

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

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The Board met in **Regular** Session **Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** President Margaret Nightengale  
Vice President Jim Wilson  
Jamie Kratzer  
Mike Meyer  
Clay Scott  
Ron Smith

**Members Absent:** Diana Nunez

**Others Present:** Superintendent Dave Younger  
Assistant Superintendent Chad Krug  
\* Others - See List

**Others Absent:**

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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The virtual meeting, conducted via Facebook Live, was called to order by President Nightengale at 7:16 pm.
- 2) **\*ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The agenda was adopted on a motion by Clay Scott — seconded by Jamie Kratzer — motion carried 5-0.
- 3) **CONSENT AGENDA:** Superintendent Younger reviewed the Consent Agenda as attached. The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Jamie Kratzer — seconded by Ron Smith — motion carried 5-0.
  - a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were approved as presented for the following:
    - (1) Regular Board of Education Meeting of Apr. 13, 2020
  - b) **\*APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Approved the transfer from the General Fund on an "as need basis" to cover expenses attributed to the Food Service, Transportation, Vocational Education, and Bilingual Special Funds, and to pay bills in the amount of \$698,192.58.
  - c) **HIGH PLAINS EDUCATIONAL COOP (HPEC):** Meeting minutes from Apr. 16, 2020.
  - d) **PRINCIPAL REPORTS:**

- 4) **NON-ACTION ITEMS PUBLIC FORUM:** none
- 5) **REPORTS:**
- a) **Correspondence:** Soul Patrol - First United Methodist Church; The Freeman Family
  - b) **Curriculum & Instruction:** Mr. Krug shared with the board a summary of the OVT visit from May 7, 2020. Jim Wilson arrived at 7:27 p.m. Also, Mr. Krug shared with the board the weekly feedback numbers from parents. The district is seeing a steady decline in the number of responses. Week 1 saw 295 responses, week 6 (current week) has 91.
  - c) **Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Younger presented to the Board the phases toward reopening and explained we are currently in Phase 1. Phase 2 could begin May 18. Mr. Younger emphasized that every timeline is subject to change. Graduation for seniors remains unknown at this time. A survey was sent to seniors asking them for feedback across the options, 1) traditional; 2) "drive-by"; or 3) nothing. 78% of the students indicated they preferred a traditional ceremony. Mr. Younger emphasized that a variety of things will need to be considered to ensure safety of all. Kepley will celebrate the 8th grade class of 2020 on Friday, Aug. 7th in lieu of a promotion. High school students have requested to complete some of their shop projects and teachers wish to support that. Mr. Younger checked with the county health department to allow this to happen in the next week or so. For drivers education the district is planning on a small version of drivers ed with age will be the priority determinant. Summer school for UHS to begin after June 15 for credit recovery. Mr. Younger thanked the board for the nurses and teacher appreciation as the staff were invited to get a grab-and-go coffee from Bear Creek compliments of USD 214. Mr. Younger indicated the district is looking to sell a welder on a truck at the farm. Weekly superintendent calls with the commissioner continue to be had. The conversation and questions currently surround "what does school look like next year"?
- 6) **NEW BUSINESS:**
- a) **Frontline Professional Growth** – Mr. Krug noticed the board of the decision to move from the SWPRSC PDC portal to Frontline Professional Growth. Mr. Krug explained the portal has many options that will help teachers with Personalized Professional Development (PPD) in addition to allowing inter-district training efforts to be streamlined. Roughly 60 faculty participated in a pilot within the Frontline portal this semester to help the district make an informed decision. Training opportunities will be conducted toward the end of this year and at the beginning of next year. All historical information within the SWPRSC portal will still be accessible for future recertification needs.
  - b) **Math Textbook committee** – The K-5 math textbook committee and Mr. Krug shared with the board the process and findings from a thorough review of two math adoption options. Barb Hart, Michelle Schonlau,

Shelley Phelps, and Anna Green represented the committee on a virtual call to the board for the purpose of Q&A. Motion to approve the 7-year contract bid from HMH at a cost of \$146,363.57 made by Clay Scott. Seconded by Mike Meyer. Motion passed 6-0.

7) **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) BOE self-evaluation – Mr. Younger shared with the board the results of the self-evaluations.
- b) Capital Outlay projects – Mr. Younger shared pictures of the capital outlay projects with the board. New bleachers for the UHS practice gym will not be installed until the time period surrounding Buffer Week in early November.

8) **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) District calendar 2020/2021 - Three changes were made to the calendar following the last calendar committee meeting. End-of-nine weeks dates and workdays have been included. Fall and Spring parent-teacher conferences were added. The February 26 PD day was removed because of the February 15 PD day. Motion to approve the calendar with changes made by Jamie Kratzer. Seconded by Mike Meyer. Motion passed 6-0.
- b) Opaa! renewal – The increase in price is based on the National Consumer Price Index for “Food Away from Home” and represents a 3.0% increase as recommended by KSDE. The percent increase will correspond with the increase in federal reimbursement levels for next year. Motion to approve Opaa! as the food service management company for the 2020-2021 school year made by Jamie Kratzer. Seconded by Jim Wilson. Motion passed 6-0.
- c) School handbooks – The past two weeks I have emailed the school handbooks for you to review. I have not received any questions and I would encourage you to call me with your questions prior to the meeting. It may be difficult to answer your specific handbook questions without the principals attending the meeting. Motion to approve handbooks as presented made by Clay Scott. Seconded by Jamie Kratzer. Motion passed 4-2, nay votes Mike Meyer & Ron Smith.
- d) Motion to approve the sale of an old welder from the FFA barn by sealed bid made by Jamie Kratzer. Seconded by Mike Meyer. Motion passed 6-0.

9) **REVIEW LITIGATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:** None

10) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a) At 9:05 p.m. President Nightengale moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel information pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:20 p.m. Second by Jamie Kratzer. Motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Younger and Mr. Krug were invited into the executive session.

11) **PERSONNEL:**

- a) Contracts (admin) - Motion to approve administrative contract for Karie Gaskill as assistant principal at Hickok/Sullivan Elementary schools made by Ron Smith. Seconded by Jamie Kratzer. Motion passed 6-0.
- b) Contracts (teaching) - Motion to approve teaching contracts for Rebecca Gundy, Sullivan; Zach Arnberger, Sullivan; John Castro, UHS; Audrey Marshall, Sullivan; Marcale Marshall, KMS made by Clay Scott. Seconded by Ron Smith. Motion passed 6-0.
- c) Resignation – Motion to approve the resignation of Lori Blackketter, Sullivan, and Zach Lackey, KMS made by Mike Meyer. Seconded by Jamie Kratzer. Motion passed 6-0.

12) **NEGOTIATIONS:**

- a) At 9:25 p.m. Jamie Kratzer moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:35 p.m. Seconded by Ron Smith. Motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Younger and Mr. Krug were invited into the executive session.

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13) **OTHER:**

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14) **ADJOURNMENT:**

- a) At 9:38 p.m. Jamie Kratzer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ron Smith. Motion passes 6-0.

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Recorded by: Chad Krug  
\*Attachments