

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
YUTAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD MEETING

HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

6:00PM

July 12,2021

**\*\*Hearing at 5:40pm to review the Student Fees Policy- Policy #5045**

Mr. Hoffer explained that this hearing is annually held and is in regard to the Student Fees Policy #5045.

Hearing closed at 5:50 PM

**\*\*Hearing at 5:45pm (5:50pm actual time) to review the Bullying/Harassment Policy – Policy #5054**

Mr. Hoffer explained that this hearing is annually held and is in regard to the Bullying/Harassment Policy #5054

Hearing closed at 5:53 PM

**\*\*Hearing at 5:50pm (5:53pm actual time) to review Substitute Teacher and Compensation Policy – Policy #4028**

Mr. Hoffer explained that this hearing is annually held and is in regard to the Substitute Teacher Policy #4028

Hearing closed at 5:55 PM

**\*\*Hearing at 5:55pm to review the Parent Involvement Policy – Policy #5057**

Mr. Hoffer explained that this hearing is annually held and is in regard to the Parent Involvement Policy #5057

Hearing closed at 5:58 PM

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Lloyd

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Roll Call**

**Present-** Molly Lloyd, Dan Egr, Scott Feller,  
Adam Wacker, Danny Josoff, Eric Wilke

**Absent-** None

**D. Excused absences of Board Members**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to excuse absent board members.

**No Motion made as all board members were present**

**E. Notices**

**Postings-** The advanced notice of all School Board meetings, except emergency meetings shall be either published (Wahoo Paper) or by posting in public places (entrance of the Yutan High School, the Post Office, and the Yutan Bank). Per Policy #2008

**Posted-** July 1, 2021 Yutan Post Office, First State Bank-Yutan, Yutan High School

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**Agenda-**The agenda shall be kept current and available for public inspection at the Superintendent's office during normal business hours and on the school district website, except for items of emergency nature. The order of the items on the agenda can be changed by the board at/during the meeting.

**Open Meetings Act-** The Board of Education makes available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public.

**Instructions for those who wish to speak during citizen comment-** The Board of Education recognizes the importance of citizen participation in school district matters. In order to assure citizens are heard and board meetings are conducted effectively and in an organized manner, a Visitor's Period will be scheduled at some meetings. Each speaker shall be allowed a maximum of five minutes, and not more than twenty minutes will be allowed for a specific topic. Policy #2009-Procedure for Addressing the Board, is made available in the meeting room.

**F. Citizen Comments**

- a. **Foundation Information-None**
- b. **Booster Information- None**
- c. **Teacher Presentation-None**
- d. **Dan Krajicek** – Dan Krajicek asked the board to consider putting sprinklers on the football field. Mr. Krajicek stated that the practice field is the major issue as it becomes very hard and is constantly in need of water. He stated that it is a lot of work to make sure the practice field is watered. He stated that \$15,000 is not too much to ask. He claims it is way overdue. He stated that the hard ground is a safety issue.
- e. **Other**

**G. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by S. Feller seconded by E. Wilke to approve Agenda

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**H. Administrative Reports**

- a. Elementary Principal- No Report
- b. High School Principal-No Report
- c. Activity Director -No Report
- d. **Superintendent**
  - i. SPED Van Purchase/Trade In- Mr. Hoffer indicated that we are in need of a different handicap accessible van. Our current van does not allow for a taller handicap student to fit in the van safely.
  - ii. ReVision Grant
  - iii. City of Yutan-Solar Project- A small portion of the solar project falls within city limits. The city asked the school if we had any objections- we do not currently.
  - iv. Policy Review/Updates- We have several updates- some are annual reviews and some are updates from the advice of the attorney.
  - v. Financial Notes

**I. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Minutes from June 14, 2021 meeting
- b. Treasurer's Report and Claims

Moved by S. Feller second by A. Wacker to approve Consent Agenda

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**J. Business Items**

- a. **Discuss and Pass a Board Resolution showing opposition to the Health Standards/Sex Education Standards set forth by the Nebraska Department of Education.**

Mr. Hoffer presented that the NASB and various state senators have reached out to express their opposition to the drafted health standards. Mr. Hoffer indicated in his opinion the health standards are inappropriately framed at inappropriate ages. He indicated that there are several area schools who are passing a board resolution showing opposition to the health standards. Mr. Hoffer also indicated that there is no legal obligation to abide by these health standards.

Motion made by D. Josoff seconded by E. Wilke to approve the board resolution showing opposition to the Health Standards/Sex Education Standards set forth by the Nebraska Department of Education.

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**b. Discuss and Set Substitute Teacher Pay Rate for the 2021-2022 School Year.**

Mr. Hoffer presented that in comparison with other area schools we are slightly below the average of daily sub pay. He recommended that we raise the substitute teacher daily rate to \$135.00. He indicated that we are right in line with long term sub pay. Mr. Hoffer recommended that we leave the long term substitute pay the same for another year- which is \$185.00.

Motion made by S. Feller seconded by A. Wacker to approve the daily substitute teacher pay rate at \$ 135.00 and the long term substitute rate at \$ 185.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**c. Discuss and Approve the purchase of a handicap van to replace our current handicap van. The cost of the handicap van not to exceed \$ 40,000.00.**

Mr. Hoffer presented that we have a need for a new van as we have a student who is tall and does not fit into the current van we have with his wheelchair. Mr. Hoffer proposed the board to suggest a total dollar number for him not to exceed. Mr. Hoffer also reminded the board that this will be a SPED purchase and a portion of the purchase will be reimbursable. D. Egr than asked if we were planning on trading in our old SPED van. Mr. Hoffer indicated that he would pursue both trading and not trading options. D. Egr then mentioned that it might make financial sense to keep our current van in case we would have another need for it. It was determined that Mr. Hoffer will find out what it is worth on trade.

Motion made by A. Wacker seconded by E. Wilke to approve the purchase of a handicap van to replace our current handicap van at a cost not to exceed \$ 40,000.00.

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**d. Review, Adjust and Approval of Student Fee Policy #5045**

Mr. Hoffer explained the Student Fees Policy and all of the fees that are charged to student throughout the year. Mr. Hoffer recommended that we leave the fees the same for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion made by S. Feller seconded by M. Lloyd to approve Student Fees Policy #5045 to meet requirements and adjustments as determined.

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**e. Review, Adjust and Approval of Bullying/Harassment Policy #5054**

Mr. Hoffer explained the Bullying/Harassment Policy. Mr. Hoffer recommended that we leave the fees the same for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion made by S. Feller seconded by A. Wacker to approve Bullying/Harassment Policy #5054 to meet requirements and adjustments as determined.

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**f. Review, Adjust and Approval of Substitute Teacher Policy and Compensation Policy #4028**

Mr. Hoffer explained the Substitute Teacher Policy. Mr. Hoffer recommended that we leave the fees the same for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion made by A. Wacker seconded by S. Feller to approve Substitute Teacher Policy and Compensation #4028 to meet requirements and adjustments as determined.

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**g. Review, Adjust and Approval of Parental Involvement Policy #5057**

Mr. Hoffer explained the Parent Involvement Policy. Mr. Hoffer recommended that we leave the fees the same for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion made by S. Feller seconded by A. Wacker to approve Parental Involvement Policy #5057 to meet requirements and adjustments as determined.

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**h. Review and adopt updates to Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds Policy #3004.1**

Mr. Hoffer stated that this is a mandated change and that the major change to this policy that the school needs to keep detailed record of all federal money that is brought into the school.

Motion made by A. Wacker seconded by S. Feller to approve Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds Policy #3004.1 to meet requirements and adjustments as determined.

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**i. Review and adopt updates to Construction Management At Risk Contracts Policy #3042**

Mr. Hoffer explained the Construction Management At Risk Contract Policy. Mr. Hoffer then explained what an “At Risk” contract is. The major change is there must be specific reasoning for an “At Risk” contract such as savings of time or funds.

Motion made by E. Wilke seconded by M. Lloyd to approve Construction Management At Risk Contracts Policy #3042 to meet requirements and adjustments as determined.

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**j. Review and adopt updates to Design-Build Contracts Policy #3043**

Mr. Hoffer explained the Design-Build Contract policy. Mr. Hoffer then explained that the purpose of a design build contract allows us to take or eliminate bids based off of specific building knowledge by one builder over another.

Motion made by E. Wilke seconded by S. Feller to approve Design-Build Contracts Policy #3043 to meet requirements and adjustments as determined.

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**k. Approval of the Yutan Elementary School Handbook  
(Tabled from the June 2021 Board Meeting)**

Mr. Hoffer explained that these were presented last month and hopefully that was enough time to get through and review. Mr. Hoffer then asked if there were any questions regarding the handbooks. S. Feller noted some grammar errors that will need to be fixed. The errors were noted and will be adjusted.

Motion made by S. Feller seconded by D. Josoff to approve the Yutan Elementary School Handbook.

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**l. Approval of the Yutan Jr./Sr. High School Handbook  
(Tabled from the June 2021 Board Meeting)**

Mr. Hoffer explained that this was presented last month and hopefully that was enough time to get through and review. Mr. Hoffer then asked if there were any questions regarding the handbooks. D. Egr asked for explanation on the drug testing policy and why we only test the kids who are in extra curricular activities. Mr. Hoffer indicated that the students opt into drug testing when they opt into participating in extra curricular activities. A. Wacker asked how many other schools do something like this. Mr. Hoffer responded by saying he is a reference for the drug testing company and that he gets called frequently from other schools who are pursuing something similar. Mr. Hoffer felt that more schools are considering moving toward a policy like this verses moving away from this.

M. Lloyd reported the history of how this policy came to be. She indicated that at the time of implementation the board felt we had a vaping problem and that this policy allows a reason for kids to say "no". D. Josoff stated this policy has helped our students far more than it has hurt.

S. Feller asked about the cell phone policy. Ms. Thompson was able to explain the cell phone policy.

A. Wacker asked about safety protocol (lock down) and how it relates to cell phones. Ms. Thompson was again able to explain the safety protocols and how it relates to cell phones. D. Egr added that he wants crisis situations practiced more often at the school.

Motion made by S. Feller seconded by M. Lloyd to approve the Yutan Jr./Sr.High School Handbook.

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**m. Approval of the Yutan Activities Handbook  
(Tabled from the June 2021 Board Meeting)**

Mr. Hoffer indicated that this was presented last month and hopefully that was enough time to get through and review.

A. Wacker asked the question about suspensions and how the number of competitions were selected. Dan Krajicek added that the coaches are confused by the number as well.

Mr. Hoffer and Ms. Thompson agreed that getting the coaches together to come up with an equitable number of competitions for suspensions.

Motion made by S. Feller seconded by A. Wacker to approve the Yutan Activities Handbook

**Motion Passed 6-0**

n. **Approval of the Yutan Faculty Handbook**  
(Tabled from the June 2021 Board Meeting)

Mr. Hoffer indicated that this was presented last month and hopefully that was enough time to get through and review.

Motion made by S. Feller seconded by A. Wacker to approve the Yutan Faculty Handbook

**Motion Passed 6-0**

o. **Approval of Helm Inc. to perform the Chiller Compressor unit at the elementary building at a cost not to exceed \$ 27,740.95**  
(Tabled from the June 2021 Board Meeting)

Mr. Hoffer stated that he has went after two additional bids. Fred's Commercial HVAC came out and looked at the chiller then responded with a Refusal to Bid. Controlled Comfort came out and looked at the chiller but has yet to give a bid.

Motion made by D. Josoff seconded by A. Wacker to approve Helm Inc to perform the Chiller Compressor unit at the elementary building at a cost not to exceed \$ 27,740.95

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**K. Discussion Items**

- a. City of Yutan- Land within city limits being used for solar farm – Discussion resulted in the school having no issues with the city using the ground.
- b. Shared Costs of Sprinklers on Game Field- Discussion resulted in Mr. Hoffer needing to get bids on putting sprinklers on the football field.
- c. Budget Workshop- Discussion resulted in setting up a workshop night for the board to look closer at the budget.
- d. Special Meeting at the end of August to make end of year transfers- A date was set to make end of year transfers.

**L. Closed Session**

- a. For strategy session with respect to negotiations/collective bargaining;
- b. For strategy session with respect to property/real estate matters;
- c. For strategy session with respect to pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body;
- d. For discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices;



- e. For investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct;
- f. For personnel and/or the evaluation of job performance of an employee or employees of the District to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting;
- g. For discussions of the legal consequences of specific action and/or legal advice
- h. Such other matter as may clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law.

**M. Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM

**N. Next Board Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday August 19, 2021 at 6:00pm in the high school Media Center.

\*The sequence of the agenda is provided as a courtesy. The Board reserves the right to consider each item in any sequence.

\*Occasionally at meetings the Board will recess to closed session. Reasons necessary for a closed session include: Protection of the public interest; or the Prevention of needless injury to a reputation.