

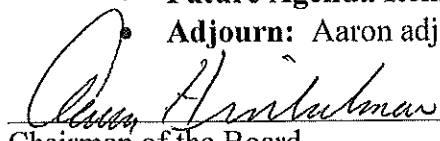
COTTONWOOD JT. SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 21, 2025

Members Present: Aaron Hinkelman, Tara Klapprich, Gus Hoene, Keith Holcomb and Casey Forsmann

Administration Present: Jon Rehder, Matt Elven & Denise Uhlenkott, Clerk

Others Present: Carly Behler, Liz McLeod and Greg Wherry

1. **Call to order:** The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron at 7:00 p.m. in the board room in the Auxiliary Gym.
2. **The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Keith moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Casey, motion carried unanimously.*
4. **Amendment to Agenda:** Aaron stated that he would like to amend the agenda to add Approval of hire for Elementary PE teacher. *Casey moved to add hire of Elementary PE teacher as item c of the action items, seconded by Tara, motion carried unanimously.*
5. **Public Input:** There was no public input.
6. **Action Items:**
 - **Maintenance for Track Transfer:** *Gus moved to approve the transfer of \$5,000 to the fund for track maintenance, seconded by Tara, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **Offer 5% Salary Increase Pending Levy Approval:** *After discussion, Tara moved to approve the increase 5% for all staff pending levy approval, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
 - **Recommendation for Hire – Elementary PE:** Jon mentioned that he and 2 teachers interviewed a few candidates for the Elementary PE position. The recommendation from the interview team is Garrett Beckman. *After questions and discussion, Keith moved to approve Garrett Beckman for elementary PE teacher, seconded by Casey, motion carried unanimously.*
7. **Reports:**
 - **HOSA/Nationals:** Liz McLeod presented information on 5 students and 3 chaperones who will be attending Nationals in Nashville in June to represent Prairie Jr Sr High School.
 - **Jr/Sr High:** Matt went through his report and expanded on the coaches meeting that took place in early April. The head coaches have been discussing the concerns that have been arising with the addition of so many club sports. Of the concerns discussed were student grades, multiple practices in a day, a lack of student participation in school sponsored sports, and putting students in a position to make a choice between two sports they both enjoy. Going forward it was agreed that PHS coaches will not offer club sports during each other's school sponsored season, however PHS student athletes will have the opportunity to play on club sports not offered locally in a season.
 - **Elementary/Superintendent/Facilities:** Jon went through his report, he added that the kids will be helping with clean up on the school grounds tomorrow. Jon also mentioned that the parking lot at the track/football field is working out really well for parking. Painting at the high school will start at the beginning of summer.
 - **Future Agenda Items:** There were no future agenda items discussed.
 - **Adjourn:** Aaron adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.


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