

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING U.S.D. # 261
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1745 W. GRAND AVE.
HAYSVILLE, KANSAS**

January 25, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

**MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM DUE TO NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS IN RESPONSE
TO COVID 19 SOCIAL DISTANCE GUIDELINES**

(A live link to this meeting was made available on the USD 261 website.)

Subject to Board Approval

The meeting of the Board of Education of Haysville School District # 261, Haysville, Kansas was called to order via Zoom at 7:00 p.m., by Board President Paige Crum. Six Board members were present via ZOOM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paige Crum
Tom Gibson
Jennifer Bain
Greg Fenster
Dr. Susan Norton
Jeremy Bennett (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)
Jerome Crawford

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. John Burke, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Coleman, Clerk of the Board
Dr. Clint Schutte, Assistant Supt. of Finance
Dr. Mike Clagg, Assistant Supt. of Personnel
Jennifer Reed, Asst. Supt. of Learning Services
Sierra Johnson, Ex. President Campus Student Council
Others Present via ZOOM and YouTube

1.0 REORGANIZATION MEETING OPENING

1.1 Call to Order

Paige called the meeting to order at 7: 00 p.m. with six members present via ZOOM. Ms. Crum did a verbal roll call. Mr. Bennett arrived at 7:02 p.m.

1.2 Flag Salute

1.3 Election of Board Officers

Ms. Crum opened the floor for nominations for Board president.

Dr. Susan Norton informed the Board that she has personal obligations that will prevent her from holding a Board Office.

Greg Fenster nominated Tom Gibson for president.

Jerome Crawford nominated Paige Crum for president.

Ms. Crum asked if there were additional nominations.

Hearing none, a motion was made to cease nominations.

MOTION to close nominations.

(Crum/Gibson)

Verbal vote: Fenster - y, Bennett – y, Gibson – y, Bain – y, Norton – y, Crawford – y and Crum – y

Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Crum called a verbal vote for Tom Gibson.

Norton – y, Crawford – n, Gibson – abstained, Bennett – n, Bain – n, Fenster – y, Crum - n
Tom Gibson received 2 votes.

Ms. Crum called a verbal vote for Paige Crum.

Norton – n, Crawford – y, Gibson – abstained, Bennett – y, Bain – y, Fenster – n, Crum - y
Paige Crum received 4 votes.

Receiving 4 votes, Paige Crum was elected Board president.

Newly elected Board president, Paige Crum, opened the floor for nominations for vice-president.

Jeremy Bennett nominated Tom Gibson for vice-president.

Dr. Susan Norton nominated Jennifer Bain for vice-president.

Ms. Crum asked if there were additional nominations.

Hearing none, a motion was made to close nominations.

MOTION to close nominations for vice-president.

(Crum/Crawford)

Verbal vote: Fenster - y, Bennett – y, Gibson – abstained, Bain – y, Norton – (n) changed to y,
Crawford – y and Crum – y

Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Crum called a verbal vote for Tom Gibson.

Norton – (n) changed to y, Crawford – y, Gibson – abstained, Bennett – y, Bain – abstained,
Fenster – y, Crum - n

Tom Gibson received 4 votes.

Ms. Crum called a verbal vote for Jennifer Bain.

Norton – (y) changed to n, Crawford – n, Gibson – abstained, Bennett – n, Bain – abstained,
Fenster – n, Crum - y

Jennifer Bain received 1 vote.

Receiving 4 votes Tom Gibson was elected Board vice-president.

1.4 President's Announcements (No Documentation)

- Election of Negotiations Team
Through Board consensus, Tom Gibson and Jeremy Bennett will continue as the Board representatives on the Negotiations Team. Ms. Jennifer Bain will observe the process.
- The Board received a thank you note from Tri-City Day School for the Board members' service on the Board of Education.

1.5 Superintendent's Announcements (No Documentation)

- The Campus High School Boys' Basketball Team won the Ralph Miller Tournament in Chanute last week.
- Dr. Burke told the Board that he enjoys working with the best school board in the State.

1.6 Campus High School Student Council Report (No Documentation)
Sierra Johnson - Executive President introduced herself to the Board and presented information to the Board on the GEM 5K and Winter Homecoming.

1.7 New and Good (No Documentation)

- Tom Gibson
Rex, 3rd grade teacher Shana Miller won the Golden Apple award.
Dr. Burke added that Ms. Miller also was the winner of the Horizon Award.
- Paige Crum
Rex is participating in 1 Book 1 School. January's book was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Lower grade levels had the book read to them, while students in the upper grades read the book. Staff members were pictured as OOMPA LOOMPAS and their pictures were posted throughout the school.

Our staff made it through the 1st semester of school during the pandemic and ROCKED it!

USD 261 is working on purchasing more devices to go one-on-one at the elementary level.

All of the superintendent candidates were very impressed with our District facilities and great staff.

- Jeremy Bennett
Mr. Bennett requested Dr. Maurer recognize HMS evening custodian, Tim Wilson, for the outstanding job he did while the Board conducted the superintendent search meetings at HMS.

1.8 Approve / Amend Agenda (No Documentation)

MOTION to approve the agenda as amended by removing 3.4 Renewal of PaperCut Software under 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA and adding an Executive Session under 5.0 REPORTS.
(Bennett/Norton)

Verbal vote: Fenster - y, Bennett - y, Gibson - y, Bain - y, Norton - y, Crawford - y and Crum - y

Motion carried 7-0.

2.0 DISTRICT PATRON/PERSONNEL TIME

2.1 Hearing of Scheduled District Patrons/District Personnel – 5 min.

- The Board of Education meetings are meetings in public, not public meetings. With security necessities for online communication for the duration of the COVID-19 modified meeting format, there will be no unscheduled public comment section on the Board meeting agendas.
If you would like to request to be on the agenda, please email/contact the Clerk of the Board's office at dcoleman@usd261.com by 4:30 p.m. on the Tuesday before the Monday BOE Meeting (since the packet is normally put out on Wednesday).
All communication should include complete contact information (first/last name, email, street address, city/state/zip, and daytime phone number).

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Previous Minutes

3.2 Routine Personnel

3.3 Gifts and Grants

- Haysville West Middle School received a grant totaling \$3500.00 to be used to purchase technology and enrichment activities for remote learners.
- Campus High School received a donation in the amount of \$1200.00 from Kimberly Choup to be used for Tech Ed's Science / Environmental Project.

3.4 ~~Renewal of PaperCut Software~~ – Removed from Agenda

3.5 Plagens Carpenter Sports Complex Agreement

Tom Gibson asked Dr. Schutte to check with the City of Haysville to find out why the girls, softball team did not play ball on the City's softball fields.

MOTION to approve the consent agenda as amended by removing 3.4 Renewal of PaperCut Software. (Norton/Bain)

Verbal vote: Fenster - y, Bennett – y, Gibson – y, Bain – y, Norton – y, Crawford – y and Crum – y

Motion carried 7-0.

4.0 TREASURER'S REPORT / BILLS – PDF

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report/Bills as presented.

(Norton/Bain)

Verbal vote: Fenster - n, Bennett – y, Gibson – y, Bain – y, Norton – y, Crawford – y and Crum – y

Motion carried 6-1. Greg Fenster voted no.

5.0 REPORTS – Focus on Learning

In order to save time the Superintendent Search was presented before the COVID-19 report.

- Superintendent Search (Place Holder)

MOTION to go into Executive Session at 7:43 p.m., for 10-minutes, to return at 7:53 p.m. for discussion of Non Elected Personnel regarding issues related to the Superintendent Search.

(Crum/Norton)

Verbal vote: Fenster - y, Bennett – y, Gibson – y, Bain – y, Norton – y, Crawford – y and Crum – y

Motion carried 7-0.

The Board, reconvened via ZOOM at 7:53 p.m. with seven Board members present.

Fenster, Bennett, Gibson, Bain, Norton, Crawford and Crum.

Ms. Crum stated that Superintendent Search candidate interviews were conducted last week. The Board received applications from 18 applicants. This group was narrowed down to 4 candidates which were interviewed by the Board. The Board hopes to have something to share with the public later this week or next.

- COVID-19
Dr. Clint Schutte, Jennifer Reed and Beth Schutte presented information to the Board regarding a COVID-19 update.
 - Dr. Schutte informed the Board that the District continues to follow guidelines from KDHE, SCDH and KSDE regarding social distancing and wearing masks.
 - Ms. Jennifer Reed spoke to the Board about options for students returning to onsite for secondary learners.
The three options Ms. Reed spoke on were: continued full remote for secondary, parent choice for the entire 3rd nine week session and hybrid – onsite every other day and remote the other days.
 - Ms. Beth Schutte informed the Board that the District will be administering the Rapid test and PCR test for COVID-19. The District has partnered with KDHE and WSU Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory (MDL) which normally has a 24 hour turn around test result. The Rapid test has a 15-minutes turn around for results. The MDL diagnostic is typically more accurate.

MOTION to go with option-2 Parent Choice for secondary as soon as Administration can get it going.

(Fenster/Crawford)

After discussion, Mr. Fenster rescinded his motion and Mr. Crawford rescinded his second.

MOTION to return to option-2 Parent Choice for secondary effective on February 16, 2021.

(Bain/Crawford)

Verbal vote: Fenster - y, Bennett – y, Gibson – y, Bain – y, Norton – n, Crawford – y and Crum – y

Motion carried 6-1. Dr. Susan Norton voted no.

MOTION to allow Administration to expand the cohort or building to go fully remote due to COVID-19 related factors at the discretion of the building administrators.

(Bennett/Norton)

Verbal vote: Fenster - n, Bennett – y, Gibson – y, Bain – y, Norton – y, Crawford – y and Crum – y

Motion carried 6-1. Greg Fenster voted no.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

None

7.0 FIRST READINGS

7.1 Parents As Teachers Staff and Student Handbooks

Emily Goetz presented information to the Board regarding the Parents As Teachers Staff and Student Handbooks.

This was a first reading with no action requested from the Board.

7.2 Tri-City Day School Staff and Student Handbooks

Douglas Berryman presented information to the Board regarding the Tri-City Day School Staff and Student Handbooks.

This was a first reading with no action requested from the Board.

Greg Fenster left the BOE meeting at 9:27 p.m.

7.3 Project Life Program

Angie Estell, Director of Special Services, presented information to the Board regarding the Project Life Program grant application. This is a vocational program for individuals 18 – 21 years of age.

8.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

8.1 Future Agenda Items

- All First Readings (if any) moved to Action Items
- Report of Administration Contracts (Ex. Session)
- Extension of Administration Contracts (Ex. Session)
- Capital Outlay (1st Reading)
- Executive Session for Negotiations

8.2 Board Calendar

No Changes

8.3 Additional BOE Meetings

Paige Crum presented information to the Board regarding additional Board meetings being held once per month for COVID-19 discussion through the end of the academic year.

MOTION to hold three additional BOE meetings on February 8, 2021, March 8, 2021 and April 5, 2021 for discussion of issues related to COVID-19.

(Bennett/Norton)

Verbal vote: Bennett – y, Gibson – y, Bain – y, Norton – y, Crawford – y and Crum – y

Motion carried 6-0.

The Board discussed future Board meetings being remote or in-person. In-person meetings would continue to be live streamed to the public and Scheduled Patrons/Personnel via online or call-in for the duration of COVID-19 in a modified format. During in-person meetings the Board will continue to practice social distancing and wear masks.

MOTION for Board meetings to begin in-person beginning February 8, 2021 with the Board continuing to practice current COVID mitigation of social distancing and wearing masks.

Location of the meetings to be determined.

(Bennett/Bain)

Verbal vote: Bennett – y, Gibson – y, Bain – y, Norton – y, Crawford – y and Crum – y

Motion carried 6-0.

9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – Negotiations –

To discuss employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency.

MOTION to go into executive session at 9:57p.m. for 10-minutes, to return at 10:07 p.m. for the discussion of Negotiations to discuss employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency and to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding.

(Crum/Crawford)

Verbal vote: Bennett – y, Gibson – y, Bain – y, Norton – y, Crawford – y and Crum – y

Motion carried 6-0.

The Board invited Dr. Burke, Dr. Clagg and Dr. Schutte to join them in Executive Session. Dr. Burke, Dr. Clagg and Dr. Schutte joined the Board at 9:57 p.m.

The Board, reconvened via ZOOM at 10:07 p.m. with 6 Board members present.
(Bennett, Gibson, Bain, Norton, Crawford and Crum)

Dr. Burke, Dr. Clagg and Dr. Schutte returned to the Board meeting via ZOOM at 10:07 p.m.

MOTION to approve the Memo of Understanding as presented.
(Gibson/Crawford)

Verbal vote: Bennett – y, Gibson – y, Bain – y, Norton – y, Crawford – y and Crum – y
Motion carried 6-0.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Paige Crum, Board of Education President

Debra M. Coleman, Board of Education Clerk