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A Board Meeting in Almena of the Board of Trustees of Northern Valley Schools was held Monday, January 11, 2021, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Almena High School , 512 W Bryant Street, Almena, KS 67622.

Shanna Hammond: Present
Christopher Rogers: Present
Laquita Smith: Present
Hilary Van Patten: Present
Rich Wenzl: Present
Steven Whitney: Present
Mr. Tharman, Mr. Gebhard and Mrs. Knapp

I. Call to Order

Jill Gebhard was in attendance via Zoom.

II. School Board Leadership Elections

We need to elect a President and a Vice President. Once this is done the new elected President will preside over the remainder of the meeting. A motion was made to elect Hilary Van Patten as President and Mrs. Hammond as Vice-President. This motion, made by Christopher Rogers and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea
Christopher Rogers: Yea
Laquita Smith: Yea
Hilary Van Patten: Yea
Rich Wenzl: Yea
Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

III. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Rich Wenzl and seconded by Shanna Hammond, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea
Christopher Rogers: Yea
Laquita Smith: Yea
Hilary Van Patten: Yea
Rich Wenzl: Yea
Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

IV. Approval of Minutes



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A motion was made to approve the minutes from December 14, 2020. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond:	Yea
Christopher Rogers:	Yea
Laquita Smith:	Yea
Hilary Van Patten:	Yea
Rich Wenzl:	Yea
Steven Whitney:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

V. Approval of Bills

A motion was made to approve the bills as presented. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Shanna Hammond, Carried.

Shanna Hammond:	Yea
Christopher Rogers:	Yea
Laquita Smith:	Yea
Hilary Van Patten:	Yea
Rich Wenzl:	Yea
Steven Whitney:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

VI. Hearing of Visitors

A. Jessica Reeves

Miss Reeves passed out a document for the board to view. She stated she gave the pre-ACT to the sophomores. She continued to review the packet showing how to identify where the kids are at.

B. Hannah Mongeau

Mrs. Mongeau shared that she has officially been here a year and the whirlwind she has been on since last year. She thanked the board and shared that she is working on a Grammar curriculum. Hoping to have it roll out next year. She restarted the AR program and working on increasing the rigor. She also stated there are some incredible kids and there is room for growth.

VII. Old Business

A. BOE / Administration Evaluations

This item was tabled during the December board meeting to allow for more time to look the information over, President Van Patten stated.

B. Track Season

The Colby Canvas company was contacted about making a tarp for the pole vault mats. That quote is attached. Mr. Tharman shared that Colby Canvas was comparable to the other quotes he received. He asked for a mat underneath with hooks. President Van Patten said that would great! Mr. Tharman also purchased a discus net. I recommend the board approve the purchase of the cover and base for the pole vault mats from Colby Canvas. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna	Yea
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Hammond:

Christopher Yea
Rogers:

Laquita Yea
Smith:

Hilary Van Yea
Patten:

Rich Yea
Wenzl:

Steven Yea
Whitney:

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

C. Building Walk Throughs

At the December board meeting, it was decided to do this on January 20th.

Information sheets were sent to all the teachers in advance.

Three for breakfast in Almena; six for lunch in Long Island.

VIII. Personnel

A. Certified Staff

A motion was made to go into executive session for matters pertaining to an individual to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual and that we return to open session in this room at 6.57 p.m. retaining Mr. Tharman and Mr. Gebhard. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Rich Wenzl, Carried.

Shanna
Hammond: Yea

Christopher Yea
Rogers:

Laquita Yea
Smith:

Hilary Van Yea
Patten:

Rich Yea
Wenzl:

Steven Yea
Whitney:

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6.57 p.m. Returned to open session. A motion was made to go into executive session for matters pertaining to an individual to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual and that we return to open session in this room at 6:59 p.m. retaining Mr. Tharman and Mr. Gebhard. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Rich Wenzl, Carried.

Shanna
Hammond: Yea

Christopher Yea
Rogers:

Laquita Yea



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Smith:

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6:59 p.m. Returned to open session.

B. Classified Staff

I recommend the board go into executive session for matters pertaining to an individual to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual and that we return to open session in this room at 7:12 p.m. retaining Mr. Tharman and Mr. Gebhard. This motion, made by Christopher Rogers and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

Shanna

Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Yea

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

7:12 p.m. Returned to open meeting.

C. Supplemental Position

I recommend the board go into executive session for matters pertaining to an individual to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual and that we return to open session in this room at 7:29 p.m. retaining Mr. Tharman and Mr. Gebhard. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Shanna Hammond, Carried.

Shanna

Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Yea

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea



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Yea: 6, Nay: 0

7:29 p.m. Returned to open session. I recommend the board go into executive session for matters pertaining to an individual to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual and that we return to open session in this room at 7:40 p.m. retaining Mr. Tharman and Mr. Gebhard. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Shanna Hammond, Carried.

Shanna

Hammond: Yea

Christopher
Rogers: Yea

Laquita
Smith: Yea

Hilary Van
Patten: Yea

Rich
Wenzl: Yea

Steven
Whitney: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

7:40 p.m. Returned to open session.

President Van Patten stated that all Rule 10 coaching positions are to be reviewed each year. Gladly review any interested certified applicants at that time.

IX. New Business

A. Out - of - District Request

I recommend the board go into executive session for matters pertaining to an individual to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Retaining Mr. Tharman and Mr. Gebhard and that the meeting resume in the board room at 7:45 p.m. This motion, made by Laquita Smith and seconded by Shanna Hammond, Carried.

Shanna

Hammond: Yea

Christopher
Rogers: Yea

Laquita
Smith: Yea

Hilary Van
Patten: Yea

Rich
Wenzl: Yea

Steven
Whitney: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

At 7:45 p.m. Returned to open session. I recommend the board go into executive session for matters pertaining to an individual to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Retaining Mr. Tharman and Mr. Gebhard and that the meeting resume in the board room at 7:51 p.m. This motion, made by Laquita Smith and seconded by Shanna Hammond, Carried.

Shanna Yea



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Hammond:

Christopher Rogers: Yea

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

7:51 p.m. Returned to open session

No action was taken.

B. Negotiations Training

There is an on-line training that will satisfy this requirement, rather than the face-to-face sessions that are normally held. After some discussion, Mr. Tharman agreed to register the members of the board negotiaions team (Mrs. Van Patten & Mrs. Smith) for this annual training.

C. WKLL Scholarship Contest

The results of the Academic contest in which all league schools competed with up to four students per HS class are attached. Mr. Tharman discussed the document with the board. He will make it public next Monday, January 18, 2021.

D. Six Month Insurance Review

The document that Julie Yarmer has sent which covers the last six months activities in the health insurance account is attached. Mr. Tharman shared with the board what Mrs. Yarmer has shared with him.

E. School Board Recognition Month

A very grateful "Thank You" to each of our school board members for the time they have spent helping in this past year's activities and trials.Mr. Tharman passed out certificates. Mr. Tharman thanked them for their time and input.

F. Board Policy Update

Twice a year, the State Board reviews and / or updates policies. Because Mr. Tharman forgot to attach those documents, the item was tabled for next month. Mr. Tharman sent an email to the board members with the KASB (Kansas Association of School Boards) policy updates.

X. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent / 9-12 Principal Report

Mr. Tharman shared about the Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) survey. He thanked Mrs. Brands for doing the art class and that it was resuming this week. Walk-thru coming up on January 20th. Mr. Tharman taking off the week of January 25 to help his son move. There is a five day week end of January. Forensics is starting up and Mrs. Grote is getting students ready. Mr. Tharman explained that he had gone through what he had found from other schools on their wellness program, what was required, and what we currently have. The wellness policy needs to be updated and this item will be looked at during the next meeting of the the Wellness Committee.

B. K-8 Principal Report

Mr. Gebhard talked a little bit about JH basketball getting ready to start back up. They had a good win before break. Preparing for state assessments. Teachers are getting things scheduled and ready. Typically the tests are in March and April. Want to thank First National Bank for the donation of \$1,520 that they gave to Long Island Middle School. Spelling Bee coming up on the 20th. Hopefully, everyone that wants to come, will come and watch.



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XI. Reports of Board Members

Mr. Rogers shared about the Special Education Cooperative having two resignations from the administration level. They have opted not to use KASB for the administration search. There is an interim director for now during the search process.

XII. Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna
Hammond: Yea

Christopher
Rogers: Yea

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van
Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0



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Shanna Hammond: Present
Christopher Rogers: Absent
Laquita Smith: Present
Hilary Van Patten: Present
Rich Wenzl: Present
Steven Whitney: Present
Mr. Tharman, Mr. Gebhard and Mrs. Knapp

I. Call to Order

Mrs. Gebhard was in attendance via Zoom and Mrs. Krafft arrived at 6:32 PM.

II. Adoption of Agenda

I recommend the board adopt the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Rich Wenzl, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea
Christopher Rogers: Absent
Laquita Smith: Yea
Hilary Van Patten: Yea
Rich Wenzl: Yea
Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

III. Approval of Minutes

I recommend the board approve the minutes as presented. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea
Christopher Rogers: Absent
Laquita Smith: Yea
Hilary Van Patten: Yea
Rich Wenzl: Yea
Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV. Approval of Bills

I recommend the board approve the bills as presented. This motion, made by Rich Wenzl and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea
Christopher Rogers: Absent
Laquita Smith: Yea
Hilary Van Patten: Yea
Rich Wenzl: Yea
Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

V. Hearing of Visitors



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Mrs. Krafft thanked the board for supporting the FFA. She also shared that her Food Science class asked to make Dip-N-Dots and she agreed. It was a fun project.

VI. Old Business

A. BOE / Administration Evaluations

Evaluations were distributed to all Northern Valley employees, collected by building secretaries and compiled by Nicole Simeon. A motion to table the evaluations until next month to allow board members time to go through them. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Shanna Hammond, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea
Christopher Rogers: Absent
Laquita Smith: Yea
Hilary Van Patten: Yea
Rich Wenzl: Yea
Steven Whitney: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

B. Technology Update

Mr. Tharman updated the board on the status of the Chrome Books. He also shared that a cheaper product, for the same money, could be purchased elsewhere. Mr. Tharman decided to wait for the higher quality product, since the students have been able to get by with what we currently have.

C. Snow Removal and Lawn Care

I recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed and that the board return to pen session in this room at 6:57 p.m. Retaining Mr. Tharman and Mr. Gebhard. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea
Christopher Rogers: Absent
Laquita Smith: Yea
Hilary Van Patten: Yea
Rich Wenzl: Yea
Steven Whitney: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I recommend the board approve the parking lot snow removal quote as presented. This motion, made by Laquita Smith and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea
Christopher Rogers: Absent
Laquita Smith: Yea
Hilary Van Patten: Yea
Rich Wenzl: Yea
Steven Whitney: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII. Personnel

A. Supplemental Positions



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Recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed and that the board return to open session in this room at 7:13 p.m. Retaining Mr. Tharman and Mr. Gebhard. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Absent

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Returned to open session at 7:13 p.m. Recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed and that the board return to open session in this room at 7:23 p.m. Retaining Mr. Tharman and Mr. Gebhard. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Absent

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7:23 p.m. returned to open meeting.

B. Certified Personnel

Recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed and that the board return to open session in this room at 7:42 p.m. Retaining Mr. Tharman and Mr. Gebhard. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Rich Wenzl, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Absent

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7:42 p.m. Returned to open meeting.

VIII. New Business

A. Track Season

Mr. Tharman shared that the summer windstorms did a lot of damage to the mat cover. He shared information from Mr. Orme on the cost of a new mat versus replacing the cover. Mr. Tharman shared that maybe we just get a new mat cover due to cost. Another thing we may look at getting is a replacement discus net. Mr. Tharman will get some bids for the mat cover once he has measurements.

B. Work Release Form



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Mr. Tharman stated that the student is in good standing and recommended the board approve the work release request as presented. I recommend the board approve the work release as presented. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Absent

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

C. Schedule Building Walk Through

Last year the walk around was done on the same day as the Spelling Bee. At this time, it is still on the calendar. Mr. Whitney asked if the teachers could complete a form that would help expedite the walk through. The board decided to have it on January 20, 2021, starting at 8:00 a.m.

D. Superintendent Evaluation

These were sent out on Monday, December 7th. They were to be returned to Hilary Van Patten for compilation. Recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed and that the board return to open session in this room at 8:00 p.m. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Rich Wenzl, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Absent

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Returned to open session at 8:00 p.m. Recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed and that the board return to open session in this room at 8:05 p.m. Retaining Mr. Tharman. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Rich Wenzl, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Absent

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Returned to open session at 8:05 p.m. Recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed and that the board return to open session in this room at 8:10 p.m. Retaining Mr. Tharman. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Rich Wenzl, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Absent



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Laquita Smith: Yea
Hilary Van Patten: Yea
Rich Wenzl: Yea
Steven Whitney: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
8:10 p.m. Returned to open session.

IX. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent / 9-12 Principal Report

Mr. Tharman shared that they will begin recording for the Christmas program tomorrow. The blood drive has been canceled. Miss Reeves has been reviewing past ACT test scores. She has scheduled the sophomores for a pretest to prep them. FFA has a Christmas party on Thursday. Home basketball game on Friday. Board meeting on January 11th. Mrs. Knapp has been working on the IDEA Maintenance of Effort. It is another state report. Negotiation training will be coming along shortly.

1. Thank you

A plant was sent to the Amy Chandler family after the loss of her father.

B. K-8 Principal Report

Mr. Gebhard shared every year he goes back and looks at what has been going on. He feels bad that he doesn't have a lot to share. Basketball is going well. The Christmas program will be ready to go on the 21st. All but five students met their goal and they will get to watch a movie. They will be setting up the community building for the movie. Just wrapping things up. Have one student in grade school that is in quarantine.

X. Reports of Board Members

XI. Adjournment

Made a motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea
Christopher Rogers: Absent
Laquita Smith: Yea
Hilary Van Patten: Yea
Rich Wenzl: Yea
Steven Whitney: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1