

Laura Neel
Ross Gregg
Gene Knouse
Paula Harak
Nicholas Kramer

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Covington-Douglas School
University Center/Board Room
400 E Maine, Covington, OK 73730
September 26, 2023

- I. 6:00 pm
President Laura Neel called the Regular Meeting of the Covington-Douglas Board of Education to order. The notation of the compliance with the open meeting law was made.
- II. Answering roll call was Laura Neel, Ross Gregg, Gene Knouse, Paula Harak and Nicholas Kramer. Also present was Superintendent Darren Sharp.
- III. Superintendent Darren Sharp reported on Financial Update, Construction Update, Legislation, and OSSBA Region Meeting on October 17, 2023 at Enid, OK at 5:30 pm.
- IV. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the consent agenda as presented:
 - A. Approval of the September 5, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Approval of General Fund Encumbrances and Change orders #204-226 in the amount of \$23,095.00 and #70047-70049 in the amount of \$4,854.76.
 - C. Approval of the Building Fund Encumbrances and Change orders #7 in the amount of \$9,159.00.
 - D. Review of the Investment and Expenditures of School District Funds
 - E. Review of School Calendars
 - F. Approval of Activity Funds

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Harak-yes, Kramer-yes

V. Business Items:

- A. Public Comment concerning the 2023-24 school budget

No Comments

- B. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to accept the Estimate of Needs for the 2023-24 school year.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Harak-yes, Kramer-yes

- C. Harak made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to approve the calling for an annual election for school board seat #4 (East Covington) allowing the Superintendent to make any and all substantial changes as needed to the election resolution, press release, and legal notices.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Harak-yes, Kramer-yes

D. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to approve a one time incentive pay stipend of \$1,250.00 to certified staff members who pass the middle school science certification exam

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Harak-yes, Kramer-yes

E. Harak made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to close the split precinct known as Logan-420304 as no registered voters live there.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Harak-yes, Kramer-yes

F. 7:07 pm

Knouse made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to convene into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307 (B)(1) for the following specific purposes:

- 1. Contract of Brandon Schram

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Harak-yes, Kramer-yes

G. 7:10 pm

President Laura Neel acknowledged returning to open session and gave a summary of the executive session. No votes were taken. Coming out of executive session were Neel, Gregg, Knouse, Harak, Kramer and Darren Sharp.

H. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the contract of Brandon Schram to include \$45.00 per day for bus driving days.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Harak-yes, Kramer-yes

VI. No New Business

VII. 7:11 pm

Neel made a motion, seconded by Harak, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Harak-yes, Kramer-yes

President

Vice-President

Board Clerk

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