President Mitch Feldman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room, and also indicated the instructions for those who wish to speak during the public forum.

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

The treasurer reported a balance of \$925,973.13 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$203,529.45 were presented for payment. Jim Holm made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 5-0.

Matt Drew reported on NSCAS testing is complete but Science(preparation – Pep rally, Breakfast, Teachers set goals, ACT is complete, FBLA (nine students completed at state, Sweepstakes trophy 18th Consecutive Year, Two students qualified for Nationals in San Antonio), FFA(Ag Mechanics Team placed 21st out of 50, First FFA State Degree-Chris Paitz-, Top 10 Programs competing in the I Believe in the Future of Agriculture Program), APL Training with Elm Creek @ ESU, Next year schedule changes; make Access more Valuable, Friday class ends at 2:30 and Monday-Thursday end at 3:32, Have JH Band be the 7th period to allow travel time.

In the Superintendent's Report Wade Finley discussed Policy updates, ESU 10 ESSA Title Cooperative Agreement, Approval of local substitute Teacher, Fort Kearney Conference, Personnel Update, Computer plan for 2019-2020 and beyond, Road bids update, Long Range Planning; Building and Grounds, and Board Evaluations.

Marie Sweley made a motion to recommend that the Board adopts the Policies 716.00 & 717.00. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley made a motion to participate in the ESU 10 Title 1 Cooperative for the school year 2019-2020. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley made a motion to recommend that the district approve local substitute teaching certificate for Mariah Sekutera. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 5-0.

April Gross made a motion to recommend that we officially accept the invite and join the Fort Kearney Conference starting the 2019-2020 school year. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel update was giving on different coaching openings and the Board discussed the pros and cons and each one and then the opening of the Spanish position was also discussed.

Jim Holm made the motion to purchase new computers for the teachers as soon as possible and then the remaining Chromebook in the fall. Second by April Gross. Motion carried 5-0.

Jim Holm made a motion to go with the Full Circle bid for thicker concrete over a bigger area for the pour of the road project and Lammers with the removal and leveling with the money coming out of the depreciation fund. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 5-0.

Long Range planning was discussed with what direction the Board wants to go with but to hold off and to watch our spending and bank up funds for later projects. The Board also discussed items from their self-evaluation how to improve and better these aspects.

Jim Holm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on May 20, 2019. 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