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Minutes of the April 15, 2025 Board of Education Minutes.

Present:

Jennifer Luedke  
Nathan Geiger  
Jason Winder  
Tim Grable  
Nikia Weber  
Annika Franken

Janel Anderson  
Allisha Engemann  
Patrick McKernan  
Jeremy Prudden

The regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Nikia Weber at 6 p.m. at Troy Central Office.

#### AGENDA

It was moved by Grable and seconded by Winder to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Board of Education took a moment of silence to reflect on all the servicemen home and abroad serving our country and all those who are dealing with the natural disasters at this time.

#### VOUCHERS AND BILLS

It was moved by Luedke and seconded by Franken to approve the vouchers and bills and financial report as presented. Motion Carried.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

Jaya Weishaar, Macy Grable, and Senior sponsor, Kelli Rodgers, presented the final plans for the THS Senior Trip to Gulf Shores, Alabama. The class requested a contribution from the board of education for the sponsor portion of the trip.

Michael Brissett and Dru Whetstine presented to the board plans for some cover shading over the dugouts and grandstand at the softball / baseball field. They are hoping to get a grant to help offset some of the cost. A monetary donation was requested between \$20000 and \$25000 from the Troy School Board. The board requested to see some alternate plans that did prohibit the viewing of the field area from the sidewalk. Mr. Brissett will work with the architect and bring a plan back to the board.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Franken and seconded by Winder to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- a. Approval of Minutes –March 10, 2025
- b. Approval of KASB Legal Fees and Memberships
- c. Approval of Esports Overnight Trip to Pratt, KS

Motion Carried.

#### APPROVAL OF NON-RESIDENT CAPACITY

It was moved by Winder and seconded by Grable to approve the Non-Resident Capacity plan as unlimited at this time. Motion Carried.

A lengthy discussion about pay for hotel, meals, transportation for KSHSAA sponsored events, clubs, and courses was held. Administration will work on updating board policy and handbooks.

#### APPROVAL OF JUNE 2025 BOARD MEETING DATE

The June 2025 regular board of education meeting will be June 16, 2025 at 6 PM in the Troy Central Office. Motion Carried.

#### APPROVAL OF SENIOR TRIP SPONSOR DONATION

It was moved by Grable and seconded by Geiger to approve \$300 towards each senior sponsors travel expenses for the 2025 senior trip. The remaining balance of the sponsor travel expenses should come from the class of 2025 classroom money. Motion Carried.

Mr. McKernan updated the board of education that Mr. Pickerell has completed the E-Rate process for 2024-2025. The district will be using these funds to replace all primary network switches in the district and replace all of the battery backup batteries. The master teacher selection committee will meet on April 23 at 3:30 PM. Mr. McKernan thanked all the patrons, parents, and staff who served on the site council committees this year. On April 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:45 PM the staff of USD 429 has been invited to a meeting about self funded BCBS plan from Pateese Harden. This was a board goal to study different health insurance options for USD 429 employees. The building principals will be conducting state required needs assessment during inservice days in May. A discussion on the cooperative agreements with St. Benedicts/Trinity Lutheran for MS Football and Maur Hill for softball/baseball were held. Administrators will be attending USA Conference May 28-30 in Wichita. May 31<sup>st</sup> is state track in Wichita.

Mrs. Engemann updated the board of education on the participation of spring parent / teacher conferences at a 99% rate of attendance. The Book Blast was recently completed at TGS. Approximately \$4000 in donations to add books for their home library were collected. March 31<sup>st</sup> all grade school students kicked off state assessment season with a assembly. State Assessment test at Troy Grade School will wrap up this week.

Mr. Prudden updated the board of education on ACT scores. Mrs. Clary is working on a possible band trip to Chicago in April 2026. Mr. Prudden is working on goals for next year like better communication and improve instruction through professional development, learn more about facilities and budgeting, continue to offer students opportunities for real-world skills. Troy HS has several students qualify for State History Day in Topeka: Colton Sigrist, Ally Ellsworth, Gaby Simpson, Malique Doss, Mackenzie Christenson, Emerson Weber, & Gracie Grable. Congratulations to the THS Girls Basketball Team and Coaches for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the State Basketball Tournament. The sixth grade under the direction of Mrs. Johnson participated in Pi Day on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Several students qualified at State FBLA for Nationals. Thank you to Ms. Rodgers, Ms. Andrushchenko, Mr. and Mrs. Root for accompanying them. Thank you to Mrs. Root and Ms. Clary for taking students to regional speech and music. Life skills day was a success. Mr. Prudden asked the board of education to move Grade 8 promotion to Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and have Preschool Graduation on Tues., May 20<sup>th</sup> due to regional softball scheduled on Tuesday. The board agreed to move Grade 8 promotion to Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. McKernan gave the DCEC report.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Weber and seconded by Luedke to go into executive session to discuss latest proposals for increasing pay pursuant to the exception for employer – employee negotiations under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:40 PM.

Remaining: Board, Superintendent, and Administrators

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Franken and seconded by Winder to go into executive session to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:40 PM.

Remaining: Board, Superintendent and Administrators

#### APPROVAL OF STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

It was moved by Geiger and seconded by Winder to grant an exception to waive local graduation requirements in excess of the state minimum requirements for the student discussed in executive session. Motion Carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Winder and seconded by Luedke to go into executive session to discuss an individual(s) employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 10:30 p.m.

#### APPROVAL OF RESIGNATIONS

It was moved by Franken and seconded by Luedke to approve with regret the resignation of Madison King as Library Aide. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Geiger and seconded by Winder to approve with regret the resignation of Kathy Smith as the TGS Custodian at the end of June. Motion Carried.

#### APPROVAL OF ELEMENTARY TEACHER

It was moved by Grable and seconded by Geiger to approve Emily Purdy as an elementary teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion Carried.

#### APPROVAL OF TEACHING CONTRACTS

It was moved by Winder and seconded by Grable to approve the teaching contracts for the 2025-2026 as presented. Motion Carried.

#### APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL DUTIES

It was moved by Luedke and seconded by Franken to approve the supplemental duties as presented for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

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Janel K. Anderson  
Clerk of the Board