

CREST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 479

February 13th, 2023 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, February 13th, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Travis Church.

Roll Call

Board Members Present –

Jason Beckmon, Nathan Beckmon, Seth Black, Travis Church, and Kevin Nilges.

Others – Superintendent Shane Walter and Board Clerk Lynette Prasko.

Approval of Agenda –

After Prom was added as E. 4. to the Items of Business. It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: 5-0

Approval of Consent Agenda –

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Jason Beckmon to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the January 9th regular board meeting, bills in the amount of \$317,434.99, Enrollment Report and Budget Status Ledger report. Vote: 5-0

Information Items

ANW Special Education Minutes –

The minutes of the January 11th, 2023 ANW Special Education Cooperative meeting were reviewed.

Superintendent/Principal Report –

Mr. Walter reported the March 3rd Teacher in-service will include reviewing curriculum and KESA data (accreditation). On March 4th there will be an Alumni 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at the gym and on March 31st there will be a CTE Fish Fry Fundraiser/Open House for the Career and Technical Education programs.

Items of Business

Building Needs Assessment/Phillip Jordan, Alloy Architecture –

Mr. Walter introduced Phillip Jordan from Alloy Architecture to present the Facilities Assessment Report and discuss mechanical, electrical and plumbing maintenance needs for all buildings.

At 7:37 p.m. Principal Travis Hermreck arrived to the meeting.

The board and Mr. Walter asked Mr. Jordan about the Bond process and options for facility financing.

Chronic Absenteeism –

Mr. Walter reviewed the state's data for chronic absenteeism by defining the criteria as missing 10% of school days (or about 16 days for our district). Crest students had 31% chronic absenteeism for the previous year due largely to COVID quarantines, so it is expected to be lower for the current year.

Senior Trip –

Mr. Walter presented the itinerary and budget for the senior trip to Grand Lake, Oklahoma for March 24-26. It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to approve the senior trip as presented. Vote: 5-0

After Prom –

Mr. Walter discussed the plans being finalized by the parents for After Prom activities at Iola. It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Seth Black for the school to provide bus and fuel to Iola and After Prom will be responsible for the driver expense. Vote: 5-0

Preschool –

Mr. Walter discussed options for preschool including splitting into two classes, possibly adding 3-year olds and related transportation needs.

KESA –

Mr. Walter discussed accreditation progress previously and chronic absenteeism correlation.

Strategic Plan –

Mr. Walter demonstrated the location of the Strategic Plan on the school website.

2023-2024 School Calendar –

Mr. Walter presented 2023-2024 calendar option. It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to adopt the Crest USD 479 2023-2024 District Calendar as presented. Vote: 4-1 (Nilges)

Hunter Safety Training –

Mr. Walter discussed option of March 17th-18th Hunter Safety Training in Garnett for grades 6-12 and possible school competition with March 20th sign-up deadline.

Property/District Insurance –

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to approve the property and district insurance renewal from Personal Service Insurance as presented in the amount of \$57,147.00. Vote: 4-1 (Jason Beckmon)

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 9:18 p.m. Mr. Walter and Mr. Hermreck were invited to attend. Vote: 5-0

The open meeting reconvened in the board room at 9:18 p.m.

At 9:19 p.m. Mr. Nathan Beckmon exited the meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to hire Tara Nicholas as High School Assistant Track Coach. Vote: 4-0

It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to hire Dakotah Sporing as Middle School Assistant Track Coach. Vote: 4-0

At 9:21 p.m. Mr. Nathan Beckmon re-entered the meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to extend the contract for Lynette Prasko until April 30, 2025. Vote: 5-0

Adjournment –

It was moved by Mr. Jason Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. Vote: 5-0

Board President

Board Clerk

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