

**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, April 14, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Vice-President Daron Cowan  
Mike Meyer  
Nichole Winner  
Chad McCormick  
Stacey Gee

**Members Absent:** President Diana Nunez  
Kasey Krueger

**Others Present:** Superintendent Corey Burton, Assistant  
Superintendent Kevin Warner, & Board Clerk Dawn  
Oakes  
\* Others - See List

**Others Absent:**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice- President Daron Cowan 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 Chad McCormick - motion carried 5-0.
  4. **NON-ACTION PUBLIC FORUM:** None
  5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
  6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Chad McCormick motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented - Second by Nichole Winner - motion carried 5-0.
    - a. **Approval of Minutes:**
      - i. Regular Board of Education meeting - March 10, 2025
      - ii. Special Board of Education meeting - March 14, 2025
    - 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 **\$1,059,867.20.**

- c. **High Plains Education Cooperative Board Minutes (HPEC):** March 27, 2025.

7. **REPORTS:**

a. **Student and Staff Reports:**

- i. KMS KidWind requested permission to attend the KidWind World Competition in Phoenix, Arizona, May 19-22, 2025. Stacey Gee motioned to grant the request to attend the KidWind World Competition, and the BOE would provide transportation, gas, & \$2,000. - Second by Nichole Winner - motion carried 5-0.
  - ii. The UHS Uncommon Leadership Group presented information to the BOE about their work over the last four years at UHS.
- 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. He provided a brief oral report on professional development, KESA, and state assessments.
- d. **Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Corey Burton verbally reported to the BOE about upcoming district activities and projects. The report included District Purchases, an Open Board Position, and summer help.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **USD 214 2025-2026 Parent & Student Handbook:** The BOE's first read of the USD 214 2025-2026 Parent & Student Handbook.
- b. **C & C Group Campus Optimizer:** C & C Group representatives presented information on their Campus Optimizer program to the BOE for consideration for use at Hickok Elementary.
- c. **Apptegy Rooms:** Superintendent Corey Burton presented information about the Apptegy Rooms platform for the BOE to consider for the school district's stakeholder communication use.

9. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

10. **ACTIONS ITEMS:**

- a. **KASB Contract:** Chad McCormick motioned to approve the KASB Legal Assistance Fund Contract for \$2,750.00 and the KASB Membership Renewal with Season Pass for \$12,968.66 for the 2025- 2026 school year. - Second by Stacey Gee - motion carried 5-0.
- b. **C & C Service Agreement:** Nichole Winner motioned to approve the C & C Service Agreement to install their Campus Optimizer program at Hickok Elementary. - Second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 5-0.
- c. **Donations:** Mike Meyer motioned to approve the following donations: \$2,500.00 from Grant County Community Foundation for KMS Classroom Grants; \$2,500.00 from Grant County Community Foundation for Hickok Classroom Grants; \$1,002.75 each from Shelton Memorial Christian Church for UHS, KMS, Sullivan & Hickok Lunches; \$120.00 from The Kansas Soybean

Commission for UHS Family & Consumer Science; \$500.00 each from Grant County Community Foundation for Matt Cox, Jennifer Burns, Sonia Rojas, and Natasha Sabata. - Second by Stacey Gee - motion carried 5-0.

- d. **Grades 6-8 Curriculum Resource Adoption:** Chad McCormick motioned to approve the purchase of the grades 6-8 HGSS Curriculum Resource from McGraw-Hill for \$77,868.77. - Second by Nichole Winner - motion carried 5-0.
- e. **Grades 9-12 Curriculum Resource Adoption:** Stacey Gee motioned to approve the purchase of the grades 9-12 HGSS Curriculum Resource from Imagine Learning for \$77,280.00. - Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 5-0.
- f. **2025-2026 USD 214 Open Enrollment Numbers:** Chad McCormick motioned to approve the 2025-2026 Open Enrollment Numbers for each grade level as presented.- Second by Nichole Winner - motion carried 5-0.
- g. **2028 Graduation Requirements:** Chad McCormick motioned to approve the updated graduation requirements for the class of 2028 as updated by the Kansas State Board of Education to remove the FAFSA requirement. - Second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 5-0.
- h. **USD 214 Curriculum:** Stacey Gee motioned to approve the updated USD 214 Curriculum: Courses, Course Overview, & Curriculum Resources & Materials as presented. - Second by Chad McCormick- motion carried 5-0.
- i. **Disposal of Surplus Equipment:** Chad McCormick motioned to approve the disposal of senior Chromebooks. - Second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 5-0.
- j. **UHS Gym Floor Refinish:** Stacey Gee motioned to approve the bid from Koehn Courts to refinish the UHS Gym floor for \$41,750. - Second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 5-0.
- k. **USD 214 Mower Purchase:** Stacey Gee motioned to approve the bid from XXX to purchase a district mower for \$33,872 with the understanding that it is not the lowest bid due to the ability to have it locally serviced. - Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 5-0.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

12. **PERSONNEL:**

- a. **Resignations:** Mike Meyer motioned to accept the resignation with regrets of Jamie Guzman (UHS Head Wrestling Coach). - Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 5-0.
- b. **Contracts:** Mike Meyer motioned to accept the contracts of Maria Carmen (Part-time Custodian & Bus Driver) and Elizabeth Rogers (UHS FACS Teacher/Transfer from Sullivan). - Second by Stacey Gee - motion carried 5-0.
- c. **Retirements:** Mike Meyer motioned to accept Martina Ortiz's retirement (Hickok Para).- Second by Stacey Gee - motion carried 5-0.
- d. **Performance-Based Advancement:** Chad McCormick motioned to approve the performance-based advancement on the salary scale for the 2025-2026 school year for Candee Amerin, Jennifer Burns, Robert Buhr, Kim

Sandoval, Susan Anthony, Tamra Rundell, Jodi Pfingsten, & Ginger Hartman. - Second by Mike Meyer- motion carried 5-0.

15. **NEGOTIATIONS:**

- a. **Executive Session:** At 8:22 p.m., Vice-President Daron Cowan made a motion to go into executive session for 15 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 8:37 p.m. - Second by Mike Meyer - 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 8:37 p.m
- b. **Executive Session:** At 8:37 p.m., Stacey Gee made a motion to go into executive session for 10 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 8:47 p.m. - Second by Chad McCormick - 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 8:37 p.m.

16. **OTHER:** None

17. **ADJOURNMENT:**

- a. At 8:48 p.m., Mike Meyer motioned to adjourn. - Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 5-0.

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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

ABSENT

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Board Member Kasey Krueger

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Board Clerk Dawn Oakes

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Recorded by: Kevin Warner  
\*Attachments