

KAHLOTUS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 056
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
August 18, 2021 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly Cochrane, Joe Roach, Chance Trainer, Melanie Ayers, Gary Jennings, and Superintendent Dr. Kate Orozco

GUESTS PRESENT: Mark Bitzer, Principal; Sandi Miller, teacher

Dr. Cochrane called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 PM and Mr. Roach led the flag salute.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA:

Added Technology (IT) Assistance Contract (Superintendent's Report (g.)

AUDIENCE / STAFF PARTICIPATION & COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Roach moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Jennings seconded. Motion carried

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting of **July 20, 2021**
 - b. Special Meeting of **July 29, 2021**
 - c. Special Meeting of **August 4, 2021**

2. Vouchers and Payroll

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Warrant Date</u>	<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	8/31/21	36863-36882	\$ 69,528.87
Payroll	8/31/21	36823	\$ 2,323.90
Payroll	8/31/21	36855-36862	\$ 25,170.26
Payroll-Direct Deposit	8/31/21	Wire Transfer	\$ 95,999.61

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT REVIEW:

1. **Financial Report** Dr. Orozco
There were no comments or questions regarding the financial report.
2. **Activities Director** Mark Bitzer
Mr. Bitzer reported on Kahlotus athletes who would be participating on the Connell athletic teams, and also discussed masking for extracurricular activities.
3. **Principal Report** Mark Bitzer
Mr. Bitzer reported on student registration, which will be Aug 23rd to Aug 25th.
4. **Summer projects summary** James Herron
Mr. Herron gave a detailed report to the board about the maintenance completion list, including landscaping, clean-up projects, painting, installation of the basketball court, etc. The Board thanked Mr. Herron for his hard work, and also thanked Ramon, who was a dependable helper to Mr. Herron.
5. **Superintendent Report** Dr. Orozco
 - a. **Enrollment report.**
Dr. Orozco reported that the District had both gained and lost students over the course of the last few weeks. The staff will be focusing on how to attract and retain families in the Kahlotus Schools. The Board discussed their hopes for a growing and inclusive enrollment.
 - b. **Open positions**

Dr. Orozco reported that the District would be hiring an administrative assistant, as well as a preschool teacher in the next week and half.

c. AHERA 3 yr Inspection

Mr. Herron reported on the AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act) inspections that would be coming up on August 23rd. He also explained that he would be our Contact Person responsible for getting training, reporting, staying in communication, and keeping documents up to date.

d. Scheduling Progress

Dr. Orozco and Mr. Bitzer reported on scheduling progress. She explained that scheduling has been challenging because of the enrollment numbers at secondary.

e. Nursing and Health Issues

Dr. Orozco is waiting for a phone call from Leslie Stahlnecker regarding the amount of nursing services the District will receive, given the increased resources from the State.

f. Update: Entry interviews

Dr. Orozco reported that she continues to reach out to families, students and staff members to interview them and collect information about their hopes for the learning of our students, their perspective on the strengths of our District, and their ideas to improve schooling. She will be compiling that information into a report.

g. Technology Update

Dr. Orozco reported that she will be seeking to change the District contract for technology support from our current provider (NEXGEN) to a new provider (ESD123). The Board discussed and approved of the superintendent's direction and next steps.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Strategic Plan

Dr. Orozco reported that she had examined the Board's current strategic plan, consisting of important improvements in the grounds, structures, and landscaping of the District. The Board confirmed that much of the plan had been completed. Dr. Orozco suggested that the Strategic Plan be expanded to include a mission and vision statement of the District. Board members and Dr. Orozco explored the notion of gathering families, community members, district staff, and trustees for an evening of discussion and idea sharing. Mr. Trainer suggested that the event include movies and childcare for families, as well as a welcoming meal or snacks. Dr. Orozco will be working with her team and the Board to find a date for that event.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.

PERSONNEL:

1. Mr. Trainer moved to accept the resignation of Kyle Low and Mr. Jennings seconded. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting ended at: 8:19 pm. Public was notified no action would be taken after the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. An executive session convened at 8:20 to discuss legal and personnel matters. The Executive Session ended at 9:24 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

attest: Kate Orjico
Secretary of the Board

Greg Cochran
Chairman, Board of Directors

9-21-2021
Date