**USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting**

**Board Minutes for Monday February 13, 2022**

**216 S. Jefferson, Smith Center, KS 66967**

**Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room**

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Board President Theron Haresnape called the meeting to order. 7:00 PM**

**Present for the call to order was Theron Haresnape, Jessica Weltmer, Bob Dietz, Marty Hanson, Libby McDonald and Sara Pruden. Steve Overmiller was not present for the meeting. Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Roberta Reinking, SCE Principal Michelle Stamm, KESA representatives Miranda Attwood, Katie Grabast, Amanda Lehmann, Cally Rogers and parent Brittany Overmiller. Representing Art Club Ashley Smith, Kurt Breshears, Hannah Ratliff, Linsey Campbell, Lizabeth Marlow-Englehardt, Nevaeh Rohan, Kumar Singh, Aurora Rego and Amanda Rego.**

**ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADD/DELETE**

**Bob Dietz made a motion to approve the agenda, adding item 3 f & 3 g, and striking item 16, Jessica Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. 7:01 PM**

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS**

1. **Minutes of the January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting**
2. **February 13, 2023 Statements**
3. **Review of SCHS Financial Statements/Activity Fund Reports (July-December 31, 2022**
4. **Approval of Donation from Prairie Land for Clean Kids Program**
5. **Approval of Donation of Beef from T. J. Lehmann and Adam Ifland**
6. **Approval of Donation for SCE from Terry & Mary Lynn Barta Fund**
7. **Approval of Donation for SCHS from Terry & Mary Lynn Barta Fund**

**Jessica Weltmer move to approved the consensus items, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. 7:03 PM**

**ITEM 4. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Brittany Overmiller addressed the board on some of her thoughts and concerns on a few of the issues that have arose over time and continue to happen within the school and activities. She doesn’t feel like the issues have been addressed in an appropriate manner and has concerns for the future of our students. The students look up to the athletes, coaches and teachers, as a leader they need to be accountable for their actions/behavior.**

**Brittany Overmiller thanked the board for their time, she left the meeting. 7:09 PM**

**ITEM 5. APPROVAL ART CLUB STUDENTS TRIP IN MAY TO CHICAGO**

**Ashley Smith, Kurt Breshears, Amanda Rego and 6 Art Club students were present to ask the board to allow them to go to Chicago May 19 – May 22. They are requesting 3 suburban’s and fuel for the trip, there are 14 students that are eligible to go. Ms. Smith handed out an itinerary for the trip and talked a little but about the plans for each day. At each stop they will have 30 minutes to draw something from that area. Each of the students took time to say a little bit about the trip, class or what they are looking forward to. Each of the students has had a chance to earn points to go on the trip, the more time they put into volunteer work the more points earned and less the trip will cost them.**

**Libby McDonald made a motion to approve the use of the suburban’s and fuel, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. 7:24 PM**

**ITEM 6. KESA PRESENTATION**

**Miranda Attwood, Amanda Lehmann, Katie Grabast, Cally Rogers and Michelle Stamm talked about year 5 of KESA. They present to OVT on Wednesday and wanted to be able to present to the board before that. The committee has put a lot of time and effort into the last 5-6 years to make this possible for our district.**

**Goal 1 is Responsive Culture, this will help graduates be more employable after graduation. They are working on behavior in the elementary school and at the high school they have implemented the IPS Program. There are many factors that go into each of these processes, the teachers feel like they can really see a difference in the students, both elementary and Jr. Sr. High students.**

**Goal 2 is Relationship building, this is to help the parents feel comfortable coming into the school and getting them involved with the students, teachers and administration. Both buildings offer many opportunities for the parents to visit the school and get involved.**

**The 2021-2022 school year was to be the fifth year of the five-year KESA process, however due to Covid 2020-2021 was a pause year.**

**They are working to improve the classroom skills, daily challenges, preparing for the future, and communication among a few things. They want to see the kids out in the community as well as see the community in the schools.**

**The board thanked them for all the work and time they have put into this.**

**Amanda Lehmann, Katie Grabast and Cally Rogers left the meeting. 8:27 PM**

**ITEM 7. FASTBRIDGE UPDATE FROM MIRANDA ATTWOOD**

**Miranda Attwood gave the board an update on FastBridge. She shared the fall and winter progress monitoring data. Using the data, they are able to monitor the students and provide intervention when where needed. Miranda is really happy with this program and is excited to see how much the students have improved.**

**The board thanked Miranda for the update, Miranda left the meeting. 8:35 PM**

**ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR FOOD SERVICE**

**Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approve the food service contract for Cindy Shaffer, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. 8:37 PM**

**ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR FOOD SERVICE**

**Sara Pruden made a motion to approve the food service contract for Dianne Higby, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. 8:38 PM**

**ITEM 10. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR FOOD SERVICE**

**Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approve the food service contract for Maria Hurtado, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. 8:38 PM**

**ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM GREG HOBELMANN**

**Bob Dietz made a motion to approve the letter of retirement from Greg Hobelmann, Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. 8:39 PM**

**ITEM 12. APPROVAL OF LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM DARREN SASSE AS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH**

**Bob Dietz made a motion to approved the letter of resignation from Darren Sasse as head football coach, Jessica Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. 8:40 PM**

**ITEM 13. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

**Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approved the 2023-2024 academic calendar as presented to them, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. 8:43 PM**

**ITEM 14. REPORTS**

**Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report, over the next 5 years the Governor’s plan is to fund Special Education at 92% of excess cost as required by Kansas Law. They discussed more screening for preschool kids and the staff shortage for special ed students. They have hired Becky Kirchhoff for school social worker. Shelly Montgomery resigned from her position. There are concerns about the cost of health insurance and they will be researching other health insurance options.**

**Greg Koelsch, SCHS Principal, not at meeting tonight.**

**Michelle Stamm, SCE Principal, Michelle talk about the Kindergarten roundup, it looks like there are around 30 right now. Pre-school screening, they have about 15 signed up right now. The Elementary school received money from the Terry and Mary Lynn Barta Fund, this will help fund books, Stars activities, Chrome Book, desk and much more.**

**Dustin McEwen, Superintendent, Restore and Clean has picked up uniforms to clean due to the complex fire. At this point the estimated damage is $38,401.99, they hope to complete the project**

**by the end of March. Elementary school HVAC, there is a windows updated that has delayed being able to make the changes we wanted, but hope to have a representative here next week to provide training. BARK+ has now analyzed 1 million activities, there have been 40 total alerts involving 14 students. Stop It Solutions has now launched, there have been 19 reports that administration has closed and 1 they are working on. KESA, the District OVT team will have their presentation on February 15. Eakes will be here on February 23 to install new copiers. Wellness Committee will meet the morning of February 23 during district in-service. Tomorrow they will be interviewing for a Band/Vocal Teacher, looks like a very promising candidate. KSDE Audit, this year the district audit will be completed remotely . The district will be uploading the documents to KSDE. There hasn’t been any communications when the audit will be completed. After we received the Audited Legal Max letter we will have better information to determine if we need to republish the general budget.**

**ITEM 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL**

**Bob Dietz made a motion to go into Executive Session – Personnel, non-elected personnel exceptions, pursuant to KOMA for 10 minutes with open meeting to resume at 9:29 PM. The board invited Mr. McEwen to remain in the closed meeting. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. 9:19 PM**

**Michelle Stamm and Roberta Reinking left the meeting.**

**Roberta Reinking returned to the meeting. 9:29 PM**

**ITEM 16. EXECUTIVE SESSION – STUDENT MATTERS**

**Approval of Agenda was to strike this item.**

**ITEM 17. BOARD COMMENTS**

**The board signed Thank you’s for the donations.**

**ITEM 18. ADJOURN**

**Jessica Weltmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. 9:36 PM**

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Theron Haresnape, President Roberta Reinking, Clerk

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