

USD 237 Board of Education
Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing
Budget Hearing
Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for Monday September 11, 2023
216 S. Jefferson, Smith Center, KS 66967
Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room

REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Theron Haresnape called the meeting to order.

6:40 PM

Present for the call to order President Theron Haresnape, board members Bob Dietz, Marty Hanson, Libby McDonald, Sara Pruden and Steve Overmiller. Jessica Weltmer was not in attendance for the meeting. Superintendent Dustin McEwen, SCE Principal Michelle Stamm and Board Clerk Roberta Reinking.

Greg Koelsch arrive at the meeting.

6:41 PM

ITEM 2. PUBLIC FORUM

No one in attendance for RNR hearing.

ITEM 3. REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING

Bob Dietz made a motion to approve the Resolution for Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Theron Haresnape – Yes

Jessica Weltmer – not in attendance

Bob Dietz – Yes

Steve Overmiller – Yes

Marty Hanson – Yes

Sara Pruden - Yes

Elizabeth McDonald – Yes

6:42 PM

ITEM 4. ADJOURN

Steve Overmiller made a motion to Adjourn the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **6:43 PM**

BUDGET HEARING

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Theron Haresnape called the meeting to order. **6:50 PM**

Present for the call to order President Theron Haresnape, board members Bob Dietz, Marty Hanson, Libby McDonald, Sara Pruden and Steve Overmiller. Jessica Weltmer was not in attendance for the meeting. Superintendent Dustin McEwen, SCE Principal Michelle Stamm, SCHS Principal Greg Koelsch and Board Clerk Roberta Reinking.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC FORUM

No one in attendance for Budget Hearing.

ITEM 3. BUDGET HEARING

Mr. McEwen reviewed the form 150 with the board and answered questions.

ITEM 4. ADJOURN

Steve Overmiller made a motion to Adjourn the Budget Hearing, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **6:56 PM**

REGULAR MEETING

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, board members Bob Dietz, Marty Hanson, Libby McDonald, Sara Pruden and Steve Overmiller. Jessica Weltmer was not in attendance for the meeting. Superintendent Dustin McEwen, SCE Principal Michelle Stamm, SCHS Principal Greg Koelsch and Board Clerk Roberta Reinking.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADD/DELETE

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **7:01 PM**

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

- a. Minutes of the August 14, 2023 Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of September 11th Statements
- c. Approval of Resignation from Laurie Snow for Food Service
- d. Letter of Retirement from Linda Robinson as Board Treasurer

Bob Dietz made a motion to approve the Consensus items, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

7:04 PM

ITEM 4. APPROVAL RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOB PERCENTAGE

Bob Dietz made a motion to approve the Resolution to authorize the Local Option Budget in an amount of 33% for the 2023-2024 school year. The Certification for the Resolution was duly adopted by the board of education of Unified School District No. 237, Smith County Kansas on the 11th day of September 2023. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. The Certification was signed by Board Clerk Roberta Reinking.

7:06 PM

ITEM 5. MOTION TO ADOPT 2023-2024 BUDGET

Steve Overmiller made a motion to adopt the 2023-2024 Budget based on the state assessment from 2022-2023 school year and the Building Needs Assessment. Documents were provided to the Board of Education, they were evaluated by the Board and used in the Budget approval process. Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

7:08 PM

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF FFA TO GO TO INDIANAPOLIS FOR NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION NOVEMBER 1-4 – SUBURBAN AND FUEL

We are ahead on time and FFA was not in attendance at this time, move on to the next few items.

ITEM 7. PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing tonight

ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR FOOD SERVICE

In the spring Donna Favinger retired, she has agreed to come back and work full time rather than part-time with the shortage of food service staff.

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve the Contract for Donna Favinger for food service, Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

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ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF TEACHER EVALUATION TOOL

Mr. McEwen talked briefly about the teacher evaluation tool that is now available to use from Greenbush. The tool meets the board policy requirements and fits with the negotiated agreement requirements.

Steve Overmiller made a motion to approve the use of the Teacher Evaluation Tool, Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

7:11 PM

ITEM 10. DISCUSSION OF KASB BOARD POLICY JBCC AND A TIMELINE

Mr. McEwen talked about the Board Policy JBCC, we did not approve it in July, he wanted to get more information on the policy and how it would affect and fit in with the school. The Board will need to determine what they want to set for a capacity for the number of students we would be willing to take. Determine the number of teachers compared to the number of students in each classroom. Once the decision is made the Board Policy will need to run in the local newspaper for 2 weeks then the board will need to approve the policy as stated.

Monica Wagner arrived at the meeting.

7:15 PM

Hannah Rothchild arrived at the meeting.

7:17 PM

They are waiting for one more student, we will proceed with the meeting.

ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CO-FORENSICS COACH

Last spring Mrs. Allen thought about retirement and maybe giving up Forensics. She decided to go ahead and stay but thought maybe get a co-sponsor. The ad was placed for a sponsor and Michelle Elliott was interested in the position.

Libby McDonald made a motion to approve the Co-Sponsor for Forensics with Michelle Elliott, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

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ITEM 12. APPROVAL OF KASB DELEGATE

Steve Overmiller made a motion to appoint Marty Hanson as Delegate for the KASB Annual Convention in November, Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

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Libby McDonald and Sara Pruden decided to attend the meeting, if there are still openings.

ITEM 13. APPROVAL TO SELL THE OLD RANGES IN THE FACS ROOM

Mrs. Terrill was able to get a Perkins Grant to purchase 2 new ranges for the FACS room. The old ranges work ok, she mentioned trying to sell them on a Facebook buy sell trade page or something similar.

Marty Hanson made a motion to go ahead and list the 2 stoves, Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

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ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF FFA TO GO TO INDIANAPOLIS FOR NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION NOVEMBER 1-4 – SUBURBAN AND FUEL

Mrs. Wagner and Hannah Rothchild are asking for the use of 1 suburban and fuel to travel to Indianapolis for National FFA Convention November 1-4. They will leave early on October 31, they have 6 students and 2 sponsors for the trip. They have plans to go on 3 tours, Martinsville Ag tours, Clear Creek Fish and Hunter Honey farms. When they get to the convention center there will be student and teacher workshops, career tours and a college visit. They have plans to attend the Lainey Wilson concert, visit the Indy 500 track and the Zionsville Chocolate Factory. They would arrive home on Saturday November 4.

Steve Overmiller made a motion to approve the use of a suburban and fuel for the trip, Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

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Monica Wagner thanked the board for allowing them to attend the FFA retreat in Wichita. Monica and Hannah left the meeting.

7:36 PM

ITEM 14. REPORTS

- a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report – “All Things Sped” a meeting for Principals
- b. Greg Koelsch, SCHS Principal Report – Mr. Koelsch has a meeting in Topeka on Wednesday, discussion on non-public students moving back to public schools.
- c. Michelle Stamm, SCE Principal Report – Mrs. Stamm talked about the Violet Norton Trust, the Trustees plan to tour the school tomorrow. We are very fortunate to have the Violet Norton Trust to help our at-risk students.
- d. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent Report – Mr. McEwen updated the board on the rooftop unit, we are still waiting on the Greenbush bid. A.J. was given 3 options, 1. flush - that was about a 5% chance of working, 2. Repair – that would leave us with no warranty and cost not much less than replacing unit, 3. Replace. He said A. J. has been working with the company to put the new sign at the high school. Nurse Hayley Moll is working on getting the AED locations registered. Rachel’s Challenge was a success and many thanks to Smith County Drug and Alcohol Council and the Nazarene Church for putting this together. The county has agreed to remove the road block and open up the entrance to the east of the high school. Mr. Hackler continues to sort and inventory instruments. Many thanks to the community for donations of instruments and monetary donations.

ITEM 15. BOARD COMMENTS

The board received a thank you from the Risa Overmiller family, K-State donated tickets to be given to a teacher, Risa's name was drawn last year to attend the K-State game over the weekend.

ITEM 16. ADJOURN

Bob Dietz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **7:48 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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