

USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for Monday July 10, 2023
216 S. Jefferson, Smith Center, KS 66967
Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Theron Haresnape called the meeting to order. **7:02 PM**

Present for the call to order President Theron Haresnape, Jessica Weltmer, Bob Dietz, Marty Hanson, Libby McDonald, Sara Pruden, Superintendent Dustin McEwen and Board Clerk Roberta Reinking.

ITEM 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2023-2024

a. Board President

Bob Dietz made a motion to nominated Theron Haresnape as Board President, Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:03 PM**

b. Board Vice-President

Theron Haresnape made a motion to nominated Marty Hanson as Vice President, Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:03 PM**

ITEM 3. APPOINTMENT OF NCKSEC INTERLOCAL #636 BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE

Sara Pruden made a motion to nominated Libby McDonald as Representative for NCKSEC, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:04 PM**

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADD/DELETE

Bob Dietz made a motion to approve the Agenda with discussed changes, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:06 PM**

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

- a. Minutes of the June 12, 2023 Regular Meeting
- b. Payment of Statements July 10, 2023
- c. Board of Education Appointments 2023-2024
 1. Clerk of the Board - Roberta Reinking
 2. District Treasurer - Linda Robinson
 3. Board Attorney's - Kyle Allen & Tabitha Owens
 4. Freedom of Information Officer - Dustin McEwen
 5. Deputy Clerk - Building Principals

6. District Attendance Officers - Greg Koelsch and Michelle Stamm
7. Authorized Representative for Food Service Fund – Lacey Teselle.
8. Determining Official Free/Reduced Price Meals - Linda Robinson
9. Hearing Official Free/Reduced Price Meals - Dustin McEwen
10. Investments - Linda Robinson and Superintendent Dustin McEwen.
11. Authorized Representative for KPERS - Roberta Reinking
12. Authorized Representatives for Consolidated Program –
(Title I, Title II Part A - Teacher Quality; Title II Part D
Education Technology; Title IV Safe and Drug Free
Schools; Title V Innovation Programs; The American
Program) and ESSER funds - Dustin McEwen and Linda Robinson
13. Authorized Liaison for services to homeless & foster children –
Dustin McEwen & Susan Panter
14. Authorized Representative for Title IX - Dustin McEwen as District
Coordinator, Michelle Stamm and Greg Koelsch as Investigators, when
available, the District Attorney's or KASB - Investigators as needed.
15. Time, place, date of meetings (see attached Resolution)
16. Depositories of District funds - Guaranty State Bank & Trust, Smith Center;
The Peoples Bank, Smith Center, Smith County Bank, Smith Center.
17. Official Newspaper - Smith County Pioneer
18. Adopt the 1,116 Hour Calendar for 2023-2024
19. Designate Inclement Weather Make-up Days, these will be March 11 & 12, 2024.
- d. Reimbursement Rate for Mileage: As authorized by K.S.A. 75-3203a, the Secretary of
Administration has changed the private vehicle mileage reimbursement rates for FY 2023-
2024 to 65.5 center per mile effective July 1, 2023.
- e. Approval of Resolution for the following:
 1. Rescind all policy statements found in the minutes of the board of education prior to June
30, and that the board adopt the new board policy manual as presented and
recommended by the superintendent to govern the school district during the 2023-2024
school year. (See Resolution attached).
 2. Establish petty cash limits - (see attached Resolution for respective buildings).
SC Elem School - \$500.00 - administered by the elementary principal
SC Jr.-Sr. High School - \$1,000.00 – administered by the jr.-sr. high school
principal
District - \$1,000.00 - administered by the board clerk and superintendent.
 3. Adopt guidelines for activity funds and gate receipts - (see attached Resolution for
respective buildings).
- f. Approval To Waive GAAP Accounting Principle. (See Resolution letter.)
- g. Approval of Resignation from Trace Haven as High School Boys Basketball Asst Coach.

Bob Dietz made a motion to approve the Consensus items with the changes of the High School Activity statement and d. changing the State mileage for private vehicle to 65.5 effective July 1, 2023, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:07 PM**

ITEM 6. PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing tonight

ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR FOOD SERVICE

Steve Overmiller made a motion to approve the contract for food service for Laurie Snow, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:11 PM

ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF FFA OFFICER RETREAT IN WICHITA IN JULY

FFA not arrived yet, we are ahead of time on the Agenda, move to item 9.

ITEM 9. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MEAL PRICES FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. McEwen presented the board with the research on the state average for meals as well as the local school averages. The board talked about the cost of food vs the meal increase prices and feel they would rather raise the price a little now over having to raise it a lot later.

Monica Wagner arrived at the meeting.

7:30 PM

Bob Dietz made a motion to raise the prices as presented for Elementary breakfast and lunch as well as the Jr/Sr high lunches to 0.10 per meal, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:33 PM

ITEM 10. APPROVAL OF BID FOR MILK PRICES

The board was presented with two bids for milk, Gene's will still deliver twice a week, CashWa will not. With the option of delivery twice a week allows us to not have to purchase another cooler.

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve the bid for milk from Gene's, Jessica Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:35 PM

Ruby Gomel-Osthoff, Ean Doane, Karson Sasse and Easton Hrabe arrived at the meeting.

7:35 PM

ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF CLASSIFIED HANDBOOK AND CRISIS HANDBOOK

Steve Overmiller made a motion to approved the Classified Handbook and Crisis Handbook as presented last month with the changes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:40 PM

ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF FFA OFFICER RETREAT IN WICHITA IN JULY

Ruby Gomel-Osthoff, Karson Sasse and Ean Doane talked about the trip to Wichita in July, they will stop at Coronado Heights on the way, they plan to go to the Aviation Museum, play top golf and tour Hesston Baler plant. They are requesting the use of a suburban.

Bob Dietz made a motion to approve the trip, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:42 PM

Easton Hrabe thanked the board for supporting him in FCCLA, he has a busy year planned and will be representing FCCLA and the school in Virginia and Washington DC a couple of time this year. He feels very fortunate to be able to have this opportunity presented to him. Again, thanked the board for all the support.

Monica Wagner, Ruby Gomel-Osthoff, Ean Doane, Karson Sasse and Easton Hrabe left the meeting.

ITEM 12. KASB JULY 2023 BOARD POLICY UPDATES, SECOND READING

Mr. McEwen briefly reviewed the KASB Policy updates. His recommendations are as follows:

AG - Closing of School Buildings – Adopt as recommended

GAAF – Emergency Safety Interventions – Adopt as recommended

GAOA – Drug-Free Workplace – Alt 1 Adopt as recommended

GARID – Military Leave – Adopt as recommended

GBQA – Reduction of Teaching Staff – Do not adopt

IFCC – Overnight Accommodations – Adopt as recommended

JBC - - Enrollment – Adopt as recommended

JBCC – Enrollment of Nonresident Students – Table at this time

JGFGA – Administration of Emergency Opioid Antagonists – Adopt as recommended as well as use KASB incident report

JH – Student Activities – Adopt as recommended

KK – Disposal of District Property – Adopt as recommended

KN – Complaints – Adopt as recommended

JGFGA – Naloxone Incident Report – Adopt as recommended

Marty Hanson made a motion to approve the Policies as recommended, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:30 PM**

ITEM 13. DISCUSSION OF EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE

Mr. McEwen discussed what he has looked at for putting the budget together, he does recommend we exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. We will get the information to the Clerk on July 20.

ITEM 14. APPROVAL OF REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 11

Bob Dietz made a motion to schedule the RNR and Budget hearing on September 11 at 6:40 and 6:50, Jessica Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:38 PM**

ITEM 15. APPROVAL OF DONATION FROM JOHN & JOAN OVERMILLER TRUST FOR DIGITAL SIGN FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. McEwen discussed the Digital sign that has been proposed to put at the high school, it would replace the existing sign. John Overmiller has offered to the first 5 years, at that time the district will own the sign. At that time the district can continue to cover the subscription with updates or just use the sign as it is with updates but no subscription.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approved the donation for the sign with the update of brick on the pedestal, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:45 PM**

ITEM 16. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. McEwen talked about the ESSER report and the Violet Norton Trust Donation and where these items have helped with the cash balances for the budget. Capital Outlay looks good but there are some issues that may need to looked at in the future. The district will need to realize the ESSER funds will be used up in 2025 and those expenses will be back on the district. He reviewed the cash history balances, the budget transfers, needs assessment, Budget, putting a flyer up at the fair for job openings and Amplify.

Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636, Libby had a brief update, they have hired Kareena Herredsberg for Special Education. Kareena will be doing her student teaching in the Elementary School for the fall semester with Katie Grabast and Latham Foreman.

ITEM 17. EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIAITONS

Bob Dietz made a motion to go into Executive Session – Negotiations, , pursuant to KOMA for 15 minutes to resume at 9:31 PM. Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **9:16 PM**

The board asked Mr. McEwen to remain in the closed meeting.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Bob Dietz made a motion to go into Executive Session – Negotiations, , pursuant to KOMA for 10 minutes to resume at 9:41 PM. Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **9:31 PM**

The board asked Mr. McEwen to remain in the closed meeting.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Bob Dietz made a motion to go into Executive Session – Negotiations, , pursuant to KOMA for 10 minutes to resume at 9:51 PM. Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **9:41 PM**

The board asked Mr. McEwen to remain in the closed meeting.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Bob Dietz made a motion to go into Executive Session – Negotiations, , pursuant to KOMA for 10 minutes to resume at 10:01 PM. Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. 9:51 PM

The board asked Mr. McEwen to remain in the closed meeting.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Bob Dietz made a motion to go into Executive Session – Negotiations, , pursuant to KOMA for 10 minutes to resume at 10:11 PM. Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. 10:01 PM

The board asked Mr. McEwen to remain in the closed meeting.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

The board asked Roberta Reinking to set up a negotiations meeting with the Teacher Negotiations Team.

ITEM 18. BOARD COMMENTS

Nothing tonight.

ITEM 19. ADJOURN

Bob Dietz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. 10:17 PM

....."it shall be my constant endeavor to devote time, thought and study to the duties and responsibilities of a school board member so that I may render effective and credible service....."

School Board Member Code of Ethics

Theron Haresnape, President

Roberta Reinking, Clerk

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