

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

The Board met in Regular Session on August 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Ron Smith
Diana Nunez
Chad McCormick
Mike Meyer
Kasey Krueger
Daron Cowan
Nichole Winner

Members Absent:

Others Present: Superintendent Corey Burton & Assistant
Superintendent Kevin Warner
* Others - See List

Others Absent: Board Clerk Dawn Oakes

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Ron Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Kasey Krueger motioned to adopt the agenda. - Second by Daron Cowan - motion carried 7-0.
 4. **NON-ACTION PUBLIC FORUM:** None
 5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Superintendent Corey Burton handed the BOE members letters from KSBRC.
 6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Daron Cowan motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented - Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.
 - a. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - i. Regular Board of Education meeting - July 8, 2024
 - b. **Approval of Bills:**
 - i. Approved the transfer from the General Fund on an "as needed basis" to cover expenses attributed to the Food Service, Transportation, Vocational Education, and Bilingual Special Funds and to pay bills for **\$861,940.87**.
 - c. **High Plains Education Cooperative Board Min (HPEC):** July 15, 2024

7. **REPORTS:**

- a. **Principal Reports:** The buildings principals submitted written reports to the BOE. Principals provided a brief oral report and answered questions from the BOE.
- b. **Assistant Superintendent Report:** Kevin Warner submitted a written report to the BOE. Mr. Warner provided a brief oral report on the New Teacher Academy, Professional Development, and UCLC numbers. He responded to questions from the BOE.
- c. **Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Corey Burton gave a verbal report to the BOE about upcoming activities in the district that included the following: City of Ulysses & Grant County Economic Development strategic plan, roofing update, Turf Tank, and popcorn factory.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Summer 2025 Capital Outlay Project:** Nick Nemechek and Desiree Miller with GMCN Architects, Kristofer Upson and Alan Youngers with McCownGordon presented information to the BOE regarding the potential capital improvement projects for the Summer of 2025 (Kitchen & cafeteria remodel at Hickok Elementary and Sullivan Elementary; UHS wood & metal shops).
- b. **Budget Needs Assessment:** Superintendent Corey Burton reviewed with the BOE the budget needs assessment that the building principals and District SITE Council completed for the 2024-2025 school year.
- c. **2024-2025 Budget & RNR:** Superintendent Corey Burton reviewed with the BOE the 2024-2025 budget process, budget hearing, and the RNR hearing. Budget Hearing will be September 9, 2024 at 5:55 p.m. and the RNR hearing will be September 9, 2024 at 5:50 p.m. for the budget of the 2024-2025 school year.

9. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **USD 214 School Bond:** Superintendent Corey Burton reviewed with the BOE the school bond process and discussed with the BOE when the BOE would like to approach another attempt at a school bond.

10. **NEGOTIATIONS:** At 7:36 p.m. President Ron Smith made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes for the purpose of discussing matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest under KOMA and the open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:46 p.m. - Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Corey Burton and Kevin Warner were invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 7:46 p.m.

11. **ACTIONS ITEMS:**

- a. **USD 214 Crisis Plan:** Diana Nunez motioned to accept the USD 214 Crisis Plan as presented.- Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 7-0.
- b. **2024-2025 Teacher Employment Agreement:** Daron Cowan motioned to approve the 2024-2025 Teacher Employment Agreement with G.C.T.A. as presented.- Second by Diana Nunez. The motion carried 7-0.
- c. **Para/Custodian Pay Schedule:** Kasey Krueger motioned to approve updated Para/Custodian pay schedule as presented.- Second by Daron Cowan - motion carried 7-0.
- d. **Admin/Director/Secretary/Other Pay Increase:** Kasey Krueger motioned to approve the pay increases for the Administration/Directors/Secretary/Others as presented.- Second by Diana Nunez- motion carried 7-0.
- e. **School Resource Officer MOU:** Daron Cowan motioned to approve the School Resource Officer MOU with the Ulysses Police Department.- Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.
- f. **Grant County Recreation Commission Board Member Recommendation:** Mike Meyer motioned to appoint Amelia Archuleta to the Grant County Recreation Commission Board .- Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 7-0.
- g. **Handbook Approval:** Daron Cowan motioned to approve the USD 214 Classified, Certified, Administration, & Substitute Handbooks as presented.- Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.
- h. **Track Resurface Project:** Kasey Krueger made a motion to accept the base bid 2 with options #1 plus #4 from Pro Track and Tennis Inc. in the amount of \$222,800.- Second by Mike Meyer- motion carried 7-0.
- i. **KMS Auditorium lighting Project:** Daron Cowan motioned to accept the low bid from T&M Stage in the amount of \$170,275.99 and DCS managing the project to upgrade the KMS auditorium lighting system.- Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.
- j. **Donations:** Daron Cowan made the motions to accept the donations form the GEER II- Registered Apprenticeship in the amount of \$40,538.46 for the Kansas Registered Teacher Apprenticeship program and the MeadowLark Grant: Leading Apprenticeship Results in Kansas in the amount of \$112,000.00 for the Kansas Registered Teacher Apprenticeship program.- Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 7-0.
- k. **Disposal of Surplus Equipment:** Chad McCormickmade the motion to dispose of the 12 X 16 foot building located on the parking lot south of the KMS Gym. The district will advertise the sale of the building by closed bid and the building will need to be moved by the party that purchases the building- Second by Nichole Winner - motion carried 7-0.
- l. **Class of 2028 Graduation Requirements:** Kasey Krueger made a motion to approved the updated Class of 2028 graduation requirements as presented. - Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. At 8:28 p.m., President Ron Smith made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss the purpose of matters relating to personnel matters of nonelected personnel to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable and pursuant to the exemption of nonelected personnel under KOMA. The open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:32 p.m. - Second by Daron Cowan - motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Corey Burton and Kevin Warner were invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 8:32 p.m.

13. **PERSONNEL:**

- a. **Resignations:** Daron Cowan motioned to accept the resignation of Laura Hill (KMS 7th Grade Head Volleyball Coach). - Second by Chad McCormick- Motion carried 7-0.
- b. **Contracts:** Diana Nunez motioned to accept the contracts of Sarah “Aster” Mile (Sullivan Para), Gina Ballesteros (KMS PE Teacher), Andrea Garcia (KMS Custodian), Tracy Williams (Sullivan Para), Kim Brom (UHS Acellus Para), Angela Anderson (UHA ISS Aid), Doug Munsell (Half-time UHS Welding Teacher- mornings), and Rachel Spencer (7th Grade Head Volleyball Coach). - Second by Kasey Krueger - motion carried 7-0.

14. **OTHER:**

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

- a. At 8:35 p.m., Daron Cowan motioned to adjourn. Diana Nunez seconded the motion, which carried 7-0.

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President Ron Smith

Vice-President Diana Nunez

Board Member Chad McCormick

Board Member Daron Cowan

Board Member Mike Meyer

Board Member Nichole Winner

Board Member Kasey Krueger

Alt. Board Clerk Kevin Warner

Board Clerk: Dawn Oakes
Recorded by: Kevin Warner
*Attachments