

USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting

Board Minutes for Monday April 11, 2022

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.

7:04 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, Athletic Director Miranda Attwood, Superintendent Dustin McEwen and Board Clerk Roberta Reinking. FCCLA members Easton Hrabe, Katie Christner, Abigail Schlatter, and Adrian Hawkins.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - ADD/DELETE

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

7:05 PM

Brandon Hrabe, parent/patron arrived the meeting.

7:06 PM

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

- a. Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- b. Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2022 Special Meeting.
- c. April 11, 2022 statements.
- d. Approval of Moving the Last Day of School to May 17 @ 11:30.
- e. Approval of Donation of \$12,000 for the Memorial at Hubbard Stadium from the Hubbard Foundation.
- f. Approval of Resignation from Larry Burgess as Jr. High Boys Assistant Basketball Coach.
- g. Approval of Resignation of Brent Garretson as Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach.
- h. Approval of Resignation of Kecia Archer as High School Cheer Sponsor.
- i. Approval of Resignation of Heather Sasse as Jr. High Asst Track Coach.
- j. Approval of Resignation from Anita Wolters as Elementary Teacher.
- k. Approval of Resignation from Debbie Conrad as Library Para.
- l. Approval of Resignation from Patrick Miller Teacher, Volleyball and Basketball Coach.
- m. Approval of Resignation from Rebekah Miller Teacher, Jr. Class sponsor.
- n. Approval of Resignation from Arla Homburg from Music Program.
- o. Approval of Resignation from Sharon Kattenberg as Food Service Director.
- p. Approval of Resignation from Greg Koelsch as Athletic Director.
- q. Approval of Resignation from Miranda Attwood as Athletic Director.
- r. Approval of Resignation from Travis Elliott as Football and Wrestling Coach.

The Board Regretfully accepted the resignation/retirement of long-time teacher Anita Wolters, Food Service director Sharon Kattenberg and Library Aide Debbie Conrad.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approved the consensus items, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:07 PM**

ITEM 4. PUBLIC FORUM

Brandon Hrabe wanted to discuss his concerns on the number of girls that are participating in the sports program, a few years ago there were around 25 out for basketball but now has dropped to around 13. He feels sports have a purpose, it builds moral, sportsmanship, team work among a few things. He wants this to be about the kids, make it fun as well as develop a consistent strong program. He feels there is an issue with bullying and leaving some of the kids out.

Cauy Haresnape and Tinley Rentschler arrived at the meeting. **7:12 PM**

As a parent and part of our small community this is disheartening and makes it tough for the athlete. Brandon feels there is bullying in the classroom as well as on the campus, and the purpose of activities is to get and keep kids involved. Why is this happening and how can it be fixed, kids don't feel included and work just as hard.

Kelli Schmidt and Amy Terrill arrive at the meeting. **7:17 PM**

Brandon thanked the board and left the meeting. **7:20 PM**

ITEM 5. Approval of FCCLA National Leadership Conference to San Diego, use of Transportation to airport

FCCLA presented the board with an Itinerary for the 2022 National FCCLA Convention, who will be attending and the estimated expenses for the trip and what fund raising they had been doing. Each of the members in attendance spoke to the board, asking for a transportation, 3 suburban's, to the airport and fuel. The Board feels this is a good project and FCCLA is a good representation of our school. The board did ask that they give them a presentation of the trip when they get back.

Bob Dietz made a motion to approve the use of the suburban's and fuel for the trip, Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:24 PM**

ITEM 6. KNEA, KELLI SCHMIDT TO TALK ABOUT THE KANSAS READING CIRCLE DONATION OF BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY

Kelli Schmidt had a flyer that listed the books that had been received by the library, the books are received from the Kansas Reading Circle. Kelli and Jerry Blank attend the meeting twice a year and are able to pick out and bring books that are donated to the library. Most of the books are first time authors, the publishers donate the books to get the books into the libraries.

The board thanked Kelli for letting them know about this program.

ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF STUDENT COUNCIL REWARDING THE STUDENTS ON THE HONOR ROLL WITH A TRIP TO THE TRAMPOLINE PARK IN GRAND ISLAND, REQUESTING TRANSPORTATION

As part of the campaign to run for Stucco Cauy Haresnape, Stucco President and Tinley Rentschler wanted to reward students that had been on the honor roll for all 3 nine weeks of this year. The student needed to either carry at least a 3.25 GPA all this year to be able to qualify for the reward. They are planning to go on May 16, Tinley had called the trampoline park but hadn't heard back yet on the exact price for the 2 hour jump and a meal, stucco will pay for this part of the trip. They would like to request the use of a bus, driver and fuel, if all the ones that qualify go there would be around 59 kids, but they will let the board know later a head count. Mrs. Kelli Schmidt had talked to Steve McNary about using a bus, the Redmen bus will hold about 56, they will have to check with Steve when they get a number on how many are going.

Steve Overmiller approved the use of a bus, driver and fuel for the trip, Jessica Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:34 PM**

ITEM 8. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF KELLI ARMKNECHT TIME OFF TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING IN SAN DIEGO MAY 16 & 17.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approve the time off for Kelli, she feels like this is a great opportunity for Kelli, Steve Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:36 PM**

ITEM 9. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTAL POSITIONS

Mrs. Miranda Attwood sent out letters to all the supplemental positions to see if they were still interested in coaching the 2022-2023 season. Mr. McEwen and Miranda put a spreadsheet together on the returning positions accepted, resigned positions and the one unsure at this time. Some of the positions will be dependent on the number of students out for the sport as well as letters not returned yet.

The board thanked Miranda for all her time putting this together and getting the information to them.

ITEM 10. ESSER II AND ESSER III REPORT

Mr. McEwen presented the board with the changes to the ESSER II application the expenditures can change as prices change but right now this would be a very close view of what the ESSER II spending will look like. There are a few expenditures that will be on the ESSER II as well as the ESSER III funds. Mr. McEwen has been working on the ESSER III application and would really like to have it submitted this week is possible. He showed the board what he had put together as far as getting approval for the ESSER III application.

The Board thanked him for all the work and time he has put into the ESSER spreadsheet, also how he has planned and presented the spending.

ITEM 11. CAPITAL OUTLAY

Mr. McEwen has put together information on the capital outlay projects and summer projects, he explained to the board what his goal would be as far as having money left to cover an emergency if needed and also build up contingency reserve. He talked a little bit about getting the bids for painting the trim at the elementary school, they are still waiting for possibly another bid to come in. He wanted to know the boards thoughts on accepting the bids, he would have liked to had the approval of the board this month but that wasn't possible, consensus of the board was to go with the lowest bid received.

ITEM 12. APPROVAL OF CARPET BID FROM BROOKS FLOORING

Mr. McEwen explained to the board that he has decided to only do 2 rooms this year, one in each building, Brooks Flooring was the lowest bid.

Bob Dietz made a motion to accept the bid for flooring from Brooks Flooring, Steve seconded the motion, the motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

8:33

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ITEM 13. APPROVAL OF GYM FLOOR REFINISH BID FROM VON LINTEL REFINISHING AND FLOORING, INC

There were two bids received for the flooring, Von Lintel did a great job last year and both bids were very close.

Steve Overmiller made a motion to approve the bid from Von Lintel, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

8:34 PM

ITEM 14. KASB – MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Bob Dietz made a motion to approve the renewal of the KASB membership & Legal Assistance and not pay the season pass, as in the past, Jessica Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

8:36 PM

ITEM 15. FIRST READING AND REVIEW OF CURRICULUM HANDBOOK, TEACHER HANDBOOKS 2022-2023

The board discussed the reading of all the handbooks, they asked if they could get them by the first week of May so they had a chance to read them and review the changes. Roberta Reinking will send them electronically so they have a chance to review before the May board meeting.

ITEM 16. REPORTS

- a. Bob Dietz, NCKSEC, Bob had nothing to report this month.
- b. Greg Koelsch, Jr. Sr. High Principal was not at the meeting.
- c. Michelle Stam,. Elementary Principal had nothing to add to her board notes.

- d. Mr. McEwen, Superintendent, we still have teaching positions open, Sharon Kattenberg is willing to stay and help train a new employee as long as she is needed or until December 1, 2022. We still have not received any applications for the custodian position.

Michelle Stamm and Miranda Attwood left the meeting.

8:55 PM

ITEM 17. EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS

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

8:56 pm

The board asked Mr. McEwen to remain in Executive Session.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Greg Koelsch arrive at the meeting, Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

9:06 PM

There was no action taken at this time.

ITEM 18. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL – SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Steve Overmiller made a motion to go into Executive Session – Personnel – Supplemental contracts for 5 minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:10 PM

The board asked Mr. McEwen to remain in Executive Session.

Roberta Reinking and Greg Koelsch left the meeting.

Steve Overmiller made a motion to go into Executive Session – Personnel – Supplemental contracts for 5 minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:15 PM

The board asked Mr. McEwen to remain in Executive Session.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Steve Overmiller made a motion to go into Executive Session – Personnel – Supplemental contracts for 5 minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:20 PM

The board asked Mr. McEwen to remain in Executive Session.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Bob Dietz made a motion to approve all the supplemental positions marked in green and approve Travis Elliott as the Athletic Director, Jessica Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-2 vote with Libby McDonald and Sara Pruden voting against.

ITEM 19. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL – ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to go into Executive Session – Administrative Contract for 10 minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:30 PM

The board asked Mr. McEwen to remain in the Executive Session.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to go into Executive Session – Administrative Contract for 5 minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **9:40 PM**

The board asked Mr. McEwen to remain in the Executive Session.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to go into Executive Session – Administrative Contract for 5 minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **9:45 PM**

The board asked Mr. McEwen to remain in the Executive Session.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to go into Executive Session – Administrative Contract for 5 minutes, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **9:50 PM**

The board asked Mr. McEwen to remain in the Executive Session.

Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Sara Pruden made a motion to extend a 1-year contract for Greg Koelsch for the 2023-2024 school term, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-3 vote with Marty Hanson, Libby McDonald and Jessica Weltmer voting against. **9:59 PM**

ITEM 20. BOARD ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ITEM 21. BOARD COMMENTS

No board comments tonight.

ITEM 22. ADJOURN

Bob Dietz made a motion to adjourn the meeting for tonight, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **10:00 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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