

# Unified School District 237

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## USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting

Board Minutes for Monday, March 4, 2024

216 S. Jefferson, Smith Center, KS 66967

Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room

### ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

7:00 PM

President Theron Haresnape called the meeting to order.

Present for the call to order Board President, Theron Haresnape, board members Marty Hanson, Jodi Frydendall, Adam Rentschler, Libby McDonald, Sara Pruden and Steve Overmiller. Superintendent, Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk, Susan Panter, SCE Principal, Michelle Stamm and SCHS Principal, Greg Koelsch were also present for the meeting.

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

Steve Overmiller made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:01 PM

### ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

- a. Minutes of the February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of March 4, 2024 statements
- c. Approval of Madonna Jamison Scholarship Committee - 2024 - Crystal Ifland and Alex Hobelmann
- d. Approval of Request from Ellie Stansbury to move across on salary schedule

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the consensus items. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:03 PM

### ITEM 4. PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing tonight

### ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR JR. HIGH ASST TRACK COACH

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the contract for Brice Hackler as Jr. High Assistant Track Coach. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:05 PM

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## ITEM 6. APPROVAL TO HIRE MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL SUMMER HELP

Steve Overmiller made a motion to hire up to two maintenance/custodial summer help. Adam Rentschler second the motion. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:08 PM

## ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR ELEMENTARY SECRETARY

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the contract for Melissa Clark as Elementary Secretary. Sara Pruden second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:09 PM

## ITEM 8. DISCUSSION OF CAPACITY NUMBERS OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2024-25 SCHOOL SESSION

Mr. McEwen discussed how we will have to accept non-resident students for the 2024-25 school year. We have to determine our capacity. He does not foresee it having a huge impact on USD 237. KSHSAA rules still apply. This has to be decided by May 1st. Discussion of KSHSAA rules. Mr. McEwen went over current enrollment numbers and will update numbers more towards May 1st. A lottery system will be used if more students apply than the published capacity at a grade level. We will put on the website our capacity numbers by June 1st. Applications will be available from June 1st to June 30th. Once a non-resident student is accepted, they will be ours unless they become a student not in good standing. We do not have to provide transportation unless otherwise required by State/Federal law. They do not want to force us to add more teachers. The capacity numbers have to be decided every year.

## ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF VON LINTEL REFINISHING AND FLOORING FOR THE GYMS

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the bid of Von Lintel Refinishing and Flooring for the Gyms. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:29 PM

## ITEM 10. PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FOR CLASSIFIED STAFF STARTING SALARIES FROM OTHER DISTRICT

Mr. McEwen presented information on salaries from other districts for classified staff. Insurance was discussed. We have to pay a certain percentage to keep the grandfather plan. Sub pay discussed.

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## ITEM 11. REPORTS

- a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report - Letters training dates set. They are looking for school psychologists. They are moving forward with plans to renovate. Hired Denise Kattenberg as para at high school. Alicia Brown resigned at grade school.
- b. Greg Koelsch, SCHS Principal's Report - Added that Forensics took third at league. He stated the kids do a great job of representing our school. There were 160 that attended the Chansonaires Steak and Song for their fundraiser to go to Branson.
- c. Michelle Stamm, SCE Principal's Report - Discussed literacy night. Kindergarten screening had 26 students.
- d. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent's Report
  1. Discussed drivers ed. Met with Greenbush instructor. Need to figure out timeline.
  2. Building controls and services will be in the building over spring break.
  3. CTE teachers got pathways approved.
  4. Spec ed funding discussed.
  5. Congratulations to State wrestlers. Great season for basketball.
  6. Financials discussed.

## ITEM 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS - LETTER OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE BY MARCH 31, 2024, WITH TEACHERS' UNION REPRESENTATIVE. K.S.A. 72-2228

Steve Overmiller made a motion to go into Executive Session - Negotiations - Letter of Intent To Negotiate by March 31, 2024 with Teachers' Union Representative K.S.A. 72-2228 for 10 minutes with the open meeting to resume at 8:20 PM. Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. The Board asked Mr. McEwen to remain in the closed meeting. **8:10 PM**

Susan Panter, Greg Koelsch and Michelle Stamm left the closed meeting.

Susan Panter returned to the meeting. **8:20 PM**

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As per discussion, Mr. McEwen, Theron Haresnape and Marty Hanson will meet to finalize the Letter of Intent to Negotiate. No action needed.

## ITEM 13. BOARD COMMENTS

None

## ITEM 14. ADJOURN

Adam Rentschler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

8:35 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 cursive script, appearing to read "Theron Haresnape".

Theron Haresnape, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Panter".

Susan Panter, Clerk

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