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## USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting

216 S. Jefferson, Smith Center, KS 66967

Board Minutes for Monday February 14, 2022

Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room

### ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Theron Haresnape called the meeting to order.

7:00 PM

Present for the call to order, President Theron Haresnape, Jessica Weltmer, Bob Dietz, Steve Overmiller, Marty Hanson, Sara Pruden and Libby McDonald. Also present was Elementary Principal Michelle Stamm, Superintendent Dustin McEwen and Board Clerk Roberta Reinking. Christopher Goedert and Adalia Rego to represent the Art Club and talk about the art trip(s).

### ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADD/DELETE

Bob Dietz made a motion to approve the Agenda, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:02 PM

### ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

Theron Haresnape asked if there were any questions about the consensus items, no one had any questions or concerns.

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

7:03 PM

### ITEM 4. PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing tonight.

Abigail Schlatter arrived at the meeting.

7:03 PM

### ITEM 5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANSIONAIRS TRIP TO BRANSON MARCH 10-13 AND USE OF TRANPORTATION

Abigail Schlatter was present to represent Chansionairs trip to Branson in March, they have requested the use of 4 suburban's for the 22 students and 6-8 sponsors. Bob Dietz mentioned how hard that trip was to take a bus to Branson, he feels like the suburban's are a better option. Abigail mentioned they still had the money from 2 years ago that they planned to use, they have had raffles, steak and song, and singing valentines to also help raise the money.

Bob Dietz made a motion to approve the use of vehicles and fuel for the trip, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:10 PM

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Abigail Schlatter left the meeting.

## **ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF 2 SUBURBAN'S FOR ONE MAYBE TWO ART TRIPS, LOOKING AT A SATURDAY TRIP TO OMAHA AND LINCOLN FOR 10-12 STUDENTS**

Mr. Goedert and Adalia Rego were present to talk about the art trip, Mr. Goedert feels like maybe just a day trip will allow more of the students to participate. They would need 2 suburban's as there will be 10-12 students going, the plan is to start in Omaha at the Museum and spend about 2 hours there then return to Lincoln and spend some time there as well, have a nice evening meal then return home. Adalia talked about what a great experience it was for them to go on these trips to see some of the art they have studied in class.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approve the use of vehicles for the trip, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:14 PM**

Mr. Goedert and Adalia Rego left the meeting.

## **ITEM 7. DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR USE OF FACILITES AND EQUIPMENT BELONGING TO USD 237**

Mr. McEwen presented the application he had put together and asked the board for their ideas. There was much discussion and some changes, Mr. McEwen will put together the agreement with the updates requested.

## **ITEM 8. APPROVE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FOR ANN RUST**

The board wants to thank her for her 43 years in the district and want to wish her well in her retirement. She has taught many families during her time at USD 237 and will be missed.

Marty Hanson made a motion to accept the letter of retirement for Ann Rust, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:34 PM**

## **ITEM 9. APPROVE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FOR CHRIS GOEDERT**

Steve Overmiller made a motion to approve the resignation for Chris Goedert, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:35 PM**

## **ITEM 10. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

Calendar changes discussed, add the school start time of 8:10 AM, there are a couple of items to remove, Mr. McEwen will make the changes.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approve the calendar for 2022-2023 school year with the changes discussed, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:37 PM**

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## ITEM 11. 2022 SUMMER MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Mr. McEwen and A.J. Kuhlmann have discussed some of the summer projects, many of the items are routine yearly projects. Mr. McEwen talked to the board about what he and A.J. felt they can move forward with and start getting bids. They told Mr. McEwen to go ahead and have A.J. move forward on some of the projects and bids.

## ITEM 12. GREENBUSH VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP TO SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. McEwen discussed the benefits of having a Greenbush virtual membership, on Thursday's he has been sitting in on the zoom and has learned a lot about what all they can offer him. They have zoom meetings for principals as well as the board clerk. The annual membership can be paid with Esser money. The relationship will not change with Smoky Hills as they were still a big asset to the district. Jessica Weltmer feels any membership that helps the district and employees is worth paying for.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approve the membership to Greenbush, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

3:19 PM

## ITEM 13. REPORTS

Bob Dietz reported for NCKSEC Interlocal, he attended thru zoom, they had an evaluation Cher Grieving, they are very pleased with what she is doing.

Mr. Koelsch was not at the meeting.

Michelle Stamm, Elementary School Principal, she had nothing more to add to her Thursday note, asked if anyone had any questions.

Mr. McEwen, Superintendent, he discussed the Covid guidelines from the providers, the recommendations are made with the goal of doing as little as possible to disrupt the school year. This providers, health department and administration will continue to review the recommendations and adjust if circumstances change. On Tuesday Mr. Koelsch and Mr. McEwen will be going to FHSU for the job fair, he is also getting ready for the next teacher in-service.

Marty Hanson asked about the notification system when school is called off early, there was a student dropped off at home, his mom works at the hospital, but she didn't receive any notification of early dismissal. She arrived at home shortly after the bus, so this time it wasn't an issued but was a concern if it were to happen again. There was discussion on how to better notify parents.

## ITEM 14. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to go into Executive Session – Personnel for 20 minutes, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

8:41 PM

The board invited Mr. McEwen to stay.

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Michelle Stamm and Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

9:01 PM

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to go into Executive Session – Personnel for 20 minutes, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:01 PM

The board invited Mr. McEwen to stay.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

9:21 PM

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to go into Executive Session – Personnel for 20 minutes, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:21 PM

The board invited Mr. McEwen to stay.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

9:41 PM

There was no action taken at this time.

## ITEM 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – STUDENT MATTERS

Bob Dietz made a motion to go into Executive Session - Student Matters for 10 minutes, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:45 PM

The board invited Mr. McEwen to stay.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

9:55 PM

Marty Hanson made a motion to approve the remote learning for students over the 40 hours, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:57 PM

## ITEM 16. BOARD ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITES

## ITEM 17. BOARD COMMENTS

Nothing tonight.

## ITEM 18. ADJOURN

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

9:59 PM

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...."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 cursive script that reads "Theron Haresnape".

Theron Haresnape, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roberta Reinking".

Roberta Reinking, Clerk

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