

USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for Monday October 9, 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.

7:01 PM

Present for the all to order Board President Theron Haresnape, board members Jessica Weltmer, Bob Dietz, Marty Hanson, Libby McDonald, and Sara Pruden, Steve Overmiller was not at the meeting. Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board clerk Roberta Reinking, SCE Principal Michelle Stamm and 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.

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ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

- a. Minutes of the September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of October 9, 2023 Statements
- c. Approval of SCHS Activity Statements
- d. Approval of Donation from Violet Norton Trust

The Board is very appreciative of the donation from the Violet Norton Trust.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approve the Consensus items, Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

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ITEM 4. PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum tonight.

ITEM 5. UPDATE ON FASTBRIDGE WITH MIRANDA ATTWOOD

Miranda Attwood gave the board an update on FastBridge. Mrs. Attwood shared the data results from aReading and aMath. Data from these screenings help teacher individualize instruction for the students. Based on the results of aReading and aMath benchmarking, students are reported by FasBridge as “College Pathway”, “ Low Risk”, “Some Risk” and “High Risk”.

ITEM 6. UPDATE ON KESA WITH MIRANDA ATTWOOD

Miranda Attwood updated the board on KESA, they are meeting with area schools to compare strategies and what's working and what isn't working. They do annual check-ins to look at the process and the outcome, what the success of the students and how it is affecting their educational progress.

Primary Success

4 Fundamentals

- 1. Standards – Aligned Curriculum**
- 2. Instruction Monitoring Tools**
- 3. Structured Literacy**
- 4. Balanced Assessment Systems**

What's New

Review Date, Goals, Create and Action Plan

Smart Goals

LEAD – Measures Progress Monitoring

LAG – Measures State Progress

State Evaluating & Identify Structures

Miranda Attwood left the meeting.

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ITEM 7. FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY JBCC

Mr. McEwen reviewed the JBCC, the hearing notice will need to run in the newspaper two consecutive weeks. The hearing will be at 6:50 before the regular board meeting November 13.

ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR JR. HIGH ASST BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

Bob Dietz made a motion to approve Nolan Lehmann as the Jr. High Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

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ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FOR JR. HIGH WRESTLING COACHES

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approve Mike Rogers as Jr. High Wrestling Coach, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

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Bob Dietz made a motion to approve Avery Hawkins as an assistant to Mike Roger as Jr. High Wrestling with 2% added to his supplemental, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

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ITEM 10. APPROVAL OF NAMING HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD “HUGHEY FIELD” AFTER MIKE HUGHES

The Rec Commission asked the board to approve the High School Baseball field being named after Mike Hughes “Hughey Field”. The rest of the fields have been named after someone that supported baseball, rec commission will pay for the signage.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approve naming the ball field “Hughey Field”, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

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ITEM 11. REPORTS

a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report – NCKSEC is in the process of updating their accounting software to Skyward, they plan to have the conversion in January. Libby has been chosen to be the delegate at KASB Annual Convention in November.

b. Greg Koelsch, SCHS Principal’s Report – Greg was not at the meeting.

c. Michelle Stamm, SCE Principal’s Report – The final enrollment for Elementary school was 255 students, 37 are Pre-K and only 5 of those we don’t receive funding for. The Book Fair was a huge success, as always, the school received \$5,000 in Scholastic purchases, they will get books for the classrooms and the Library as well as some new seating. One of the Reps told them this is one of the best supported Book Fairs they have, the community is a big supporter, it does help to have it during the week of grandparent’s day at school.

d. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent’s Report –

1. We have been working on the the SO66 and form 150, it was submitted this morning. The FTE Enrollment, excluding Preschool-Aged At-Risk, came out at 425.5.

2. Protecting Young Eyes – Mrs. Tabitha Owens and Mrs. Kyle Allen have reached out to the school about doing a presentation to the Smith Center Community and the School. It involves a Parent Presentation titled “The Digital Culture of Kids.” It is a “Tech 101” deep dive for parents and caring adults that covers digital safety topics. It involves age-appropriate presentation for grades K-12 the day following the parent presentation. They are working on finding a date and determining the cost to bring the presentation to Smith Center.

3. According to the lunch data at the Jr/Sr high school they are feeding 96-97% of the student body each day.

4. Facilities – Mr. Kuhlmann is in a waiting pattern on several projects that have been previously discussed – the roof top unit at SCE – New sign at the high school – the ice machine at the high school and the interface at the elementary. The Greenhouse will be getting the final electrical wiring inside and that will be paid for with FFA money.

5. Job openings – We will start advertising for the District Treasurer Position this month. We work on getting an ad for Science and Math position. The food service ad is still running on the website and fb. There will be a custodial position opening after the first of the year so we will need to put out an ad for that position.

5 a. Skyward or Software Unlimited – with our current accounting system aging out we have been presented with the options of Skyward or Software Unlimited. There will be a zoom on Tuesday with what Software Unlimited will do for us. We will need to be making a decision soon on which way to go.

6. Mr. McNary has been looking into the possibility of purchasing a new suburban. The dealerships are not sure if they will be receiving suburban's on a state contract or not. For now, we will wait to see. We might be looking to purchase a suburban and an additional car for this year. We may need to look at buying a used vehicle if the dealerships are not going to offer state contracts.

7. Star Awards – we received the following recognition:

a. Academically Prepared for Postsecondary	Copper
b. Graduation	Bronze
c. Postsecondary Effectiveness	Silver
d. Commissioner's Award	Commissioner's Award with Honors

8. Legislative luncheon – this will be offered on November 9th in Salina, Mr. McEwen asked if any of the board was interested in attending.

ITEM 12. BOARD COMMENTS

Signed thank you for Violet Norton Trust

ITEM 13. ADJOURN

Bob Dietz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

8:00 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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