

**UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 343**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**January 8, 2018**

Minutes of the regular meeting held on January 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Office.

**Members Present:** Travis Daniels, Matt Erickson, DeAnn Hupe Seib (arrived at 6:33 p.m.), Jenny Morgison, Ryan Blosser, Nick Fergus, Ramon Gonzalez

**Also Present:** JB Elliott, Superintendent; Josh Woodward, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Mike Maloun; Rita Lesser; Lisa Scrimsher; Kelsey Kasson; Meta Hetrick; Carrie Volle; Scott Coyle; Sandy Gantz; Jadelyn Lee; Kyle Bonham; Lisa Surface; Brad Mallonee; Corey Shackelford; Tyler Erickson; Ty Packard; Connie Thornton; Chip Wheeler; Jarae Essman; Ella Barrett; Wayne Ledbetter; Nettie Johnson; Julie Alley; Allison Day; Adam Schrader; Jennifer Brown; Joel Guess; Weston Pringle; Cara Coleman; Kenzie Elliott; Marty Blosser, Clerk

**1.0 Call to Order** – President Travis Daniels called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**2.0 Swearing in of New Members and Appointments**

**2.1** Swearing in of new USD #343 Board of Education Members

**2.2** Appointment of Keystone Learning Services Representative – New member Ramon Gonzalez volunteered to serve as representative

**2.3** Appointment of Board Endowment Association – New member Ryan Blosser volunteered to serve as representative and

**2.4** Appointment of Board Negotiations – New member Nick Fergus volunteered for the open position.

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

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

**Personnel Considerations:** The employment of Philip Kaul as PLMS Scholar’s Bowl coach, Jenna Brehm, Adam Schrader, Mackenzie Elliott, and Nick Hurd as part-time student custodians; Nicki Brandenburg as a substitute van driver; Kim Stegall as a van driver; and Susie Whitaker has requested 6 unpaid days of leave in March, for medical reasons. The termination of Kim Turner as PLHS Custodian; the resignation of Christian Brown as PLMS Scholar’s Bowl coach; and the resignation/retirement of Janie McPherson as Title I teachers effective May 24, 2017.

**Attendance Requests:**

From Jennifer and David Monroe of Berryton, for Amanda Monroe to attend PLHS as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader

From Pat and Crystal Leming of Oskaloosa, for Alyssa Leming to attend PES as a 1<sup>st</sup> grader.

**Gifts to the District** - Perry United Methodist Church has donated \$1010 to be used for students with negative lunch balances.

**Disposal of Property:** None.

Deann Hupe Seib seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**5.0 Recognitions – None**

**6.0 Board Business**

**6.1 PLMS iPad Policy Update –** Jenny Morgison moved to approve the change to the PLMS iPad policy. Deann Hupe Seib seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**6.2 Policy Updates –** This is a first read report item with no board action anticipated.

**6.3 School Board Recognition Month –** Superintendent JB Elliott recognized board members for their years of service to the district with the presentation of certificates.

**7.0 Executive Session –**

**7.1** Matt Erickson moved that the board recess to executive session to discuss matters of personnel. Included in the executive session will be Superintendent JB Elliott. This executive session should begin at 6:50 p.m. in this room with the board reconvening at this place at 7:30 p.m. Jenny Morgison seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 15 minutes, to begin at 7:30 p.m. and reconvene at 7:45 p.m. Jenny Morgison seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 10 minutes, to begin at 7:45 p.m. and reconvene at 7:55 p.m. Jenny Morgison seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 5 minutes, to begin at 7:55 p.m. and reconvene at 8:00 p.m. Jenny Morgison seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 3 minutes, to begin at 8:00 p.m. and reconvene at 8:03 p.m. Jenny Morgison seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Let the record show that the board returned to regular session at 8:03 p.m.

**7.2** Matt Erickson moved that the board recess to executive session to discuss the matters of personnel. Included in the executive session will be Superintendent JB Elliott and PLES Principal Connie Thornton, and Lisa Surface. This executive session should begin at 8:10 p.m. in this room with the board reconvening at this place at 8:40 p.m. Nick Fergus seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Connie Thornton left the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Lisa Surface entered the meeting at 8:17 p.m. and left at 8:23 p.m.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 10 minutes, to begin at 8:40 p.m. and reconvene at 8:50 p.m. Nick Fergus seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 20 minutes, to begin at 8:50 p.m. and reconvene at 9:10 p.m. Nick Fergus seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 5 minutes, to begin at 9:10 p.m. and reconvene at 9:15 p.m. Nick Fergus seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 5 minutes, to begin at 9:15 p.m. and reconvene at 9:20 p.m. Nick Fergus seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Let the record show that the board returned to regular session at 9:20 p.m.

Matt Erickson moved to place Connie Thornton on administrative leave without pay effective January 8, 2017 until her building administrative license is valid. Nick Fergus seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

## **8.0 Reports and Communications**

### **8.1 Superintendent's Report**

- **Communications – None**
- Superintendent Elliott updated the board on the implementation of CPR training for all students.
- Board members were reminded of the board lunch at PLMS on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The calendar committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, board members Jenny Morgison and Deann Hupe Seib volunteered to serve on this committee.

**8.2 Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report** – Director Woodward updated the board on his upcoming workshops. On Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, in the morning the staff will travel to McLouth for a joint inservice with other districts in Jefferson County. On Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> we will be hosting the league Spelling Bee at the high school.

**8.3 Keystone Learning Services Update** – Minutes of the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were enclosed with board materials.

**8.4 USD 343 Endowment Association Update** – No Update

**9.0 Adjournment** – Matt Erickson moved to adjourn the meeting. Deann Hupe Seib seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 9:32 pm.

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Travis Daniels, President

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Marty Blosser, Clerk