

# MINUTES

Regular Board of Education Meeting  
February 17, 2021  
Early Childhood Center  
Open Session – 5:30 p.m.  
Closed Session to Follow

Tim Mullen, President  
Scott Perkins, Vice-President  
Sylvia Payne, Treasurer

Tana Booker, Member  
Jason Evans, Member  
Kim Grayson, Member  
Justin Strong, Member

- I. Call to order and roll call at 5:40 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center, Tim Mullen, President, presiding. Justin Strong via Zoom. Scott Perkins and Jason Evans absent.
- II. Motion made by Sylvia, and second by Kim to approve the January 21, 2021 minutes as presented. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- III. Motion made by Sylvia, and second by Kim to approve the February 17, 2021 agenda as presented. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- IV. All said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Public Comment – No public comment.
- VI. Consent Agenda Items:  
Motion made by Tana, and second by Kim to approve the consent agenda items. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- VII. Reports:
  - A. MSBA report – No report given.
  - B. Superintendent report - Mr. Whittaker reported that COVID-19 numbers are currently at the lowest for the year. We have one person who is quarantined. The numerous snow days have been a bit of a surprise for the District. Administrators met to discuss if we should move toward a virtual model and simply decided it would be a very difficult task to complete since a lot of students didn't have their computer or some sort of packet. There is more legislation being considered at the capital. Mr. Whittaker encouraged people to contact their representatives to discuss and express concerns. Governor Parsons designated February 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> as School Board Recognition Week. Mr. Whittaker handed out certificates to each Board Member and let each Board Member know how much they are appreciated.
- VIII. Previous Business:
  1. Facilities Update – Mr. Whittaker told the Board he spoke to them at the last board meeting about that we have around \$350,000 left in our capital projects fund and it is time for the Board to start thinking about moving forward on more

projects. He told the Board that we used the ESSER 1 money (around \$200,000) on Technology and Adam Craghead's position as Technology Coach. ESSER 2 money will be coming, which will be a little over one million dollars. The Board will need to be thinking about where these funds need to be spent. A few ideas are HVAC and salaries. The School District will have until 2023 to spend the money, but we need to decide in this school year how we want to spend some of the money. There has been some freezing in some of our manholes and freezing at the bus shed. We are currently working on those issues.

IX. New Business:

1. Motion made by Sylvia, and second by Kim to approve Health Insurance rates for FY22 and set the Board contribution rate per person at \$575. All members voted yes on said motion.
2. Motion made by Tana, second by Sylvia to set the Next Regular Board Meeting for Thursday, March 18, 2021, 5:30 p.m. for closed session and 6:30 p.m. for open session. All members present voted yes on said motion.

X. Motion made by Sylvia, and second by Kim to adjourn Open Session to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 610.021.3 (Personnel Matters-hiring, firing, promoting). Tim-yea, Sylvia-yea, Tana-yea, Kim-yea, and Justin-yea. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

XI. Motion made by Sylvia, and second by Kim to adjourn the meeting. Tim-yea, Sylvia-yea, Tana-yea, Kim-yea, and Justin-yea. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

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Board President

Date

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Board Secretary

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