

U.S.D. 404 Board of Education met on Thursday, December 8th
And conducted the following business:

Judy Adams moved to go into executive session to discuss the superintendent search pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and return to open session in the boardroom at 6:52 p.m. Matt Darnaby seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Randy Corns, Executive Director of Greenbush and primary point of contact to support for the School Board's efforts to hire a new Superintendent.

Judy Adams moved to go into executive session to discuss the superintendent search pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and return to open session in the boardroom at 7:02 p.m. Matt Darnaby seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Randy Corns, Executive Director of Greenbush and primary point of contact to support for the School Board's efforts to hire a new Superintendent.

Judy Adams moved to go into executive session to discuss the superintendent search pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and return to open session in the boardroom at 7:07 p.m. Matt Darnaby seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Randy Corns, Executive Director of Greenbush and primary point of contact to support for the School Board's efforts to hire a new Superintendent.

Justin Wilson, Maintenance Director, gave the board an update on maintenance repairs.

Jon Bruce, Transportation Director, reported that the bus & the stolen van are back from repair and has been returned to service.

Jon Bruce, Transportation Director, reported that purple wave came out and took pictures of the surplus bus. The auction begins 12/23/22 and will end 1/10/23.

Adam Thomasson, Elementary Principal, gave a review of recent activities and that they were very well attended.

Adam Thomasson, Elementary Principal, informed the board that the Elementary Christmas Program is scheduled for December 19th.

Adam Thomasson, Elementary Principal, reported that the 4 day week calendar committee is still collecting data and will present to staff after Christmas.

Zach Martin, Middle School Principal, informed the board of the MS Christmas Program is December 13th.

Shelly Livingston, High School Asst. Principal, gave a review of recent activities, i.e. NHS inductees, musical, basketball, parades, district music participation, football all-state honors, scholars bowl.

Shelly Livingston, High School Asst. Principal, informed for the board of upcoming events.

Adam Thomasson, Elementary Principal, Zach Martin, MS Principal, and Shelly Livingston, HS Asst. Principal, gave results from the October Student Perception Survey. They shared highlights and concerns for their respective building.

Each gave a shout out to their teachers for the high percentage of students that feel they have “at least one teacher or adult in my building I trust.”

Todd Berry, Superintendent, reported that the district underwent a Food Service Review. Mr. Berry mentioned that the review went well and the reviewer was very appreciative of Elizabeth, Shawna, & Susie for the way things were prepared.

The Board expressed their appreciation also.

Todd Berry, Superintendent, reported the calendar committee recommends that due to changes in the negotiated agreement March 10 be changed to a non-attendance day for students & teachers.

Judy Adams moved to amend the 2022-23 calendar to change March 10, 2023 to a non-attendance day for students & teachers. Matt Darnaby, seconded; carried unanimously.

Kristen Greer moved to approve the Lawn Service Contract for 2023. Kyle Anderson, seconded; carried unanimously.

Judy Adams moved to approve FMLA leave as presented. Kyle Anderson, seconded; carried unanimously.

Judy Adams moved to approve the following employment recommendation:

Stephanie Owens-substitute custodial (no benefits)

Gary Neal, seconded; carried unanimously.

Judy Adams moved to accept an anonymous donation to Riverton Elementary School First Grade. Tim Wilson, seconded; carried unanimously.

Judy Adams moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Tim Wilson, seconded; carried unanimously.

Member present: Tim Wilson, Judy Adams, Kyle Anderson, Kristin Greer, Jennifer Edwards, Matt Darnaby and Gary Neal.