

# Board of Education meets

Following are the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of USD #200 Board of Education held January 11, 2021 6:00 PM,

Board members: Todd Schmidt, Sheryl Crotinger, Ginger Gibson, Shea Stewart, Shanon Schneider, and Brent Foster-Tarman. Superintendent Stuart Holmes, 6-12 Principal John Niehues, and Clerk Katie Zerr were present. Kenton Mangan was absent. From the Public: Felisha Moritz.

Meeting was called to order by President Todd Schmidt.

Motion was made by Shea Stewart to approve the agenda with additions. Seconded by Shanon Schneider; Motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Brent Foster to approve the minutes from the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Shanon Schneider; Motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Todd Schmidt to pay expenditures and transfer \$7,260.10 to Bilingual, \$17,557.60 to At Risk, and \$4,019.42 to Vocational Education. Seconded by Ginger Gibson; Motion carried 6-0.

Felisha Moritz presented on her first year as a science teacher.

Felisha left at 6:19 p.m.

6-12 Principal John Niehues reported on 6-12 matters. Topics discussed were as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> semester

ended smoothly, recognize all staff for their hard work with the many challenges this year, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester has started well, and science classes for next year.

Superintendent Holmes reported on PreK-5 and district matters. Topics discussed were as follows: good to be back in school, Hannah Whitaker is starting 2<sup>nd</sup> step back up in the elementary, Jacob Govert has started as well, more Federal CARES/ESSER money, teacher evaluations, and free breakfast and lunch will continue through the rest of the school year for students.

Board members discussed sportsmanship policy in the handbook.

Motion was made by Todd Schmidt for the Board to enter executive session for 10 minutes for the purpose of discussing individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA; and the board will return to open session at 6:51 pm in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed. Seconded by Sheryl Crotinger; motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Todd Schmidt for the Board to enter executive session for an additional 5 minutes for the purpose of discussing individual employee's performance pursuant to

non-elected personnel exception under KOMA; and the board will return to open session at 6:57 pm in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed. Seconded by Sheryl Crotinger; motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Todd Schmidt for the Board and JH/HS Principal John Niehues to enter executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA; and the board will return to open session at 7:13 pm in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed. Seconded by Shea Stewart; motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Todd Schmidt for the Board, JH/HS Principal John Niehues, and Superintendent Holmes to enter executive session for 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA; and the board will return to open session at 7:35 pm in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed. Seconded by Sheryl Crotinger; motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Todd Schmidt for the Board to enter executive session for an additional 5 minutes for the purpose of discussing individual employee's performance pursuant to

Motion was made by Todd Schmidt for the Board, JH/HS Principal John Niehues, and Superintendent Holmes to enter executive session for an additional 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA; and the board will return to open session at 7:51 pm in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed. Seconded by Sheryl Crotinger; motion carried 6-0.

Todd Schmidt and Shea Stewart (Chairman) will set up an Administrative Structure Committee with Mr. Niehues, Faculty, and parents and report back in February.

Motion was made by Brent Foster to leave electing officers and setting board meeting dates in July. Seconded by Sheryl Crotinger, motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Todd Schmidt to have Ginger Gibson and Shea Stewart on the negotiations committee. Seconded by Shanon Schneider, motion carried 6-0.

Board discussed capital projects that may need completed over the next several years.

Motion was made by Shea Stewart to accept Pat Brunswig's retirement resignation from the kitchen as of March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with deepest regrets and appreciation. Seconded by Ginger Gibson, motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Sheryl Crotinger to accept Stuart Holmes' retirement resignation as PreK-5 Principal and Superintendent with regrets effective after June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Seconded by Shea Stewart, motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Todd Schmidt to accept the board policy changes as presented. Seconded by Shea Stewart, motion carried 5-1.

Motion was made by Shanon Schneider to hire John Niehues as the PreK-5 Principal / Superintendent effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. Seconded by Shea Stewart, motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Todd Schmidt to advertise for a High School Science Position for the 2021-2022 school year. Seconded by Ginger Gibson, motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Todd Schmidt to hire Portia Schiltz and Nathan Stuart for the HS Musical Supplemental. Seconded by Shanon Schneider, motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

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## Kansas' December Total Tax Collections Up \$13.6

TOPEKA — Kansas' December total tax collections continues the state's trend of outperforming the estimate. Total tax collections were up \$64.5 million, or 9.1%, for the month with \$770.2 million collected. That is a \$13.6 million, or 1.8%, increase from December of Fiscal Year 2020.

"While it appears that receipts are relatively stable, we must continue to be prudent and exercise caution as we move forward," Governor Laura Kelly said. "Additionally, we are still

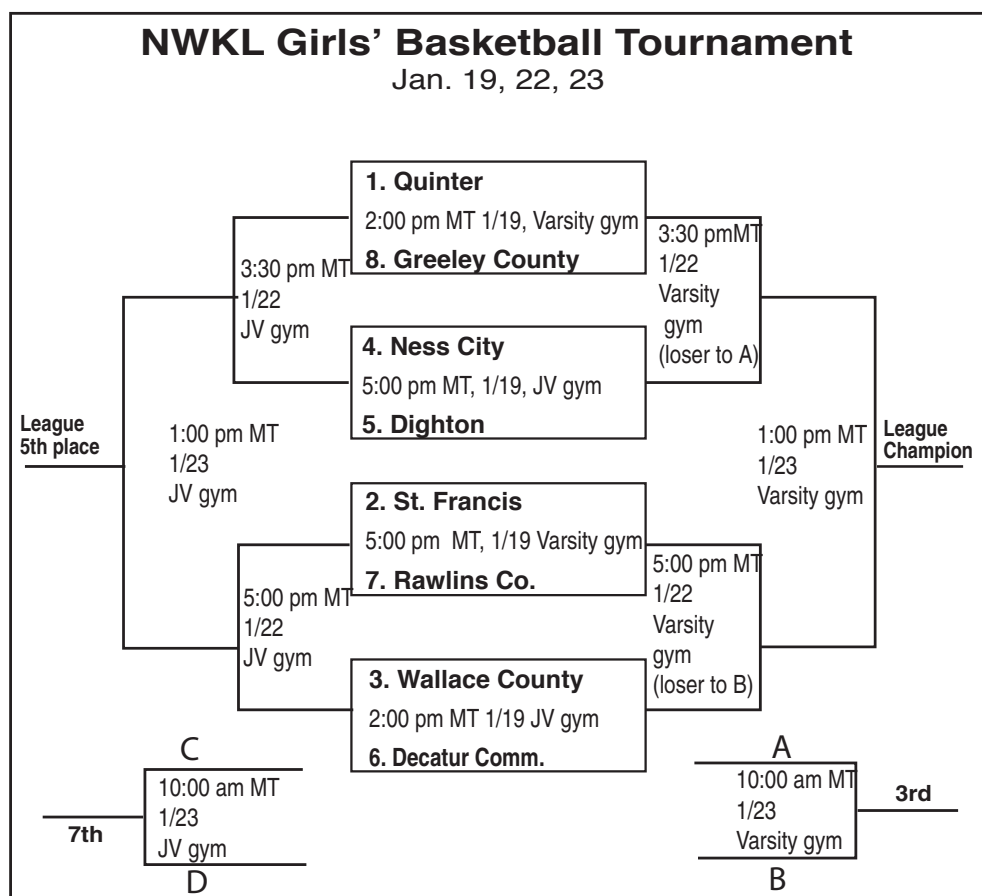
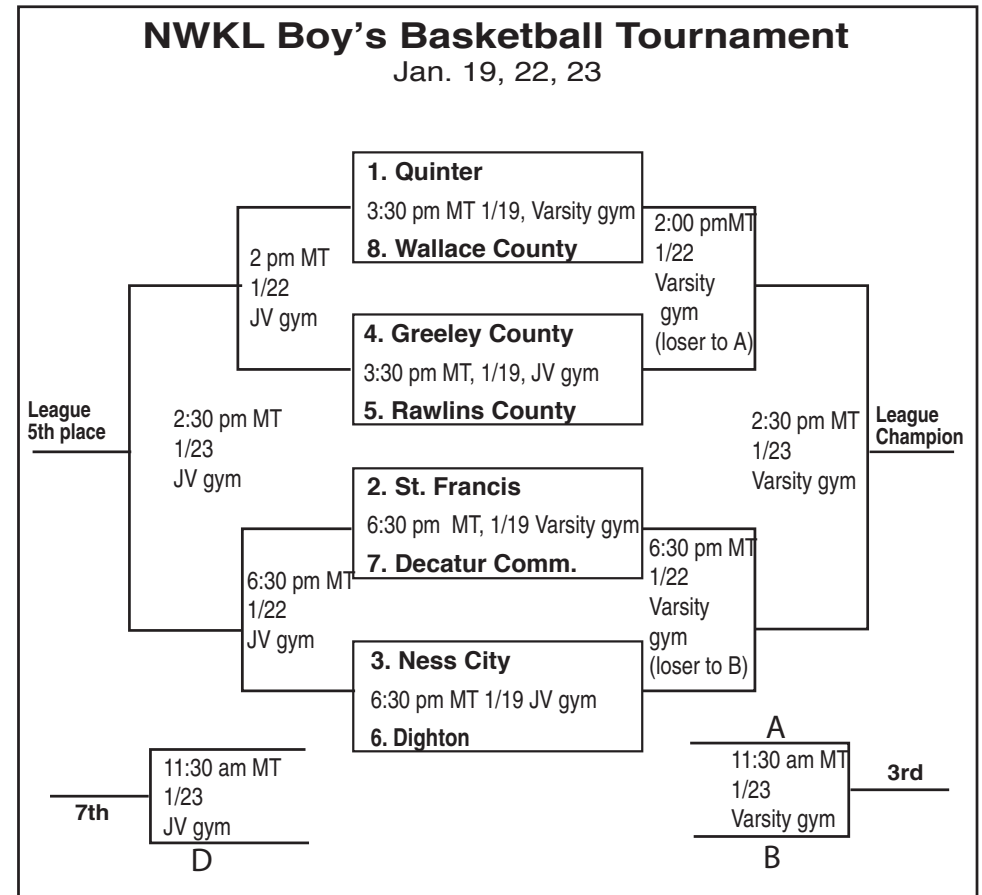
determining the full impact that the recent federal COVID-19 relief package will have on state receipts."

For December, retail sales tax collections were \$201.9 million; a \$6.9 million, or 3.6%, increase from the estimate. That is 0.5%, or \$955,601, more than the same month of last fiscal year. Compensating use tax collections grew 34.4%, or \$13.4 million, over last December with the collection of \$52.1 million. That's \$7.1 million, or 15.9%, more than estimated.

"With the 2020 tax filing

season starting this month, we will get a clearer picture of the economic implications the COVID-19 pandemic has presented over the last ten months and how to address those issues," Revenue Secretary Mark Burghart said.

Individual income tax collections were \$306.7 million; an increase of 2.2%, or \$6.7 million, above the estimate. These collections were \$9.5 million, or 3.0%, less than the same month of last fiscal year.



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