

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

The Board met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Superintendent Corey Burton and Assistant Superintendent &
Director of Student Learning Kevin Warner * Others - See List

Others Absent: 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:** Diana Nunez motioned to adopt the agenda by adding correspondence to 5a and adding the \$162.00 Kansas Soybean Commission Grant to the 10b donations. Seconded by Nichole Winner - motion carried 7-0.
 4. **NON-ACTION PUBLIC FORUM:**
 5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - a. Board member Diana Nunez read a thank you note from the Junior Leadership class at UHS.
 6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Diana Nunez motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented - Second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 7-0.
 - a. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - i. Regular Board of Education meeting - March 18, 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 **\$540,234.04**
 - c. **High Plains Education Cooperative Board Min (HPEC):** March 28, 2024.
 7. **REPORTS:**
 - a. **Student and/or Staff report:**

- i) The UHS Odyssey of the Mind team requested permission to attend their world competition in Iowa on May 20-24, 2024, and asked the BOE to approve the district's provision of transportation, fuel costs, and \$3,000 in funds to support the trip. The group will cover all other expenses. Chad McCormick made a motion to approve the Odyssey of the Mind trip to the world competition in Iowa on May 20-24, 2024, and the district will provide transportation, fuel costs, and \$3,000 to support the trip.- Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.
 - 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. Kevin Warner gave a verbal report to the Board of Education about KESA, professional development, and State Assessments.
 - d. **Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Corey Burton verbally reported to the Board of Education about upcoming activities (NSBA Conference Report, KASB Strategic Planning Update, School Building Roofing Report, and summer help).
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **School Handbooks:** The BOE first read the 2024-2025 student and parent-school handbook, which will be up for approval at the May BOE meeting.
9. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. **USD 214 Daycare:** Superintendent Corey Burton and Mrs. Marcia Raines updated the BOE on the new USD 214 Daycare.
 - b. **FFA Farm:** Superintendent Corey Burton provided the BOE with an update on the progress of the FFA Farm improvements.
 - c. **UHS Graduation Requirements:** Mr. Kevin Warner and Mr. Justin Coffey presented to the BOE an updated (with changes) version of the Class of 2028 graduation requirements that will be for approval at the May BOE meeting. Mr. Kevin Warner and Mr. Justin Coffey fielded questions from the BOE members.
10. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a. **KASB Contract:** Mike Meyer motioned to approve the 2024-2025 KASB Legal Assistance Fund Contract for \$2,750.00 and the KASB Renewal with Season Pass for \$12,9253.59 as presented.- Second by Diana Nunez - motioned carried 7-0.
 - b. **Donation:** Diana Nunez motioned to approve the acceptance of \$2,500.00 from the Childcare Aware of Kanas for the USD 214 Daycare and the \$162.00 Kansas Soybean Commission Grant for UHS FACS department - Second by Kasey Krueger - motioned carried 7-0.
 - c. **Grades 6-12 Math Curriculum Resource:** Daron Cowan motioned to approve the grades 6-12 Math Curriculum Resource ReVeal Math from McGraw-Hill for \$166,646.70. - Second by Diana Nunez - motioned carried 7-0.
 - d. **FFA School Farm Policy:** Kasey Krueger motioned to approve the FFA School Farm Policy as presented to begin with the 2024-2025 School Year. - Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.

- e. **USD 214 Open Enrollment Numbers:** Daron Cowan motioned to approve the open enrollment for each grade level numbers policy as presented to start with the 2024-2025 school year. - Second by Nichole Winner - motioned carried 7-0.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

12. **PERSONNEL:**

- a. **Resignations:** Diana Nunez motioned to accept the resignations with regrets of Anna Mejia (Elementary teacher/Sullivan), Denise Blackmore (Elementary teacher/Sullivan), and Stephanie Manis (Art Teacher/Sullivan). - Second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 7-0.
- b. **Contracts:** Daron Cowan motioned to accept the contracts of Jonathan Yust (5-12 Band Instructor) - Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 7-0.
- c. **Early Retirement:** Diana Nunez made a motion to accept the early retirement approvals of Cathy Cavasos (Hickok ESL teacher) and Barb Hart (Hickok Elementary teacher)
- d. **Performance-Based Advancement:** Mike Meyer motioned to approve the performance-based advancement for Candee Amerin (PK/Hickok), Jennifer Burns (Media Specialist/UHS), Rober Buhr (Math/UHS), Jeri Howard-Rodriguez (Business/UHS), Kim Sandoval (Science/KMS), Susan Anthony (Elective/KMS), Tamra Rundell (ELA/UHS), Jodi Pfingsten (ELA/UHS), Ginger Hartman, and (Reading Specialist/HCK). - Second by Diana Nunez - motion carried 7-0.

14. **NEGOTIATIONS:**

- a. **Executive Session:** At 8:18 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 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 8:23 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 8:23 p.m.

15. **OTHER:**

- a. **BOE Graduation Attire & Attendance:** The BOE members will wear a black BOE shirt with dress pants.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

- a. At 8:28 p.m., Diana Nunez made a motion to adjourn. - Second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 7-0.

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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

Asst. Board Clerk Kevin Warner

Asst. Board Clerk: Kevin Warner

Recorded by: Kevin Warner

*Attachments