

Unified School District 237

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USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting

Board Minutes for Monday November 8, 2021

216 S. Jefferson, Smith Center, KS 66967

Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the USD 237 BOE was called to order by President Theron Haresnape. **7:02 PM**

Board of Education member present for the call to order, Bob Dietz, Tim Weltmer, Marty Hanson, Jessica Hawkins, and Jessica Weltmer. Steve Overmiller was not present for the call to order.

Also present for the call to order, Superintendent Mr. Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Roberta Reinking, Jr. Sr. High School Principal Mr. Greg Koelsch, Elementary Principal Michelle Stamm. Patrons present were Sara Pruden, Elizabeth McDonald and Roy Webb.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - ADD/DELETE

Theron Haresnape asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda.

Bob Dietz made a motion to approve the agenda as it is, Jessica Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **7:03 PM**

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

Theron Haresnape went over the consensus items, asked the board if they had any questions. Tim Weltmer noted that it was Mike's Refrigeration and not Tim's Refrigeration, Roberta will make that change on the meeting notes. There was some discussion on this Tim thought that Mike had been back in the last couple of weeks and questioned why, Mr. McEwen will check with A. J. and see why and report on the Friday notes. Theron Haresnape asked about check #52675 Order to pay judgement creditor to Foulston Siefkin LLP for \$300, thought it might have to do with the gas settlement but Mr. McEwen will check and let the board know in Friday notes. Approval of retirement for Julie Molzahn was approved with many regrets.

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

ITEM 4. PUBLIC FORUM

Theron Haresnape asked Roy Webb if he had anything to talk to the board about, he just wanted to observe a board meeting.

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ITEM 5. CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT WITH TIM WILSON

Tim Wilson planned to be here at 7:15 and we are ahead of schedule so we will move forward until he arrives.

ITEM 6. APPOINTMENT OF 2022-2023 BOARD OF EDUCATION'S NEGOTIATION TEAM MEMBER

Bob Dietz nominated Theron Haresnape and Jessica Weltmer, they both accepted.

Bob Dietz made a motion to appoint Theron Haresnape and Jessica Weltmer as the negotiation team, Tim Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **7:08 PM**

ITEM 7. REPORTS

Jessica Hawkins NCKSEC Interlocal #636 report, not much to discuss tonight, they are working on and waiting on approval of where to use the ESSER II Funds.

Steve Overmiller arrived at the meeting. **7:12 PM**

Mr. Greg Koelsch went over some of the happening at the school, there is a lot of excitement with the cross-country team placing, the volleyball team winning state and FFA National Convention in Indianapolis with Kaden Weltmer placing 2nd in the Nation in Division 3 AgroSciences. Mr. Koelsch mentioned they have had a few more subs than normal but feels everyone is adapting very well. He wanted to note that the FFA kids decided to go out on Saturday night to collect canned goods for the food pantry, he didn't have a count as to how much was brought in but thought the kids did a great job.

Tim Wilson arrived at the meeting, waiting on Bella Schmidt. **7:17 PM**

Mr. Michelle Stamm had nothing to add, asked the board if they had any questions.

Mr. Dustin McEwen wanted to give a shout-out to the volleyball team on their first 2A state championship. As well as the cross-country runners and coaches at Victoria. National recognition to Kaden Weltmer on his 2nd place in the division 3 AG science fair environmental services and natural resource systems.

Steve had let him know the buses had sold through Purple Wave for a better price than getting bids, he felt. The big bus brought \$4,000, the Ford \$2,600 and the Chevy \$2,000.

ESSER II Funds update, the stipend salary for the ESOL para was ineligible by the secondary review committee, also the ESOL coordinator stipend was not approved. The secondary review committee did approve the Real-World Math Curriculum, this will move on to the task force.

The secondary review committee approved the HVAC control module, but stated it was a capital improvement and would require following the process of pre-approval. Mr. McEwen has filled out the Construction and Capital Expenditure prior-approval request form and submitted to KSDE.

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The district in-service is being planned for November 15, a presentation from DCF Presentation/Training on Mandatory reporting.

The KESA district leadership team will meet, there is a grade level curriculum time at the elementary school and subject area curriculum time at the Jr. Sr. high school.

Walkthrough Tool Development & Discussion, Mr. McEwen plans to meet with teacher representatives regarding the intent and purpose of the walkthrough tool. He then plans to report to the board at the December board meeting. The high school will also meet and design IPS lessons in the afternoon.

The day will end with staff meetings at each building the allowing the principals time to meet with their staff.

Remote learning, it is now required to have monthly authorization for any student that is over 40 hours of remote learning, there will be more discussion in executive session. The authorization report will then be submitted to KSDE each month.

Acellus learning, this is a program to help students that are needing extra help, Kelli Schmidt has shown an interest in taking the classes to get this started. The NCKSEC has applied for ESSER II funds that will help the districts get this started.

The 2021 Kansans Can Star Recognition Award winners will be announced during the Tuesday November 9, 2021 Kansas State Board of Education meeting.

Smith Center received the following Awards:

Gold for Graduation 95% and above.

Silver for Postsecondary Success 60-69.9%

Copper for Academically prepared for postsecondary State Average – 49%

Bob Dietz has heard some really good comments about state volleyball, the administration representation and how professional they looked and represented our school well.

ITEM 5. CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT WITH TIM WILSON

Mr. Tim Wilson was asked to talk a little bit about the 3D printer they received this year in the classroom. Tim had reached out to a few of the graduates to get some input as to what would be an asset in the classroom and many felt the printer would be a big asset in the classroom. Mr. Wilson brought some of the smaller projects they have been working on, he gave ideas on how long it takes to draw and cut out the projects. Bella Schmidt came with Mr. Wilson to show a few of the drawings and how much quicker it is do the drawings. Mr. Wilson did say the programs they have used have lots of information and the kids are really taking the time to learn a lot of it on their own. When Mr. Wilson went to look

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into getting the printer the pricing was \$1,200 for one or purchase two for \$1,800 so it was decided to get 2 of them. They have been working on trying to get some kind of Redmen head to cut in the 3D.

The board thanked them for teaching us about the 3D printer.

Mr. McEwen would really like to see the Curriculum Spotlight as a monthly spot on the board agenda.

ITEM 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Bob Dietz made a motion to go into executive session, personnel for 10 minutes with the Board and Mr. McEwen present, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:49 PM

Roy Webb, Sara Pruden, Elizabeth McDonald, Roberta Reinking left the closed meeting.

Mr. Greg Koelsch left the meeting.

7:49 PM

Mrs. Michelle Stamm left the meeting.

7:50 PM

Roberta Reinking, Roy Webb, Sara Pruden & Elizabeth McDonald returned to the meeting.

Bob Dietz made a motion to go into executive session, personnel for 5 minutes with the Board and Mr. McEwen present, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:59 PM

Roy Webb, Sara Pruden, Elizabeth McDonald, Roberta Reinking left the closed meeting.

Roberta Reinking, Roy Webb, Sara Pruden & Elizabeth McDonald returned to the meeting.

8:04 PM

No action was taken on this item.

ITEM 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION – STUDENT MATTERS

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to go into executive session, student matters for 5 minutes with the Board and Mr. McEwen present, Jessica Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

8:06 PM

Roy Webb, Sara Pruden, Elizabeth McDonald, Roberta Reinking left the closed meeting.

Roberta Reinking, Roy Webb, Sara Pruden & Elizabeth McDonald returned to the meeting.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to go into executive session, student matters for 5 minutes with the Board and Mr. McEwen present, Jessica Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

8:11 PM

Roy Webb, Sara Pruden, Elizabeth McDonald, Roberta Reinking left the closed meeting.

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Roberta Reinking, Roy Webb, Sara Pruden & Elizabeth McDonald returned to the meeting. **8:16 PM**

Steve Overmiller approved the Remote Learning for the list of students that are over the 40 hours that are allowed for remote learning, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:19 PM**

ITEM 4. ADJOURN

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jessica Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:20 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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theron Haresnape".

Theron Haresnape, President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roberta Reinking".

Roberta Reinking, Clerk

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