

**U.S.D. 404 Board of Education met on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
and conducted the following business:**

Jon Bruce, Transportation Director, reported on bus maintenance and repairs.

Justin Wilson, Maintenance Director, expressed his appreciation to the board for the purchase of the new lawn mower.

Justin Wilson, Maintenance Director, reported he had given a preventive maintenance schedule to Dr. Cooper.

Zach Martin, Middle School Principal, reported the Middle School Site Council met on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Zach Martin, Middle School Principal, reported that state assessments had been completed in the Middle School.

Zach Martin, Middle School Principal, reported on the Middle School Invitational Track meet on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Martin commended Will Mallatt, Athletic Director, for his organization and hard work in preparing for this event.

Zach Martin, Middle School Principal, provided the board with list of upcoming dates for: Market Day, Middle School musical, spring concert, 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip and 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration.

Adam Thomasson, Elementary Principal, reported state assessments had been completed in the Elementary.

Adam Thomasson, Elementary Principal, reported the Elementary recently recognized and celebrated para's on National Paraprofessional day and Nancy King for National Librarian Day.

Adam Thomasson, Elementary Principal, reported the Elementary Site Council met on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Adam Thomasson, Elementary Principal, reminded the board about the upcoming Show Off City on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Adam Thomasson, Elementary Principal, reported that Megan Haywood, Food Service Clerk, is working with others in the District to apply for KDOT's Safe Routes to School grant.

Shelly Livingston, Assistant High School Principal, reported that all Parent Teacher conferences have been completed and the High School had 100% participation.

Shelly Livingston, Assistant High School Principal, highlighted a few items (State Powerlifting and State Archery) from the event list provided by Chad Harper, High School Principal. The list of events is attached.

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, gave the board information on setting capacities for open enrollment.

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, reported that the enrollment documents for out of district students will be presented at the May board meeting for approval.

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, reported that maintenance is in the process of obtaining summer maintenance and custodial requests.

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, gave the board a legislative update.

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, reported Kyle Dannelley, Technology Director, requested that approximately 80 older computers be declared surplus property.

Keeley Adams moved that the District declare approximately 80 older computers as surplus property as per the request of Kyle Dannelley, Technology Director. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously.

Jennifer Edwards moved to reject all of the lawn mowing bids that were presented last month. Cyle Haywood seconded; carried unanimously.

Matt Darnaby moved to approve the proposed contract with Ralph Rutledge to provide services for the application of fertilizer, etc. and train Justin Wilson in this process. Keeley Adams seconded; carried unanimously.

Cyle Haywood moved to transfer Duke North from custodial to mowing with custodial duties. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously.

Cyle Haywood moved that the board go into executive session to discuss teacher contract negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA for two (02) minutes and the board will return to the open meeting at 7:06 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for twenty-five (25) minutes to discuss employment recommendations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 7:32 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper, Shelly Livingston, Zach Martin and Adam Thomasson.

Shelly Livingston, Zach Martin and Adam Thomasson left the executive session at 7:19 p.m.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for five (05) minutes to discuss employment recommendations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 7:38 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper.

Kevin Cooper left the executive session at 7:35 p.m.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for ten (10) minutes to discuss employment recommendations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 7:48 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously.

Kevin Cooper entered the executive session at 7:44 p.m.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for five (05) minutes to discuss employment recommendations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 7:55 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper.

Cyle Haywood moved to approve the USD 404 enrollment projections and the nonresident enrollment capacity as presented. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously.

Jennifer Edwards moved to accept the following resignations:

Anna Gudde – High School Business Teacher

Derek Larison – Summer Weights

Keeley Adams seconded; carried unanimously.

Cyle Haywood moved to approve the following supplemental contracts for 2024-25:

**HS Athletic Director**

Dylan Weaver

**HS Football**

Head Coach: Danny Weaver

Asst. Coach: Adam Babcock

Asst. Coach: Steve Wells

Asst. Coach: Tyler Larison

**HS Volleyball**

Head Coach: Kellyn Lipasek

**HS Cross Country**

Madison McKee

**HS Boys Basketball**

Head Coach: Tucker Thompson

Asst. Coach: Steve Brown

Asst. Coach: Kris McGlothlin

**HS Girls Basketball**

Head Coach: Adam Thomasson

Asst. Coach: Zach Martin

Asst. Coach: Will Mallatt

**HS Cheer Sponsor**

Head: Alicia Mallatt

Asst.: Ashlyn Krei

**Summer Strength & Conditioning**

Blake Arehart (2.0)

**Baseball**

Head: Danny Weaver  
Asst. Coach: Dylan Weaver  
Asst. Coach : Kevin Nelson

**Softball**

Head: Taylor Compton  
Asst.Coach: Macy Williams  
Asst. Coach: Dalton Weaver

**Track**

Head: Blake Arehart  
Asst.Coach: Justin McKee  
Asst. Coach: Isaac Grove

**Golf**

Jonathon Beck

**Athletic Director**

Will Mallatt

**MS Football**

Head Coach: Todd Lee  
Asst. Coach: Will Mallatt

**MS Volleyball**

Head Coach: Kyleigh Lipasek  
Asst. Coach: Sophia DeSilva  
Asst. Coach: Averi Wilson

**MS Boys Basketball**

Justin Wilson-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Head Coach  
Steve Wells-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Head Coach

**MS Girls Basketball**

Macy Williams  
Dalton Weaver

**MS Track**

Head Girls Coach: Kelli Pant  
Head Boys Coach: Will Mallatt  
Asst. Coach : Alicia Mallatt

**MS Cheer**

Nikki Hartin – Supervised Rule 10

Gary Neal seconded; carried unanimously.

Jennifer Edwards moved to fill the following certified vacancies:

Rhonda Wimmer – High School Business (MS Step 7)

Tresa Maneval – Secondary Choral (MS Step 7)

Keeley Adams seconded; carried unanimously.

Cyle Haywood moved to fill the following classified vacancy:

Kellyn Lipasek – High School Aide for Credit Recovery Program (aide pay)

Keeley Adams seconded; carried unanimously.

Jennifer Edwards moved to fill the Middle School Football coaching vacancy with Darren Mooney. Gary Neal seconded; carried unanimously.

Jennifer Edwards moved to approve the proposed contract with Brett Warstler for Water Director services. Gary Neal seconded; carried unanimously.

Cyle Haywood moved to approve the following Principal's contract extension for the 2025-26 school year:

Chad Harper – High School Principal

Shelly Livingston – Assistant High School Principal

Zach Martin – Middle School Principal

Adam Thomasson – Elementary Principal

Linda Wassom – Assistant Elementary Principal

Gary Neal seconded; carried unanimously.

Gary Neal moved to approve the contract extension of Kevin Cooper, Superintendent through the 2025-26 school year. Keeley Adams seconded; carried unanimously.

Matt Darnaby moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Keeley Adams seconded; carried unanimously.

Members present: Judy Adams, Matt Darnaby, Keeley Adams, Jennifer Edwards, Cyle Haywood and Gary Neal

Members absent: Kyle Anderson