

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

The Board met in **Regular** Session on **Monday, January 13, at 6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Diana Nunez
Mike Meyer
Daron Cowan
Nichole Winner
Chad McCormick
Kasey Krueger (Left meeting at 7:36 p.m.)

Members Absent: Ron Smith

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:** Vice-President Diana Nunez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
 3. **REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**
 - a. **Nomination and selection of Board President**
 - i. Nichole Winner nominated Diana Nunez for President - Second by Daron Cowan. Chad McCormick motioned to close the nominations for Board President. - Second by Daron Cowan - motion passed 6-0. Diana Nunez was voted Board President by a 6-0 vote.
 - b. **Nomination and selection of Board Vice-President**
 - i. Nichole Winner nominated Daron Cowan for Board Vice-President - Second by Mike Meyer. Mike Meyer motioned to close the nominations for Board Vice-President - Second by Nichole Winner. - motion passed 6-0. Daron Cowan was voted for Board Vice-President by a 6-0 vote.
 4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Kasey Krueger motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. - Second by Daron Cowan - motion carried 6-0.
 5. **NON-ACTION PUBLIC FORUM:** None
 6. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. The Home Products Dinner Committee sent a thank you card for the District's contribution toward the 2024 Home Products Dinner.
 - b. Grant County Bank Staff & Directors sent the District a Christmas Card.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Daron Cowan motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented - Second by Kasey Krueger - motion carried 6-0.
- a. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - i. Regular Board of Education meeting - December 9, 2024
 - ii. Special Board of Education meeting - January 9, 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 **\$1,232,171.60**.
 - c. **High Plains Education Cooperative Board Minutes (HPEC):**
November 19, 2024.
8. **REPORTS:**
- a. **Student and Staff Reports:** No January Report
 - 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 UCLC Program, Professional Development, and KESA.
 - d. **Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Corey Burton verbally reported to the BOE about upcoming district activities, including the open BOE position, Superintendent Search Update, Negotiations Training & Timeline, and PowerSchool.
9. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- a. **USD 214 School Calendar:** Kevin Warner shared a draft version of the 2025-2026 school calendar and the process to develop and adopt the school calendar.
10. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- a. **Hickok & Sullivan Summer Project Update:** Superintendent Corey Burton updated the BOE about the Hickok & Sullivan Summer Projects.
11. **ACTIONS ITEMS:**
- a. **Board Policy Changes (2nd Reading):** Daron Cowan motioned to approve the proposed board Policy changes as written - Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 6-0.
 - b. **BOE Vacancy Resolution:** Kasey Krueger motioned to approve the USD 214 BOE Vacancy Resolution as presented - Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 6-1.

- c. **Donations:** Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the acceptance of the following donations: HUGS grant for \$3,000 to be used for Hickok Music Program, installing backs on risers; HUGS grant for \$5,000 to be used for new wrestling mats; CoBank grant for \$5,000 to be used for new wrestling mats; Kansas Teacher Apprenticeship Meadowlark Grant for \$123,500; Grant County Community Foundation Pro-Active Grant for \$1,000 to be used by the UHS for their school supply closet; Western Kansas Community Foundation Grant for \$700 to be used by Hickok Daycare; Grant County Community Foundation Grant for \$1,000 to be used by Hickok Daycare; Grant County Community Foundation Grant for \$500 to be used by the Hickok Library - Second by Daron Cowan - motioned carries 6-0.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. At 7:13 p.m., Nichole Winner 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 7:23 p.m. - Second by Chad McCormick- motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Corey Burton and Assistant Superintendent Kevin Warner were invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 7:23 p.m.
- b. At 7:23 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 7:33 p.m. - Second by Chad McCormick- motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Corey Burton and Assistant Superintendent Kevin Warner were invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 7:33 p.m.
- c. At 7:34 p.m., Daron Cowan made a motion to go into an executive session for 2 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 7:36 p.m. - Second by Nichole Winner- motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Corey Burton and Assistant Superintendent Kevin Warner were invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 7:36 p.m.

13. **PERSONNEL:**

- a. **Resignations:** Daron Cowan motioned to accept the resignations of Barton Keeler (05/23/2025-UHS Teacher), Michele Schonlau (05/23/2025- Hickok Teacher), Kristi Bohl (05/23/2025- KMS Teacher), Jodi Wilson (05/23/2025- HCK Teacher), Josh Hickok (05/23/2025 - UHS

Teacher) and Corey Burton (06/30/2025- Superintendent) and include a \$1,000 stipend for early resignation - Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 5-0.

b. **Resignations:** Daron Cowan motioned to accept the resignations of Rachel Spencer (KMS 7th grade Head Volleyball Coach), Susan Anthony (KMS 7th grade Asst. Volleyball Coach), and Jon Becker (UHS Asst. Football Coach). - Second by Chad McCormick - motion carried 6-0

c. **Contracts:** Chad McCormick motioned to accept the contracts of Crystal Najera (Hickok PreK Para) and Dulce Abigail Mendoza (Sullivan Title I Para). - Second by Mike Meyer - motion carried 5-0.

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

a. At 7:45 p.m., Nichole Winner motioned to go into an executive session for 12 minutes to discuss the compensation for administration candidates for employment pursuant to the personnel matters of nonelected personnel justification under KOMA. The open board meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:57 p.m. - Second by Mike Meyer- motion carried 5-0. Superintendent Corey Burton was invited into the executive session. The Board of Education returned to regular session at 7:57 p.m.

15. **OTHER:** None

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

a. At 7:58 p.m., Mike Meyer motioned to adjourn. - Second by Daron Cowan - motion carried 5-0.

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President Diana Nunez	Vice-President Daron Cowan
	RESIGNED POSITION
Board Member Chad McCormick	Board Member Ron Smith
Board Member Mike Meyer	Board Member Nichole Winner
Board Member Kasey Krueger	Alt. Board Clerk Kevin Warner

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