

**USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Board Minutes for May 12, 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, Adam Rentschler, Libby McDonald, Steve Overmiller and Sara Pruden, Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Susan Panter, Principals Michelle Stamm and Greg Koelsch, teacher Travis Elliott and Patron Brandon Hrabe. Board member Jodi Frydendall was not present.

**Item 2. Approval of Agenda - Add/Delete**

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the agenda with an addition of consensus item r. the use of a suburban for girls jr. high basketball to Hastings on June 9th. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

**Item 3. Approval of Consensus Items**

- a. Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of Minutes from April 30, 2025 Special Meeting
- c. May 12, 2025 Statements
- d. Approval of Donations
- e. Approval of Custodian Contract for Nicholas Lange
- f. Approval of Letter of Resignation from Jessica Rybeck, Food Service
- g. Approval of Letter of Resignation from James Tilton, Custodial
- h. Approval of Letter of Resignation from Matt Seemann, High School Asst Football Coach
- i. Approval of Letter of Resignation from Danielle Gillen, Jr. High Girls Assistant Basketball Coach
- j. Approval of Request for Personal Leave/Lori Ifland
- k. Approval of Request for Personal Leave/Jolene Moss
- l. Approval of Request for Personal Leave/Cherie Herredsberg
- m. Approval of Request for Personal Leave/Denise Naegele
- n. Approval of Request for Personal Leave/Bree Wilson

- o. Approval of Request from Lauryn Rogers, Matraca Baetz, Risa Overmiller, Cherie Herredsberg and Bree Wilson to Move Across on salary schedule
- p. Approval of Summer School Contracts - May 27-June 13, Teachers - Sunshine McEwen, Darian Baumann and Kareena Herredsberg - 14 student contact days (16 total), Paras - Rhonda Overmiller and Katy Lange - 14 days , Para - Hannah Lange - 11 days
- q. Approval of Kindergarten Fundraiser
- r. Approval of use of suburban for Jr. High Girls Basketball to Hasting, NE

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

Teacher Amy Terrill, students Sadie LaDow, Kaylee Weltmer, Karson Sasse, Gavin Hughes arrived at 7:02 PM.

#### **Item 4. Public Forum**

None

#### **Item 5. Approval for FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL July 5-9 for 2 suburbans to Hays, KS Airport**

Sadie LaDow, Kaylee Weltmer, Karson Sasse and Gavin Hughes presented to the board their upcoming National FCCLA Leadership Conference agenda. They requested the use of 2 suburbans to the Hays airport. They will be returning home on the 10th of July. Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the use of 2 suburbans to the Hays airport for the National FCCLA Leadership Conference July 5-10, 2025. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Amy Terrill, Sadie LaDow, Kaylee Weltmer, Karson Sasse and Gavin Hughes left the meeting at 7:07 PM.

#### **Item 6. Second Reading and Approval of Curriculum, Student/Parent, Coaches and Teachers Handbooks 2025-2026**

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the Curriculum, Student/Parent, Coaches and Teachers Handbooks for the 2025-2026 school year. Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

### **Item 7. Discussion of School Nurse Position**

Mr. McEwen discussed plans for the school nurse position. He has met with Laura Hageman to discuss contracting with the Smith County Health Department. The health department would provide a nurse four days a week for four hours per day. They would provide the vision/hearing screening, be responsible for the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan and AED machines. There is a possibility of hiring a med aide to help. Mr. McEwen will present more information at the June board meeting.

### **Item 8. Discussion and Approval of Textbook Fees**

Mr. McEwen discussed the textbook fees for the next school year. He recommended leaving them the same as this school year, \$50 for the elementary school and \$95 for the high school.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the textbook fees to remain the same for the 2025-2026 school year, \$50.00 for the elementary and \$95.00 for the high school. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

### **Item 9. Approval of Laptops Purchase**

Mr. McEwen discussed purchasing twenty-seven laptops from CDW-G for the teachers at the elementary school using money from the REAP grant.

Libby McDonald made a motion to approve purchasing twenty-seven laptops from CDW-G. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

### **Item 10. Approval of Continuing Student Accident Insurance with KASB**

No action was taken.

### **Item 11. Approval of Mapes & Miller District Audit Fees for Fiscal Year 2025**

Mr. McEwen discussed the new rate for the Mapes & Miller district audit. The new rate would be in the amount of \$10,060.00. Mapes & Miller is on a year by year basis for their rates instead of the 3 year.

### **Item 12. Approval of Lease-Purchase Project Bid**

Mr. McEwen discussed the bids for the lease-purchase for the roofing project. The Smith County Bank, Guaranty State Bank and The Peoples Bank put in bids. He went over the rates for each bank. The Peoples Bank was the lowest bid. Mr McEwen discussed how the lease-purchase will work as far as the timing of the project.

Steve Overmiller made a motion to approve The Peoples Bank for the Lease-Purchase for the roofing project. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

### **Item 13. Approval of Roofing Contract Bid**

Mr. McEwen discussed the roofing contract bid. There was one bid from Roofmasters of Hays. The project should be completed by August 1.

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve Roofmasters Roofing & Sheet Metal Co., Inc. of Hays for the roofing contract. Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

### **Item 14. Approval of Video Board for High School Gymnasium**

Mr. Koelsch discussed the video board that would be in the high school gymnasium. The video board will have the ability to advertise, show players and stats. There have been some local donations for the video board and the Smith County Drug & Alcohol Council is going to donate \$15,000. Mr. Koelsch stated that there was a grant written and they should know by Thursday if it was approved.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the purchase of a video board for the high school gymnasium. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Teacher Kelli Armknecht arrived at the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

### **Item 15. Discussion and Approval of Jr/Sr High School Math Curriculum**

Kelli Armknecht discussed the math curriculum for the jr/sr high school. After reviewing different curriculum, Kelli and Mr. Koelsch recommended using Reveal Math. They have not received an exact quote but said it would be comparable to the cost for the elementary school.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve Reveal Math for the jr/sr high school math curriculum. Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

### **Item 16. Reports**

- a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report
  - Para training
  - Building Principal Workshop

- Bal-A-Vis-X Training
  - August 7, 2025 Inservice
  - Accelus curriculum has gone up in price. They are looking at an online program
  - Move into new building between the end of June and middle of July
  - Wanting to reduce inventory that they do not use. They do not have the storage space
  - Discussed increase of the coop fees to the district
  - Reducing hours provided for summer school
- b. Greg Koelsch, Jr-Sr. High Principal Report
- Discussion of KSHSAA rules of enrollment numbers for 8 man football
  - Shot clock rules discussed for hosting post season games
  - Met with the hospital regarding grants for the high school track
- c. Michelle Stamm, Elementary Principal Report
- Nothing to Add
- d. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent Report
- Thanked the board for attending graduation
  - Discussed open positions; Director of Food Service, Director of Transportation, bus drivers, food service and nurse.

### **Item 17. Executive Session - Personnel - Supplemental Contracts - to Protect the Interest of the Individual(s) to be Discussed Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA**

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Personnel - Supplemental Contracts - to Protect the Interest of the 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 at **8:17 PM**. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **8:12 PM**

Susan Panter, Michelle Stamm, Greg Koelsch and Travis Elliott left the closed meeting. **8:12 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **8:17 PM**

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Personnel - Supplemental Contracts - to Protect the Interest of the 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 at **8:22 PM**. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **8:17 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **8:17 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter and Travis Elliott returned to the open meeting. **8:22 PM**

### **Item 18. Approval of Rule 10/Certified Coaching Contracts**

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the Rule 10/Certified Coaching Contracts as presented. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

### **Item 19. Board Comments**

The board members read thank you letters from the 5th/6th grade classes regarding the Too Good For Drugs presentation. The Graphics Design class provided a copy of their book.

### **Item 20. Adjourn**

Libby McDonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **8:26 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

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Theron Haresnape, President

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Susan Panter, Clerk

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