

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

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

Members Present: Ron Smith
Diana Nunez
Daron Cowan
Nichole Winner
Chad McCormick

Members Absent: Mike Meyer
Kasey Krueger

Others Present: Superintendent Corey Burton, Assistant Superintendent
& Director of Student Learning Kevin Warner, Board
Clerk Dawn Oakes
* Others - See List

Others Absent:

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Ron Smith at 6:00 p.m.
 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Daron Cowan motioned to adopt the agenda with the following amendments: remove Action Item 10-g, change Action Item 10-l to read UHS Football uniforms, add 12-b-vi, and add 14-a Executive Session for information dealing with a student.- Second by Daron Cowan - motion carried 5-0.
 4. **NON-ACTION PUBLIC FORUM:** None
 5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Superintendent Corey Burton provided a letter to the BOE members from KASB.
 6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Nichole Winner motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented - Second by Diana Nunez- motion carried 5-0.
 - a. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - i. Regular Board of Education meeting - January 9, 2023.
 - 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 in the amount of **\$1, 230,192.45**

- c. **High Plains Education Cooperative Board Min (HPEC):** January 19, 2024.

7. **REPORTS:**

- a. **Student and/or Staff report:** The KMS Girls' wrestling team thanked the BOE for their support this year and for purchasing the girls' wrestling singlet. The Kansas Teacher of the Year (KTOY) of USD 214 thanked the BOE for their support and recognition. The KTOY teachers invited the BOE members to the KTOY Region 1 banquet on April 5, 2024. Mr. Zach Peach presented to the BOE of education about hosting a UHS Tech Golf Tournament as a fundraiser for the UHS Tech Club.
- b. **Principal Reports -** The building principals submitted written reports to the BOE and gave a brief verbal report.
- c. **Assistant Superintendent/Director of Student Learning Report:** Mr. Warner updated the board on the KESA accreditation process. In Mr. Warner's report, he also reviewed winter Fastbridge reading and math benchmark assessments, math textbook adoption for grades 6-12, and teacher licensure.
- d. **Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Corey Burton gave a verbal report to the Board of Education about upcoming events in the district, legislative report, 2024-2025 financial estimates, strategic planning, building roofs in the District, and Superintendent Evaluation.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Audit Report:** Mathew Medill of Dirks, Anthony & Duncan presented the 2023-2024 School Audit report to the BOE.
- b. **Open Enrollment:** Superintendent Corey Burton shared with the BOE how to set open enrollment numbers for the District for the 2024-2025 school year.

9. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **USD 214 Daycare Update:** Superintendent Corey Burton and Mrs. Marcia Raines gave an update on the progress of the USD 214 Daycare.
- b. **FFA Farm:** Superintendent Corey Burton gave an update on the school farm.
- c. **2024-2025 School Calendar:** Kevin Warner presented the 2024-2025 school calendar to the BOE for first read and approval at the March meeting.

10. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. **Hickok Summer Project:** Daron Cowan motioned to approve the Hickok Summer project bid contract with Alternates 1, 2, & 3 from McCownGordon GMP with a guaranteed price of \$1,748,546. - Second by Diana Nunez, motion carried 5-0.

- b. **Trip Request:** Chad McCormick motioned to approve the UHS Odyssey of the Mind team trip request to attend their state competition in Leavenworth, KS. The district will provide fuel and transportation. - Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 5-0.
 - c. **Trip Request:** Daron Cowan motioned to approve the UHS Yearbook trip request to attend their national conference in Kansas City, MO. The district will provide fuel and transportation. - Second by Nichole Winner - motion carried 5-0.
 - d. **Donation:** Diana Nunez motioned to accept the donation of \$2,364.00 to KMS from the Kepley Family Fund. - Second by Nichole Winner- motion carried 5-0.
 - e. **Proposed BOE Policy Changes:** Diana Nunez motioned to approve the proposed BOE Policy Changes from KASB. – Second by Chad McCormick- motioned carried 5-0.
 - f. **Approve the Audit:** Diana Nunez motioned to approve the 2023-2024 School Audit conducted and presented by Dirks, Anthony, & Duncan. – Second by Nichole Winner– motion carried 5-0.
 - ~~g. **HPEC Resolution and Agreement**~~
 - h. **SWPRSC Interlocal Agreement:** Diana Nunez motioned to approve Ulysses USD 214 being a Member of Southwest Plains Regional Service Center for a five-year term commencing on July 1, 2024, and continuing through June 30, 2029. This membership will allow our district to benefit from the services, resources, and collaborative opportunities offered by Southwest Plains Regional Service Center.- Second by Daron Cowan- motioned carried 5-0.
 - i. **Disposal of Surplus Equipment:** Diana Nunez motioned to approve the sale or disposal of the technology equipment listed. - Second by Kevin Warner- motion carried 5-0.
 - j. **I-Pads:** Diana Nunez motioned to approve the purchase of \$148,483.50 of iPads from Apple Inc. to be used at Hickok.- Second by Nichole Winner- motion carried 5-0.
 - k. **Wireless Access Point Subscription:** Daron Cowan motioned to approve the purchase of a Wireless Access Point Subscription from Twotrees for \$25,119.00.- Second by Nichole Winner- motion carried 5-0.
 - l. **UHS Football Uniforms:** Diana Nunez motioned to approve the purchase of the UHS Football Uniforms from BSNSports for \$30,365.00.-- Second by Nichole Winner- motion carried 5-0.
11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The BOE chose not to hold an Executive Session for personnel.
12. **PERSONNEL:**
- a. **Resignations:** None
 - b. **Contracts:** Diana Nunez motioned to accept the contracts Melissa Ramos (USD 214 Daycare Provider), Robin Herrera (USD 214 Daycare Provider- part-time), Violet Smyth (USD 214 Daycare Provider - part-time), Matt Cox (UHS PE/Health, 2024-2025), Mauri Steimel (USD 214 Technology

Director), Jon Becker (UHS Asst. Track)- Second by Nichole Winner-
motion carried 5-0.

13. **NEGOTIATIONS:**

- a. At 8:47 p.m., Chad McCormick made a motion to go into executive session for 6 minutes to discuss 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 pursuant to the exemption of negotiations under KOMA. The open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:53 p.m. - Second by Diana Nunez- motion carried 5-0. Superintendent Corey Burton and Kevin Warner were invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 8:53 p.m.

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. At 8:54 p.m., President Ron Smith made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss the purpose of discussing matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student, except that any such person shall have the right to a public hearing if requested by that person to protect the privacy rights of an identifiable student, under KOMA. The open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:59 p.m. - Second by Chad McCormick- motion carried 5-0. Superintendent Corey Burton, Kevin Warner, and Amy Wartman were invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 8:59 p.m.

15. **OTHER:** None

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

- a. At 9:00 p.m., Daron Cowan made a motion to adjourn. - Second by Diana Nunez- motion carried 5-0.

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President Ron Smith

Vice-President Diana Nunez

Board Member Kasey Krueger

Board Member Daron Cowan

Board Member Mike Meyer

Board Member Nichole Winner

Board Member Chad McCormick

Board Clerk Dawn Oakes

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Recorded by: Dawn Oakes
*Attachments