

**USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for Monday, June 10, 2024
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 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Item 2. Approval of Agenda - Add/Delete

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

Item 3. Approval of Consensus Items

- a. Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2024 Regular Meeting
- b. June 10, 2024 statements
- c. Approval of Driver's Ed Contract for Jason Wilson
- d. Approval of Driver's Ed Contract for Nate Brown
- e. Approval of Request from Amy Terrill to Move Across on Salary Schedule
- f. Approval of Request from Ashley Breshears to Move Across on Salary Schedule
- g. Approval of Request from Tim Wilson to Move Across on Salary Schedule
- h. Approval of Request from Katie Grabast to Move Across on Salary Schedule
- i. Approval of Request from Sunshine McEwen to Move Across on Salary Schedule
- j. End of Year Authority
- k. Approval of Professional Development Council (PDC) Points
- l. Approval of Donation from Lull Family Charitable Trust for Band and Music Programs

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

Item 4. Public Forum

None

Item 5. Approval of HS Boys Basketball to use 2 suburbans and fuel card to attend tournament at Rock Creek, KS July 10th

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the HS Boys Basketball to use 2 suburbans and fuel card to attend the tournament at Rock Creek, KS on July 10th. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 6. Approval of HS Volleyball to use 2 suburbans and fuel card to attend tournament in Abilene, KS June 26-28

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the HS Volleyball to use 2 suburbans and fuel card to attend a tournament in Abilene, KS June 26-28. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 7. Approval of HS Dance Team to use 1 suburban and fuel card to attend Dance Camp in Salina, KS June 10-13

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the HS Dance Team to use 1 suburban and fuel card to attend dance camp in Salina, KS June 10-13. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 8. Approval of HS Girls Basketball to use 1 suburban and fuel card to attend tournament in Hastings, NE June 10

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the HS Girls Basketball to use 1 suburban and fuel card to attend tournament in Hastings, NE June 10. Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 9. Approval of Contract for High School Science Teacher

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve the contract for Jessica Lehmann as High School Science Teacher. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 10. Approval of Contract for Asst HS Volleyball Coach

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the contract for Hayley Moll as Asst HS Volleyball Coach. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 11. Approval of Contract for Asst HS Wrestling Coach

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve the contract for John Franklin as Asst HS Wrestling Coach. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 12. Approval of Contract for Asst HS Wrestling Coach

Libby McDonald made a motion to approve the contract for Jake Nichols as Asst HS Wrestling Coach. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 13. Approval of Contract for JH Cheer Sponsor

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the contract for Miranda Attwood as JH Cheer Sponsor. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 14. First Reading of Classified Handbook and Crisis Management Plan for 2024-2025 School Year

Mr. McEwen stated there were changes to the dates and names of people on the crisis management team.

Item 15. KASB May 2024 JBCC Policy Updates, First Reading and Approval

Mr. McEwen stated that “student in good standing” was added to the policy and dates were changed. Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the KASB May 2024 JBCC Policy Updates. Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 16. Discussion of Elementary Math

Libby McDonald discussed concerns with the amount of time the students get for math instruction at the elementary school and the State recommendations. The State recommends 60 minutes of core instruction and 30 additional minutes for tiered interventions for math. Libby asked if the students were not rotating classes in third and fourth grade, if that would allow for more math time. Michelle stated that the students currently get 60 minutes of math. Michelle said the teachers like the departmentalization and are doing the best they can with the time they have. Michelle said in order to get more math, something would have to be cut. Mr. McEwen stated that you can find pluses and minuses about departmentalization. By departmentalizing, the teacher can become an expert in that course. He feels the instruction will be better because that is what the teacher is focused on. Jodi Frydendall stated she likes the departmentalization because the teacher can be more specific and efficient on the course they are teaching. She said the teacher can better problem solve if a child needs help and it keeps it individualized. Theron Haresnape said the teachers are trying with what they have and one way to get more time would be to add minutes to the day.

Item 17. Discussion of USD 237 Roofing Project

Mr. McEwen discussed the roofing project. It was stated we need to get competitive bids with specifications on what we want. An architect or engineer would be beneficial in helping to decide what product to use. Mr. McEwen said it would be best to put the project on hold for now.

Item 18. KASB June 2024 Board Policy Updates and First Reading

Mr. McEwen stated there are some updates to be compliant with federal law.

Item 19. Reports

- a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report
Libby reported she did not attend the meeting. She read the minutes and said inservices will be August 6-9 at three different locations with Smith Center being one of the locations. The coop reported they had 287 spring pre-k screenings.
- b. Greg Koelsch, Principal's Report
Nothing to add
- c. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent's Report
Joel Fouts with Fouts Insurance sent renewal information on workmen's compensation insurance. We will meet with Joel on Tuesday to go over the property insurance increases. The student accident insurance rates will stay about the same. We will have a preliminary meeting with Blue Cross Blue Shield. The preliminary rates show an increase of under eight percent. There will be a negotiations meeting when we have the EMC and Blue Cross Blue Shield rates in for the next school year. One of the rooftop units at the high school went out. We need to replace 2 of the units and will look into getting them replaced. Mr. McEwen went over the fiscal year spreadsheet.

20. Board Comments

The Board signed a thank you card to the Lull Family Charitable Trust for the donation of money for the band and music programs.

21. Adjourn

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

8:28 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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