

Laura Neel  
Ross Gregg  
Gene Knouse  
Paula Harak (absent)  
Nicholas Kramer (absent)

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes  
Covington-Douglas School  
University Center/Board Room  
400 E Maine, Covington, OK 73730  
March 7, 2023

- I. 6:00 pm  
President Laura Neel called the Regular Meeting of the Covington-Douglas Board of Education to order. The notation of compliance with the open meeting law was made.
- II. Answering roll call were Laura Neel, Ross Gregg, and Gene Knouse. Paula Harak and Nicholas Kramer were absent. Also present was Superintendent Darren Sharp.
- III. Superintendent Darren Sharp commented on legislative updates, construction updates, financial updates, cafeteria meals and WindFarm projects.
- IV. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to approve the consent agenda as presented:
  - A. Approval of the February 7, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
  - B. Approval of General Fund encumbrances and change orders #291-304 in the amount of \$150,930.00.
  - C. Approval of the Building Bond Fund 36 encumbrances and change order #6 in the amount of \$2,000.00.
  - D. Review the Investments and Expenditures of School District Funds.
  - E. Review of the school calendar
  - F. Approval of Activity Funds

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes

- V. Business Items:
  - A. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to approve a plaque for the New High School project recognizing all board members affiliated with said project, including past members no longer in office and removing the designation word "New" from the design.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes

- B. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to authorize the Superintendent to explore options for the purchase of a new Suburban vehicle.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes

C. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to authorize the Superintendent to explore options for the purchase of a Maintenance truck.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes

D. Ross made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to go out for bids on the Gymnasium project and related plans.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes

E. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to approve Chas W. Carroll, P. A. as the district's auditor.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes

F. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to approve the transfer of \$1,000.00 from activity fund sub account 0015 Library to activity fund sub account 0014 Accelerated Reader.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes

G. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to change the 2022-2023 School Calendar to designate March 24, 2023 and March 31, 2023 as No School days.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes

H. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to approve the transfer of \$200.00 from activity fund sub account 0029 Interest to activity fund sub account 0030 Rental Account.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes

I. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to approve the transfer of \$14.18 from activity fund sub account 0001 General Fund to activity fund sub account 0029 Interest.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes

J. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to declare all items listed as surplus with the methods of disposal as designated:

- a. 2013 65 passenger International Bus Model PB10500 Serial Number 797824 - sold to Drummond Public Schools for \$3,500.00.
- b. 2008 Chevrolet Suburban 127,700 miles - used for trade in on purchase of a new Suburban
- c. 2009 zero turn mower z830a 1103 hours 60 inch cut - sold at consignment auction
- d. 2005 zero turn mower 757 763 hours 60 inch cut - sold at consignment auction
- e. 2005 Chevrolet Malibu 127,000 miles - sold at consignment auction

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes

K. 7:10 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:

- a. Retirement/Resignation of Tari Bickell and Allen Hobson.
- b. Employment and contract of a band/music instructor.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes

L. 7:21 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 and Superintendent Sharp.

M. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to accept the resignation of Tari Bickel effective May 19, 2023.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes

N. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to accept the resignation of Allen Hobson effective end of business June 30, 2023.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes

O. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to approve the employment of Nash Poulter to a temporary contract as the band/music instructor for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes

VI. No New Business

VII. 7:23 pm

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

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes

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