

**USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting**

**Board Minutes for Monday May 9 , 2022**

**216 S. Jefferson, Smith Center, KS 66967**

**Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room**

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER**

Theron called the meeting to order.

**7:03 PM**

Present for the call to order Board President Theron Haresnape, Jessica Weltmer, Bob Dietz, Libby McDonald, Sara Pruden, Marty Hanson. Jr. Sr. High Principal Greg Koelsch, Elementary Principal Michelle Stamm, Superintendent Dustin McEwen and Board Clerk Roberta Reinking. Representing KESA Elementary Teachers Katie Grabast, Cally Rogers and Amanda Lehmann, High School Teacher Miranda Attwood.

**ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - ADD/DELETE**

Bob Dietz made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

**7:04 PM**

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS**

- a. Minutes from April 11, 2022 Regular Meeting
- b. May 9, 2022 Statements
- c. Approval of Summer Contracts  
Teachers – Jolene Moss, Sunshine McEwen, John Lambert  
Paras – Jenna Schoenberger, Katy Lange, Rhonda Overmiller
- d. Approval of Request to Move Across on Salary Schedule – Ellie Stansbury – Michelle Elliott
- e. Approval of Resignation of School Nurse, Alana Williams-Dean
- f. Approval of Resignation of Student Council Sponsor Kelli Schmidt
- g. Approval of Contract for Maggie Nixon as Scarlett’s Dance Sponsor
- h. Approval of Donation from America’s Farmers Grow Community from Bayer Fund on Behalf of Smith County Farmer Pat Baetz
- i. Approval of Donation from Terry and Mary Lynn Barta Fund
- j. Approval of Contract for High School Art Teacher Ashley Smith
- k. Approval of Contract for Elementary Teacher Denise Naegele
- l. Approval of Bid to Paint Elementary School Trim from PTA Painting
- m. Thank you from Carol Jacobs Family
- n. Approval of \$9,000 Matching Funds for Parents as Teachers Program to Match \$9,000 from Dane G. Hanson Foundation

Mr. McEwen explained the Hanson Foundation matching funds for Parents as Teachers to the board members and how the matching funds worked.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approve the consensus items, Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **7:05 PM**

#### **ITEM 4. PUBLIC FORUM**

Nothing tonight.

#### **ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF MONICA WAGNER TIME OFF TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING IN SAN DIEGO MAY 16 & 17**

Bob Dietz made a motion to approve the time off for Monica Wagner to attend the Professional Development Training in San Diego, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **7:06 PM**

Steve Overmiller arrived at the meeting. **7:07 PM**

#### **ITEM 6. PRESENTATION FROM KESA LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The KESA Team will present the Goals on May 20, they wanted to do the presentation to the board before the “official” presentation. The Team has been working very hard creating and implementing two different Goals.

Goal 1 is Responsive Culture, this will help graduates be more employable after graduation. They are working on behavior in the elementary school and at the high school they have implemented the IPS Program. There are many factors that go into each of these processes, the teachers feel like they can really see a difference in the students, both elementary and Jr. Sr. High students.

Goal 2 is Relationship building, this is to help the parents feel comfortable coming into the school and getting them involved with the students, teachers and administration. Both buildings offer many opportunities for the parents to visit the school and get involved.

The 2021-2022 school year was to be the fifth year of the five year KESA process, however due to Covid 2020-2021 was a pause year. Theron made the comment that the kids have so many opportunities outside the school with the program and looking at their futures.

The Board would like to thank the committee for all the work and time they have put into setting and implementing the goals.

Miranda Attwood, Cally Rogers, Katie Grabast and Amanda Lehmann left the meeting. **7:39 PM**

Greg Hobelmann arrived at the meeting.

#### **ITEM 7. SECOND READING AND APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM, PARENT & STUDENT, TEACHER HANDBOOKS – 2022-2023**

Jessica asked about the academic letter, it wasn't the same in the handbooks that were sent to them. Greg Koelsch had noticed that and they have been updated.

It was decided to have the Coaches seconded reading in June.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approved the handbooks with the additions of date and names added as they are added/changed, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**7:53 PM**

#### **ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF MAPES & MILLER ENGAGEMENT LETTER**

There was a question on the amount that would be charged if there was a special (second) audit, that is not detailed in the engagement letter. Libby and Jessica thought Denis Miller had said it would be the same price as the regular audit charge, it was more work for the special audit.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approved the Letter of Engagement from Mapes and Miller, CPA, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**7:57 PM**

#### **ITEM 9. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 TECHNOLOGY ORDER**

Greg Hobelmann talked about the Technology for the upcoming school year, he feels like as far as the chrome books we are in good shape. He is working on getting bids for a new server, he is trying to keep both schools up to date on technology as it has changed in the last 3-4 years. He has plans to update the Access points this summer, it will make the signal 3x stronger. With the REAP money and ESSER these expenses should be taken care of by them.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to allow Mr. McEwen and Greg Hobelmann review the bids as they come in and allow them to make the decision on how to proceed, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**8:05 PM**

#### **ITEM 10. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF TEXT BOOK FEES**

The board discussed the textbook fees and they feel with not having free lunches this year it might be best to not change the textbook fees.

Steve Overmiller made a motion to leave the fees as they are, Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**8:06 PM**

#### **ITEM 11. REPORTS**

- a. Bob Dietz reported for the NCKSEC, Bob handed out the NCKSEC Interlocal #636 District Contribution Calculations for 2022-2023.
- b. Greg Koelsch mention the Forensics students and what a great job they did. Sunday will be graduation and he will have reserved seating for the board.
- c. Michelle Stamm wanted to say THANKS to the KESA team on what a great job they have been doing in preparing and implementing the goals for the KESA meeting. She also said so far this year she has had 276 "Positive Contact" calls.

- d. Mr. McEwen reviewed a few items that he has been working on. The walk-in cooler at the high school has quit, A. J. has reached out and gotten bids. They received one to replace the condenser from Shaffer out of Garden City. The sewer line was worse than what was originally thought but A. J. and Jed Kingsbury were able to get it going before the pickleball tournament, we have not received the bill yet. He wanted to mention that the free lunches will not be extended for the next school year. Talked briefly about the ESSER II and ESSER III and where we are on the approval of expenditures. Matt Haack stopped by the board office last week and talked to Mr. McEwen about the AED's, he plans to have 2 AED's available for the school. He let the board know where we were on hiring and interviews, this will be talked more in Executive Session. We received the Student Assurance Insurance from KASB and he would like to look around at other options.

### **ITEM 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL**

Steve Overmiller made a motion to go into Executive Session – Personnel for 15 minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:35 PM**

The board asked Mr. McEwen to stay.

Roberta Reinking, Greg Koelsch and Michelle Stamm left the meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

Steve Overmiller made a motion to go into Executive Session – Personnel for 10 minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:50 PM**

The board asked Mr. McEwen to stay.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

Steve Overmiller made a motion to go into Executive Session – Personnel for 5 minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **9:00 PM**

The board asked Mr. McEwen to stay.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

Steve Overmiller made a motion to go into Executive Session – Personnel for 5 minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **9:05 PM**

The board asked Mr. McEwen to stay.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

There was no action taken on this.

**ITEM 13. BOARD ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**ITEM 14. BOARD COMMENTS**

**FYI: During the months of June and July, the district office will be observing summer hours – closing on Friday afternoons.**

Bob Dietz wanted to mention the multiplier for private schools that has been proposed by KSHSAA.

**ITEM 15. ADJOURN**

Bob Dietz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jessica Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **9:22 PM**

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**School Board Member Code of Ethics**

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Theron Haresnape, President

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Roberta Reinking, Clerk

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