

**USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for Monday, March 10, 2025
216 S. Jefferson St., Smith Center, KS 66967
Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room**

Item 1. Call to Order

President Theron Haresnape called the meeting to order.

7:00 PM

Present for the call to order were Board Members Marty Hanson, Jodi Frydendall, Adam Rentschler, Libby McDonald and Steve Overmiller, Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Susan Panter, Principals Michelle Stamm and Greg Koelsch, teachers, Amanda Lehmann, Staci Buckmaster, Lori Ifland and Darian Baumann.

Item 2. Approval of Agenda - Add/Delete

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 3. Approval of Consensus Items

- a. February 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. March 10, 2025 Statements
- c. Approval of Donations
- d. Approval of Request from Ellie Stansbury and Sunshine McEwen to Move Across on Salary Schedule
- e. Resignations of Supplemental Positions
- f. Approval of Retirement Letter from Kelli Schmidt
- g. Approval of Out of District Student - Avery Burris

Marty Hanson made a motion to approve the Consensus Items. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Teacher Sage Schlaefli arrived at 7:02 pm.

Teacher Travis Elliott arrived at 7:03 pm.

Board member Sara Pruden arrived at 7:04 pm.

Item 4. Public Forum

None

Item 5. Mrs. Stamm and Elementary Math Teachers Discussion on Math Curriculum Selection Process

Mrs. Stamm went over the math curriculum selection process. She formed a math curriculum committee with teachers, Staci Buckmaster, Amanda Lehmann, Lori Ifland and Darian Baumann. Mrs. Stamm gave a background on the curriculum that is currently being used. USD 237 adopted to use Go Math in 2015. Go Math will no longer be available and their curriculum is not aligned to the standards.

The goals for the new curriculum are as follows:

1. Number Sense
2. Fact Fluency
3. Standards aligned
4. Less Language
5. Parent engagement

There have been preview kits ordered and contact with other schools in the area to see what they are using.

Teachers Staci Buckmaster, Amanda Lehmann, Lori Ifland and Darian Baumann left the meeting at 7:13 PM.

Item 6. Discussion and Approval of Driver's Education Fees

Mr. McEwen discussed the current driver's education fees. Currently the fee is \$150 per student. The current fee is not enough to cover expenses for the class and driving portion. Mr. McEwen proposed raising the fee to \$175 to cover expenses.

Libby McDonald made a motion to approve the driver's education fee to \$175 for the 2024-2025 school year. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 7. Approval to Hire Maintenance/Custodial Summer Help

Mr. McEwen discussed the hiring of up to two summer maintenance/custodial staff.

Libby McDonald made a motion to approve the hiring of up to two summer maintenance/custodial staff. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 8. Mr. Koelsch and High School Math Teachers Discussion on Math Curriculum Selection Process

We were ahead on time and Kelli Armknecht was not in attendance at this time. Move on to the next few items.

Item 9. Approval of Von Lintel Refinishing & Flooring for the Gyms

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve Von Lintel Refinishing & Flooring to refinish the gym floors. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 10. Reports

- a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report
 - Nothing to report
- b. Greg Koelsch, Jr.-Sr. High Principal Report
 - Forensics received second place as a team
 - YEC is Tuesday, March 11th at the high school
 - Wrestling mats have been received
- c. Michelle Stamm, Elementary Principal Report
 - Terry & Mary Lynn Barta Fund
 - Reading Week
 - Kindergarten Screening - there were 26 screened
- d. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent Report
 - Reading Week at Elementary School - read to 2nd grade
 - Received first order from F&A for food
 - HTK Architects were here today inspecting the roof. Hoping to have bids by the end of March and get bids from local banks the first part of April.
 - Perkins Funds - we joined SW Plains Perkins Consortium
 - School Counselor - advertised for the position on Educate Kansas
 - Transportation - need bus drivers
 - KESA - six month check in on April 16th
 - KSDE Audit - April 9th & 10th

Item 11. Executive Session - Personnel - to Protect the Interest of Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA

Sara Pruden made a motion that the board members, Travis Elliott and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Personnel - to Protect the Interest of Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of five (5) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **7:37 PM**. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:32 PM

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

7:32 PM

The board members, Travis Elliott and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter, Greg Koelsch, Michelle Stamm and Sage Schlaefli returned to the open meeting.

7:37 PM

Item 12. Approval of Supplemental Hires for Returning Certified Staff

Marty Hanson made a motion to approve the Supplemental Hires for Returning Certified Staff as presented. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Travis Elliott left the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Item 8. Mr. Koelsch and High School Math Teachers Discussion on Math Curriculum Selection Process

Mr. Kolesch presented the curriculum process for math for grades 7-12. He stated that they have contacted several schools in the area to see what they are using. Mr. Koelsch would like to see less language for the curriculum.

Kelli Armknecht arrived to the meeting at 7:42 PM

Sage Schlaefli stated how important it is to do actual math problems. The students need the practice and manipulation of doing the math. He would like to see the curriculum be more numbers based.

Kelli Armknecht discussed some different curriculum options and the pros and cons of each. She would like to have a curriculum that aligns with the standards, meets student needs and interest, offers flexibility and support and uses real world application.

Kelli Armknecht and Sage Schlaefli left the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Item 13. Executive Session - Personnel - to Protect the Interest of Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the board members, Mr. McEwen and Greg Koelsch move into Executive Session - Personnel - to Protect the Interest of Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of five (5) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **8:02 PM**. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:57 PM

Susan Panter and Michelle Stamm left the closed meeting.

7:57 PM

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

8:02 PM

Item 14. Approval of Contract for High School FACS Teacher

Jodi Frydendall made a motion to approve the contract for Alecia Smith for High School FACS Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 15. Executive Session - Personnel - to Protect the Interest of Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA

Sara Pruden made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Personnel - to Protect the Interest of Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of five (5) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **8:10 PM**. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

8:05 PM

Susan Panter and Greg Koelsch left the closed meeting.

8:05 PM

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

8:10 PM

Item 16. Executive Session - Negotiations - Letter of Intent to Negotiate by March 31, 2025, with Teachers' Union Representative K.S.A. 72-2228

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Negotiations - Letter of Intent to Negotiate by March 31, 2025 with Teachers' Union Representative K.S.A. 72-2228 for a period of ten (10) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **8:21 PM**. Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:11 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **8:11 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed negotiation matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **8:21 PM**

Item 17. Board Comments

None

Item 18. Adjourn

Adam Rentschler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:23 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

Susan Panter, Clerk

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