

**UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 343**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**January 12, 2015**

Minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Office.

**Members Present:** Travis Daniels, Matt Erickson, Tiffany Ball, Gene Barrett, Tim Blosser, Traci Eddy, and Jenny Morgison (arrived at 5:40 p.m.)

**Also Present:** Denis Yoder, Superintendent; Judy Chamberlain, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Connie Thornton; Josh Woodward; Mike Copple; JB Elliott; Mike Maloun; Rita Lesser; Anna Miller; Kassandra Campbell; Nicholas Showalter; Tawnia Showalter; Jenny Rodriguez; Cheylin Ricley; Karmell Thacker; Ron Thacker; and Debbie Walburn, Clerk

- 1.0 Call to Order** – President Travis Daniels called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- 2.0 Ordering and Approval of the Agenda** – Matt Erickson moved to accept the agenda as presented. Traci Eddy seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- 3.0 Executive Session** – Matt Erickson moved that the board recess to executive session for the purpose of discussing items affecting non-elected personnel. Included in the executive session will be Superintendent Denis Yoder. This executive session should begin at 5:30 p.m. in this room with the board reconvening at this place at 6:30 p.m. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

- 4.0 Consent Agenda** – Matt Erickson moved to approve the Consent Agenda with:

**Personnel Considerations:** The employment of John Mehl as a library paraprofessional for 5 hours per day; the intent to retire at the end of the current contract year from Tongue Bandel; request from Ron Stegall for leave without pay

**Attendance Requests:** None

**Disposal of District Property:** PLHS request to sell or dispose of 2 sections of old blue rubberized wrestling mats.

Jenny Morgison seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

- 5.0 Recognitions** - None

- 6.0 Board Business**

**6.1 School Board Recognition Month** – Superintendent Denis Yoder thanked all board members for their years of service to the students and patrons of USD #343. All board members were presented with certificates of appreciation.

**6.2 Family and Consumer Science Education Report** – PLHS teacher Rita Lesser and several of her students shared information on activities that they have been part of this year.

**6.3 Mid-Year School Updates** – Building principals gave brief updates to the board on programs in their buildings.

**6.4 Baseball & Softball Bleachers** – Matt Erickson moved to accept the low bid for two sets of bleachers from Heartland Seating Inc., in the amount of \$23,346 and to seek bids for concrete work. Traci Eddy seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**6.5 Exposure Control Plan** – Matt Erickson moved to approve the revised Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens. Tim Blosser seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**6.6 School Board Elections** – Superintendent Yoder shared information on the four board member positions that are up for election this year.

**6.7 Superintendent's Contract** – Matt Erickson moved to extend the superintendent's contract until June 30, 2017. Jenny Morgison seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**7.0 Executive Session** – Matt Erickson moved that the board recess to executive session for the purpose of discussing items affecting non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals being discussed. Included in the executive session will be Superintendent Denis Yoder and Director of Curriculum & Instruction Judy Chamberlain. This executive session should begin at 7:55 p.m. in this room with the board reconvening at this place at 8:25 p.m. Tiffany Ball seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Let the record show that the board returned to regular session at 8:25 p.m.

## **8.0 Reports and Communications**

### **7.1 Superintendent's Report**

- Superintendent Yoder reported that the Governor's State of the State address will be on Thursday, January 15th. The budget is anticipated to be released on Wednesday, January 14th.
- **Communications** - None

**7.2 Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report** – Director Chamberlain reported on the joint inservice with other districts in Jefferson County, to be held on January 19th at Jeff West. She also gave information on the NAEP testing that is being given to the 8th grade on January 29th. The Kansas Communities That Cares survey new guidelines for this year were explained to the board.

**7.3 Keystone Learning Services Update** – Minutes of the December 17, 2014 meeting were enclosed with board materials. Jenny shared that the building in Oskaloosa had been sold and that Keystone would be looking for a new director for next year.

**7.4 USD 343 Endowment Association Update** – Traci reported that they had met in November. There had been discussion on funding of more scholarships, including an arts program scholarship and other items. The Association will meet again in February.

**8.0 Adjournment** – Matt Erickson moved to adjourn the meeting. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 8:44 pm.