

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

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The Board met in **Regular** Session on **Monday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Diana Nunez  
Mike Meyer  
Daron Cowan  
Nichole Winner  
Chad McCormick  
Kasey Krueger (Left at 7:45 p.m.)  
Stacey Gee (After BOE Interview, Nomination, Vote,  
& Oath)

**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 Diana Nunez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
  2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
  3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** Nichole Winner motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. - Second by Daron Cowan - motion carried 6-0.
  4. **OPEN BOARD POSITION INTERVIEWS:**
  5. **ACTION ITEM:**
    - a. **Board appointment of New Board Member:** Chad McCormick motioned to approve Stacey Gee as a new board member to fill the open BOE position.- Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 6-0.
  6. **NON-ACTION PUBLIC FORUM:** None
  7. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
    - a. Superintendent Corey Burton handed a letter to each board member from KASB.
  8. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Daron Cowan motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented - Second by Kasey Krueger - motion carried 7-0.

- a. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - i. Regular Board of Education meeting - January 13, 2025
  - ii. Special Board of Education meeting - January 30, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
  - iii. Special Board of Education meeting - January 30, 2025, at 5:05 p.m.
- 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 **\$401,673.32**.
- c. **High Plains Education Cooperative Board Minutes (HPEC):** January 16, 2025.

9. **REPORTS:**

- a. **Student and Staff Reports:** The UHS Model UN students presented information about the program to the BOE.
- b. **Principal Reports:** The building principals submitted written reports to the BOE. Principals provided a brief oral report and answered questions from the BOE.
- c. **Assistant Superintendent Report:** Kevin Warner submitted a written report to the BOE. Mr. Warner provided a brief oral report on the District's Winter benchmark assessments and Varsity Tutors.
- d. **Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Corey Burton verbally reported to the BOE about upcoming district activities, including an update on the PowerSchool data breach, Roofing update, Storage Facility update, and Superintendent Interview update.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

11. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **USD 214 School Calendar:** Kevin Warner shared an updated draft version of the 2025-2026 school calendar and the process to develop and adopt the school calendar.

12. **ACTIONS ITEMS:**

- a. **Hickok & Sullivan Kitchen/Cafeteria Projects:** Daron Cowan motioned to approve the construction contract as presented with a guaranteed maximum price of \$2,497,140 with McCownGordon GMP to complete the Hickok & Sullivan Kitchen/Cafeteria Projects for the summer of 2025. - Second by Kasey Krueger - motion carried 7-0.
- b. **Hickok Daycare Project:** Kasey Krueger motioned to approve the construction contract as presented with a guaranteed maximum price of \$81,266 with McCownGordon GMP to complete the Hickok Daycare Project for the summer of 2025. - Second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 7-0.
- c. **Asbestos Abatement Contract:** Mike Meyer motioned to approve the contract with B & R Insulation, Inc. for \$25,784.00 for asbestos removal

at Hickok and Sullivan Elementary. - Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 7-0.

- d. **Computer Purchase:** Nichole Winner motioned to approve the purchase of laptops/desktops from ByteSpeed for \$115,780. - Second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 7-0.
- e. **Donations:** Mike Meyer motioned to approve the acceptance of the following donation: Grant County Commissioners Opioid Fund for \$14,509.06. - Second by Kasey Krueger - motioned carries 7-0.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. At 7:30 p.m., Chad McCormick made a motion to go into an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed pursuant to the exemption for personnel matters under KOMA. The open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:45 p.m. - Second by Mike Meyer- motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Corey Burton, Assistant Superintendent Kevin Warner, and Travis McAtee were invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 7:45 p.m.
- b. At 7:45 p.m., Daron Cowan made a motion to go into an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed pursuant to the exemption for personnel matters under KOMA. The open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:45 p.m. - Second by Chad McCormick- motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Corey Burton, Assistant Superintendent Kevin Warner, and Travis McAtee were invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 8:00 p.m.
- c. At 8:00 p.m., Daron Cowan made a motion to go into an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed pursuant to the exemption for personnel matters under KOMA. The open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:05 p.m. - Second by Chad McCormick- motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Corey Burton, Assistant Superintendent Kevin Warner, and Travis McAtee were invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 8:05 p.m.
- d. At 8:06 p.m., Chad McCormick made a motion to go into an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed pursuant to the exemption for personnel matters under KOMA. The open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:11 p.m. - Second by Nichole Winner- motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Corey Burton, Assistant Superintendent Kevin Warner, Justin Coffey, and Chase Rietcheck were invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 8:11 p.m.

- e. At 8:12 p.m., Daron McCormick made a motion to go into an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed pursuant to the exemption for personnel matters under KOMA. The open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:17 p.m. - Second by Chad McCormick- motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Corey Burton, Assistant Superintendent Kevin Warner, Justin Coffey, and Chase Rietcheck were invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 8:17 p.m.

14. **PERSONNEL:**

- a. **Resignations:** Mike Meyer motioned to accept the resignation with regrets of Nic Boe (KMS Boys Basketball Coach & KMS Assistant Track Coach)- Second by Daron Cowan - motion carried 6-0.
- b. **Contracts:** Nichole Winner motioned to accept the contracts of Cade Albert (UHS Assistant Softball) and Bonnie Stein (KMS Assistant Track Coach). Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 6-0.

15. **NEGOTIATIONS:**

- a. **Executive Session:** At 8:25 p.m., Daron Cowan made a motion to go into executive session for 5 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 8:30 p.m. - Second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Corey Burton and Kevin Warner were invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 8:30 p.m.

16. **PERSONNEL:**

- a. **Executive Session:** At 8:30 p.m., Daron Cowan made a motion to go into an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed pursuant to the exemption for personnel matters under KOMA. The open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:40 p.m. - Second by Mike Meyer- motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Corey Burton was invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 8:40 p.m.

17. **OTHER:** None

18. **ADJOURNMENT:**

- a. At 8:40 p.m., Stacey Gee motioned to adjourn. - Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 6-0.

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President Diana Nunez

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Vice-President Daron Cowan

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Board Member Chad McCormick

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Board Member Stacey Gee

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Board Member Mike Meyer

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Board Member Nichole Winner

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Board Member Kasey Krueger

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Alt. Board Clerk Kevin Warner

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