

## **July 15, 2025 Regular Meeting**

The Unified Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 in the High School Library. Chairman, Harold Erlenbusch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

Members present were: Chairman, Harold Erlenbusch, Beth Murnion, Amber Saylor and Wyatt Colvin. Also present were: Principal, Judy Billing; Clerk, Anna Guesanburu; Angie Murnion, Meriah Ryan, Katie Shawver, Charlie Hassler, Richard Betting, Brit Murnion, and Krystal Nelson.

### **ABSENT**

Members absent were: Jason Nordlund

### **AGENDA**

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Colvin to approve the agenda without correction. Motion carried unanimously.

### **A.D. REPORT**

Principal, Judy Billing informed the Board Beth has scheduled impact testing and physicals for August 5<sup>th</sup>. Schedules are set and will be put out to the public when the high school secretary returns from summer break. Mrs. Billing has hired junior high coaches for fall sports, Grace McDonald head volleyball, Laney Baker assistant volleyball, and Trevor Smith head football.

### **TEACHER REPORT**

Mrs. Meriah Ryan informed the Board some of the teachers are attending workshops at the end of this month presented by the Prairie View Curriculum Consortium.

### **PRINCIPAL REPORT**

Principal, Judy Billing informed the Board that elementary school district #42 is willing to consolidate with elementary school district #1 when the FY26 has ended. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Saylor to approve elementary school district #42 consolidating with elementary school district #1. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Billing informed the Board that Malcolm McRae informed her of the overflow of trophies and plaques from past years. The Board discussed different options on what to do with the plaques and trophies. Mrs. Billing asked the Board about trimming the Russian olive trees down by the Gym to be able to see the mural better. Motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Murnion to approve the trimming of the trees. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Erlenbusch read a letter from Angie Murnion requesting leave the first week of school. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Saylor to approve the teacher leave request the first week of school. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Billing recapped on the elementary foundation situation and the response from MSGIA.

### **MINUTES**

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Erlenbusch to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2025 regular meeting without correction or addition. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Colvin to approve the consent agenda including the following items: #6.1 Accounts Payable/Payroll Claims; #6.2 Payroll Claims Transfers; and #6.3 Extra-curricular reports HS/EL. Accounts Payable includes #33052 - #33079; Direct Deposit warrants include #83774 - #83769; Payroll warrants include #24154- #24159. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PURCHASE ORDERS**

Motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Murnion to approve the estimate from Hell Creek Electric to fix the outlets at the gym in the amount of \$1267.98. Motion carried unanimously.

### **NEGOTIATIONS**

At this time the JEA and the Board discussed the new salary schedule and wording for retiree insurance. The next regular meeting the CBA should be ready to be signed.

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### **5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER**

Mr. Forrest Hensley has been interviewed for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade position and Principal, Judy Billing recommends the hiring of the applicant. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Saylor to hire Forrest Hensley for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Billing informed the Board of her decision on how to handle the vacant 6<sup>th</sup> grade position. She is combining 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes for science, history, and English, and Mrs. Denton will be covering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

### **FACS-EMERGENCY LICENSURE**

Chairman Erlenbusch and Trustee Saylor interviewed Kiana Billing for the vacant FACS position. Chairman Erlenbusch recommends the hiring of Kiana Billing under emergency licensure from OPI. Motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Colvin to hire Kiana Billing as the FACS teacher for the 2025-26 school year, under emergency licensure from OPI. Motion carried unanimously.

### **LIBRARIAN ENDORSEMENT**

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Saylor to approve paying for schooling for Summer Denton to get her endorsement for librarian. Motion carried unanimously.

### **MTSBA POLICIES**

Motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Murnion to approve first reading of policies: #8560, #5123, and #5252. Motion carried unanimously. The other recommended updates from MTSBA will be brought back to the agenda of the next regular meeting.

### **2025-26 WINNETT BUS CONTRACT**

Motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Colvin to approve the agreement with Winnett for their bus to enter into Garfield County three miles to the Old Stage Road for the 2025-26 year. Motion carried unanimously.

### **COAL HAULING CONTRACT**

Motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Colvin to approve hiring OK Olson trucking for the 2025-26 school year to haul coal. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CLERK EVALUATION**

Chairman Harold Erlenbusch closed the meeting at 7:57 p.m., pursuant to Title 2-3-203; paragraph three, as the matter at hand, Clerk Evaluation, is a matter of individual privacy, and the Chairman has determined that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. The Board, Principal Billing, and Clerk Guesanburu remained in the meeting. The meeting was opened at 8:05 p.m.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Saylor to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

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Anna Guesanburu, Clerk

Date

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Harold Erlenbusch, Chairman

Date