

**UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 343**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**March 7, 2016**

Minutes of the regular meeting held on March 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Office.

**Members Present:** Travis Daniels, Tiffany Ball, Gene Barrett, Wendy George, Jenny Morgison

**Members Absent:** Traci Eddy (via conference call), Matt Erickson (via conference call until 6:50 p.m.; rejoined via conference call at 7:36 p.m.)

**Also Present:** Denis Yoder, Superintendent; J.B. Elliott, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Josh Woodward; Mike Maloun; Connie Thornton; Dan Foltz; Kasi Packard; Shelbie Glissman; Scott Coyle; Ed Buchanan; Tricia Schmidt; Monica Foltz; Mark Akagi; Nicholas Saline; Mike Copple (arrived at 7:30 p.m.); Debbie Walburn, Clerk

**1.0 Call to Order** – President Travis Daniels called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2.0 Ordering and Approval of the Agenda** – Jenny Morgison moved to accept the agenda as presented. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

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

**Personnel Considerations:** The employment of Rachael Ferguson as assistant golf coach; of Jordan Allen as assistant track coach; the resignation of Grace O’Trimble as PLHS Varsity Blues coach for next year; of Saul Heide as basketball coach of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls for next year; of Theresa Beatty as PLHS Assistant Principal, Activities Director and Director of Transportation effective June 7, 2016 with agreed upon severance package; of Mike Copple as PLHS Principal effective June 7, 2016 with agreed upon severance package; of Denis Yoder as USD 343 Superintendent of Schools effective June 30, 2016.

**Attendance Requests:** None

**Disposal of District Property:** Permission to sell the older unisaw table saw and Biesemeyer fence.

Wendy George seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**4.0 Recognitions** –

- Dan Foltz and Mark Akagi – addressed the board with their concerns regarding the decision to non-renew administrative staff.
- Monica Foltz – asked if board members could each explain their vote. President Daniels explained that would need to be done in executive session as it deals with non-elected personnel.

**5.0 Board Business**

**5.1 Oskaloosa Wrestling Co-Op Request** – Gene Barrett moved to not approve the cooperative sponsorship agreement with Oskaloosa. Jenny Morgison seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**5.2 Door/Building Security Bids** – Jenny Morgison moved to accept the low bid from Rueschoff of \$21,989 for the door access locking system. Tiffany Ball seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**5.3 KSDE Update** – Director of Curriculum & Instruction JB Elliott updated the board on new goals that are being promoted by KSDE.

**5.4 State Assessment Report** – Director of Curriculum & Instruction JB Elliott gave the board a report on where the district is in assessment testing. He also shared information on training for scoring the performance assessments.

**5.5 High School Principal Search Report** – Information was shared with the board on the selection process. The interview process and board members involved in the process were finalized.

**5.6 Certified Staff Update** – This item was tabled until after Executive Session. After executive session the following motions were made:

Gene Barrett moved to offer a 2 year contract to JB Elliott as Superintendent of Schools. Tiffany Ball seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Tiffany Ball moved to offer a 2 year contract to Josh Woodward as Director of Curriculum & Instruction. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Gene Barrett moved to offer a 1 year contract to Mike Maloun as PLMS Principal. Wendy George seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**6.0 Executive Session** – Gene Barrett 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, Director of Curriculum & Instruction JB Elliott, PLHS principal Mike Cople, PLMS principal Josh Woodward, PLMS assistant principal Mike Maloun and PLES principal Connie Thornton. This executive session should begin at 7:35 p.m. in this room with the board reconvening at this place at 8:35 p.m. Wendy George seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Board member Matt Erickson rejoined the meeting via conference call at 7:36 p.m.

Connie Thornton left the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Mike Cople left the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Mike Maloun left the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Josh Woodward left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Gene Barrett moved to extend executive session 20 minutes, to begin at 8:35 p.m. and reconvene at 8:55 p.m. Wendy George seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Denis Yoder left the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Gene Barrett moved to extend executive session 10 minutes, to begin at 8:55 p.m. and reconvene at 9:05 p.m. Wendy George seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Gene Barrett moved to extend executive session 20 minutes, to begin at 9:05 p.m. and reconvene at 9:25 p.m. Wendy George seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Josh Woodward rejoined executive session at 9:05 p.m.

Gene Barrett moved to extend executive session 10 minutes, to begin at 9:25 p.m. and reconvene at 9:35 p.m. Wendy George seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Gene Barrett moved to extend executive session 10 minutes, to begin at 9:35 p.m. and reconvene at 9:45 p.m. Wendy George seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Gene Barrett moved to extend executive session 10 minutes to begin at 9:45 p.m. and reconvene at 9:55 p.m. Wendy George seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Mike Maloun rejoined executive session at 9:45 p.m.

Let the record show that the board returned to open session at 9:57 p.m.

## **7.0 Reports and Communications**

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

- Superintendent Yoder shared information with the board from the A & M report regarding cash reserves and what it could mean to our district. He also shared information on Senate Bill 311 regarding the moving of all monies that currently flow through KSDE to the state general fund for distribution to districts.
- **Communications** – None
- Minutes of the February 11, 2016 PLMS Site Council were enclosed with board materials

**7.2 Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report** – Director Elliott shared information on two upcoming trainings that he and staff will be attending.

**7.3 Keystone Learning Services Update** – Minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting were enclosed with board materials.

**7.4 USD 343 Endowment Association Update** – Board member Traci Eddy stated that the Association had not met since the last meeting.

**8.0 Adjournment** – Jenny Morgison moved to adjourn the meeting. Tiffany Ball seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 10:05 pm.

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Travis Daniels, President

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Debbie Walburn, Clerk