

Clark County R-1 School Board  
Regular Meeting - Open Session  
March 14, 2019

The Clark County R-1 Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Board Room located at 427 W. Chestnut St. in Kahoka, Missouri. Brad Sprague, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Brad Sprague, President, Mark Plenge, Vice President, Jason Acklie, Charles West, Kari Bevans, Craig Hunziker, and Kevin Ross, members.

Administration present: Dr. Ritchie Kracht, Superintendent; Jason Harper (arrived at 7:05), Jason Church (arrived at 7:20), Julie Brotherton (arrived at 7:30), Katrina Nixon (arrived at 7:35) and Dr. Susan Rossmiller (arrived at 7:20) Principals.

Guests: Jim Whitfield, American Red Cross, Martha Irvin Opaal!, Dan Oilar, John Reardon, & Nicole Harper

The following Consent Agenda was discussed:

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve prior meeting minutes
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3. Approve financial reports as presented by Superintendent
4. Program, committee, informational reports, and other business

Motion made by Mark Plenge, seconded by Jason Acklie to approve consent agenda.  
Aye 7. Nay 0.

Jim Whitfield from the American Red Cross came to express to the Board his thanks and appreciation to Mr. Harper, Mr. Lemmon and Mr. Oilar for success of the recent blood drive that the FFA organization held. Mr. Whitfield acknowledged the work the FFA students did in order to recruit others to attend. Mr. Whitfield reported that the blood drive collected 56 units of blood which will help 168 people.

Dan Oilar, teacher and bus driver presented his request to get his health insurance benefit as a bus driver as additional pay since he already receives the insurance benefit as a teacher.

Marth Irvin, Opaal! Food Service Director presented a short program that highlighted the Opaal! Food program. Highlighted were the new items added to the menu as well as the new freezers Marth was able to purchase with a grant she had been awarded.

Mr. Harper along with high school teachers, Mr. Reardon and Mrs. Harper presented the changes to the high school end of course exams that are given from The Department of Elementary and Secondary education( DESE). These assessments used in the state of Missouri are designed to measure how well the students acquire skills and knowledge described in the Missouri Learning Standards (MLS). Mr. Harper stated that “These new tests are very concerning for the staff”, so far no individual data is coming back from these new test to see how students are doing, with these new testing processes. The new tests are very different from the tests in the past. Mrs. Harper presented that one of the changes to these tests are in which one question may have 8 answers and 5 maybe correct, if a student picks 4 of the 5 correct answers they will receive 0 points for that question. Mr. Reardon presented a sample of questions that he has seen for the government exam which are questions that he feels are “ridiculous and are designed to hurt the students.” He said “these questions are set up to be demoralizing for teachers and students.” Mrs. Harper and Mr. Reardon both are concerned with these new tests are set up that teachers are going to have a difficult time preparing students for the new assessments. Overall, there has been a lot of frustration with these new tests, and they do not expect good results coming from them.

Motion was made by Jason Acklie, seconded by Charles West to approve the changes and updates to MSBA policies, BBB, BBBB, DC, DG, DJFA, GB, GBAC (new), GBEBC, GCPC (rescind), GDPC (rescind), IC, IGAEB, IGBB, IKE, IKF, IL, JECC, JHHD, and KB.

Aye 7. Nay 0.

Dr. Kracht presented the health insurance plans for the new year, these plans have a 13% increase to premiums. He suggested to the board that we keep the current plans that we have which are the PPO 1500, HSA 3000, and HSA 4000 and add the new Blue preferred select HSA 4000.

Motion to approve the health insurance plans, PPO 1500, HSA 3000, HSA 4000 and the new blue preferred HSA 4000 and to keep the District's monthly contribution to each full time employee's health insurance at \$525 per month. Motion was made by Kari Bevans, and seconded by Mark Plenge.

Aye 7. Nay 0.

Mrs. Nixon presented the Summer School packet. The dates for the this year's summer school will be May 29, 2019 - June 25, 2019. This year summer school will run on 5 day weeks. The pay for teachers will be \$22 an hour. Mrs. Nixon did request one change be made to the packet that will change physical education classes to be listed as healthy living classes.

Motion was made by Kari Bevans, seconded by Kevin Ross to approve the summer school schedule and packet with wording change and teachers pay of \$22 an hour. Aye 7. Nay 0.

Motion was made by Mark Plenge, seconded by Jason Acklie to approve the Opa! Food Service Management agreement for the 2019-2020 school year. Aye 7. Nay 0

Motion was made by Mark Plenge, seconded by Charles West to set the special March meeting for March 21 at 6:00 pm. Aye 7. Nay 0.

Motion made by Mark Plenge seconded by Craig Hunziker to enter into closed session with a closed record and closed vote as allowed pursuant to section RSMO 610.021,

1. Section 1 (legal)
2. Section 3 and 13 (personnel)
3. Section 6 and 14 (student)

Roll Call Vote –

Aye 7 Mark Plenge, Brad Sprague, Jason Acklie, Charles West, Kari Bevans, Craig Hunziker, and Kevin Ross. Nay 0.

(Re-enter Open Session)

Board members discussed the request from Dan Oilar. No action was taken.

Motion made by Jason Acklie, seconded by Charles West to adjourn the meeting.

Aye 7. . Nay 0.

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Date Read and Approved

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Brad Sprague, Board President

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Wendy Johnson, Secretary