

USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for Monday December 11, 2023
216 S. Jefferson, Smith Center, KS 66967
Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

7:00 PM

Present for the all to order Board President Theron Haresnape, board members Jessica Weltmer, Bob Dietz, Marty Hanson, Libby McDonald, Sara Pruden and Steve Overmiller, board elect members Jodi Frydendall and Adam Rentschler. Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board clerk Roberta Reinking, SCE Principal Michelle Stamm and SCHS Principal Greg Koelsch.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADD/DELETE

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:01 PM

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

- a. Minutes of the November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of December 11, 2023 Statements
- c. Approval of Donation from Dennis Schmidt Memorial

Bob Dietz made a motion to approved the consensus items, Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:02 PM

ITEM 4. PUBLIC FORUM

Adam Rentschler asked about the reimbursement for the ambulance service at the football games. It was discussed and is standard practice.

Kyle Allen arrived at the meeting.

7:04 PM

ITEM 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE – CORRESPONDENCE DISCUSSION

Bob Dietz made a motion to go into Executive Session – Attorney Client Privilege – Correspondence Discussion pursuant to KOMA for 10 minutes to resume at 7:15 PM. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:05 PM

The board asked Mr. McEwen and Mrs. Allen to remain in the closed meeting.

Mr. Koelsch, Mrs. Stamm, Jodi Frydendall, Adam Rentschler and Roberta Reinking left the meeting.

Mr. Koelsch, Mrs. Stamm, Jodi Frydendall, Adam Rentschler and Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting.

7:15 PM

Kyle Allen left the Board meeting.

7:17 PM

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION OF PRELIMINARY LEGAL MAX LETTER

Mr. McEwen explained to the board the information and resources putting the preliminary Legal Max together. The figures can still change during the year, but he went over what it looks like right now.

ITEM 7. FIRST READING OF KASB BOARD POLICIES DECEMBER 2023

There aren't many changes to the Board Policies for December, there are some rewording recommendations for EBBD policy. EE policy we did work on the food service policy last year and there are a few updates on that, but very similar to what we currently have. They have added GARIA policy, Pregnant and Parenting Employees, we are currently using this now and he recommends we add/update this. GARID policy is has been renamed to Uniformed Services Leave, there are recommendations/updates on that policy. JBH policy just a few wording changes/updates. JDDAA policy Student Misuse of Medication is a new one that is recommended we add. JGFGBA policy just a few rewording updates on this. The final reading will be on the next board meeting.

ITEM 8. REPORTS

a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report – They discussed the upcoming openings, they put a bid on the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness building. If they get the building there will be renovations and possibly adding on to the building the plan would be to move later next year.

b. Greg Koelsch, SCHS Principal's Report – Nothing to add to his report, he asked if anyone had any questions.

c. Michelle Stamm, SCE Principal's Report – Nothing to add to her report, they did talk about the Jingle Walk on Monday, looks like the weather should be good. They will divide into 3 groups for the walk.

d. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent's Report –

1. Protecting Young Eyes, plans to present to the parents on Jan. 29 from 7-8:30 pm. Location hasn't been decided yet. The presentation will be "How you Create a Tech-Ready Home". There will be 4 age appropriate presentations on Jan. 30 to the student body.

2. Siemens Controllers – all the parts have been ordered. Need to schedule the work and determine if it can be completed while school is in session.

3. We have an Insurance meeting tomorrow with Joel Fouts.

4. Will meet with Nextech tomorrow on possibility of a new phone system.

5. BOE Treasurers position, interviews have been completed

6. Driver's Education candidate, Mr. Hackler has decided not to get the endorsement to teach Drivers Ed. Mr. McEwen has reached out to nearby schools, Smoky Hill and Greenbush to get options for offering Driver's Ed.

7. Big Thanks to USD 237 staff for helping meet the goal of \$70,000. Congrats to the Smith County Community Foundation.

8. Briefly went over the finances of the district, comparing to previous years expenditures.

9. Shortage of staff in the kitchen and for paraprofessionals, we are advertising for the HS math and science position.

ITEM 9. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES TO RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. McEwen presented the plaques to the retiring board member, thanked them for their years of service to USD 237.

ITEM 10. BOARD COMMENTS

Theron Haresnape passed out the Superintendent evaluations. The board signed the thank you to the family of Dennis Schmidt for the Memorial for live TV.

ITEM 11. ADJOURN

Bob Dietz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:57 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

Date

Roberta Reinking, Clerk

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