

CREST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 479

November 14th, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Crest Unified School District #479 was held at the Crest Board Office, Colony, on Monday, November 14th, 2022. Due to a lack of quorum at 7:00 p.m., the meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Board President Travis Church.

Roll Call

Board Members Present –

Seth Black, Travis Church, Kevin Nilges, and Lance Ramsey

Others – Superintendent Shane Walter, Board Clerk Lynette Prasko and Phillip Jordan (via Zoom).

Approval of Agenda –

After Prom was added as E. 8 to the Items of Business. It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: 4-0

Approval of Consent Agenda –

It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mr. Lance Ramsey to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the October 10th regular board meeting, bills in the amount of \$429,638.19, Enrollment Report and Budget Status Ledger report. Vote: 4-0

Information Items

ANW Special Education Minutes –

The minutes of the October 12th, 2022 ANW Special Education Cooperative meeting were reviewed.

Superintendent/Principal Report –

Mr. Walter reported the internal KESA meeting has been completed and the on-site visit with the outside team has been scheduled. In addition, the district has been presented with the Commissioner's Award with Honors and Silver Postsecondary Effectiveness from the 2022 Kansans Can Star Recognition Awards Program.

Items of Business

Alloy Architecture - Phillip Jordan -

Phillip Jordan from Alloy Architecture presented information (by remote video connection) about his company.

At 7:14 p.m. Mrs. Laura Schmidt arrived at the meeting

Mr. Jordan explained their facility needs assessment benefits and the engineers' analysis that would be provided.

It was moved by Mr. Lance Ramsey and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to approve the quote from Alloy Architecture for the facilities needs assessment in the amount of \$8,000.00 Vote: 5-0

Mr. Jordan also described a typical facility construction bond election process and the pre-bond services offered by Alloy Architecture.

At 8:10 p.m. Dustin Avey of Piper Sandler joined the meeting (by remote video connection) and presented facility financing options and examples. He discussed bonds, mill levy and state aid impact related to facility financial planning.

At 8:45 p.m. Janon Gordon arrived at the meeting.

The next site council date was discussed and tentatively scheduled for November 30th.

Investment/Bank Interest Rates –

Mr. Walter updated the board about investment rates for public funds. It was moved by Mr. Lance Ramsey and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to authorize moving district funds to GSSB (Goppert State Service Bank) for higher interest rates. Vote: 5-0

Board Policy Review –

Mr. Walter discussed the Computer Science and Financial Literacy state requirements and continuing review of Board Policies. Sport/activity eligibility requirement will be reviewed as part of Student Handbook process.

Facility Improvements –

The facilities improvements discussion was covered under previous items of business.

Transportation Improvements –

Mr. Walter reviewed new/used bus and van purchase considerations with the board.

Service Animal Training –

Mr. Walter discussed service animal training by ANW Coop teacher for second semester.

KPERS 457 –

Mr. Walter discussed the KPERS 457 retirement savings plan. It was moved by Mr. Seth Black and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to adopt **Resolution #2022-2023-17** Authorizing a Deferred Compensation Plan for the Employees of Crest USD 479, Colony, Kansas. Resolution is on file in the Board Office. Vote: 5-0

After Prom Event –

Mr. Walter introduced the After Prom representative, Janon Gordon and she asked if the school could provide transportation to/from The Warehouse Event Venue in Iola for After Prom activities. The board discussed that the school can provide a bus and driver under existing policies if the After Prom selects the Iola venue.

At 9:20 p.m. Janon Gordon exited the meeting.

Personnel – Executive Session –

It was moved by Mr. Travis Church and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing district staffing. The reason for the session was the non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA. The meeting was to resume in the board room at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Walter was invited to attend. Vote: 5-0

The open meeting reconvened in the board room at 9:30 p.m. and it was moved by Mr. Lance Ramsey and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to hire Jay Applegate as Summer Driver's Ed teacher. Vote: 5-0

Adjournment –

It was moved by Mr. Seth Black and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Vote: 5-0

Board President

Board Clerk

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