

**USD 237 Board of Education**  
**JBCC Public Hearing &**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Board Minutes for Monday November 13, 2023**  
**216 S. Jefferson, Smith Center, KS 66967**  
**Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room**

**JBCC PUBLIC HEARING**

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Theron Haresnape called the meeting to order. **6:51 PM**

Present for the call to order, President Theron Haresnape, Board Members Jessica Weltmer, Bob Dietz, Marty Hanson, Libby McDonald, Sara Pruden, Steve Overmiller and Board Member Elect Jodi Frydendall. Superintendent Dustin McEwen, SCHS Principal Greg Koelsch, SCE Principal Michelle Stamm and Board Clerk Roberta Reinking.

Monica Wagner, Ruby Osthoff and Sierra Kingsbury arrive at the meeting. **6:52 PM**

**ITEM 2. PUBLIC FORUM**

Nothing tonight

**ITEM 3. SECOND READING AND HEARING REGARDING ENROLLMENT OF NONRESIDENTIAL STUDENTS  
KASB BOARD POLICY JBCC**

Mr. McEwen briefly went over the most recent recommended policy updates. He explained the information that has been added and what will be removed from JBCC Policy.

**ITEM 4. ADJOURN**

Bob Dietz made a motion to adjourn the JBCC hearing, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **6:57 PM**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Theron Haresnape called the meeting to order. **7:01 PM**

Present for the call to order, President Theron Haresnape, Board Members Jessica Weltmer, Bob Dietz, Marty Hanson, Libby McDonald, Sara Pruden, Steve Overmiller and Board Member Elect Jodi

Frydendall. Superintendent Dustin McEwen, SCHS Principal Greg Koelsch, SCE Principal Michelle Stamm and Board Clerk Roberta Reinking.

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

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

**7:02 PM**

#### **ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS**

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approved the consensus items, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**7:02 PM**

#### **ITEM 4. PUBLIC FORUM**

Nothing tonight

#### **ITEM 5. FFA HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE TRIP TO NATIONALS**

Will Tucker and Hannah Rothchild arrived at the meeting.

**7:03 PM**

FFA students had a presentation from their trip to Indianapolis, they were able to visit Hunter Honey Farm, the Fishery, they took food to a homeless shelter and went to Schokolad Chocolate Factory. They had a great time and wanted to Thank the Board for allowing them this opportunity.

Monica, Ruby, Hannah, Sierra and Will left the meeting.

**7:07 PM**

#### **ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF HVAC BID FROM GREENBUSH WITH INSTALLATION BID FROM DAVE'S HEATING, COOLING AND ELECTRIC LLC.**

Mr. McEwen put together the information that has been received for 3 options we have for the rooftop HVAC unit at SCE. The Rooftop HVAC unit will be installed by Dave's Heating, Cooling & Electric LLC.

Bob Dietz made a motion to accept the bid to replace the HVAC from Greenbush purchasing agreement with Dave's Heating., Cooling & Electric LLC installing the unit, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**7:10 PM**

#### **ITEM 7. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF BCS CONTROLLERS**

Mr. McEwen put the options together for the Controllers. He feels that the best option is to replace all 16 Rooftop Unit Controllers. For the last couple of years, we have been having trouble keeping the heating and the cooling regulated in the Elementary. The Delta controllers are about 15 years old that seems to be the lifetime of controllers, it is recommended to replace with Siemens Controllers.

Bob Dietz made a motion to approved the Option 3 bid, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**7:30 PM**

#### **ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF KASB POLICY JBCC**

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approved KASB Policy JBCC with the changes as presented in the public hearing, Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:30 PM**

The Resolution to Adopt Policy Regarding Enrollment of Nonresident Students was signed by all the board members.

#### **ITEM 9. APPOINTMENT OF 2024-2025 BOARD OF EDUCATION'S NEGOTIATING TEAM MEMBERS**

Libby McDonald nominated Marty Hanson and Theron Haresnape for Negotiating team.

Libby McDonald made a motion to approved Marty Hanson and Theron Haresnape as the 2024-2025 Board Negotiations Team Members. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:33 PM**

#### **ITEM 10. APPROVAL TO RENEW THE 5 YEAR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH SMOKY HILL/CENTRAL KANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER INTERLOCAL 629, JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2029**

Jessica Weltmer moved to approve Smith Center School District, USD 237 being a Charter Member in Smoky Hill Education Service Center for a five-year term commencing on July 1, 2024, and continuing through June 30, 2029. This membership will provide our district with the opportunity to benefit from the services, resources, and collaborative opportunities offered by Smoky Hill Education Service Center. Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:36 PM**

#### **ITEM 11. DISCUSSION ON TREASURER'S POSITION TIMELINE**

The advertisement for the Board Treasurer's position is still running, we have received some good applications for the position. Mr. McEwen would like to look at starting interviews early next month. The board said to go ahead and move forward on this process.

#### **ITEM 12. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF SOFTWARE UNLIMITED ACCOUNTY SYSTEM**

The current Accounting system we are using will be discontinued in the spring of 2025. The district has been looking into the options with the help of Greenbush, our current system. Greenbush has entered into a contract with Skyward and SoftWare Unlimited to support each of the Accounting Systems. Bert has asked Greenbush what they would recommend for our district and they have recommended SoftWare Unlimited. SoftWare Unlimited does not offer a timeclock system, they recommend and support Timecard Management Systems.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approve moving forward with SoftWare Unlimited Accounting System, Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:47 PM**

#### **ITEM 13. APPROVAL OF TIMECARD MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

Steve Overmiller made a motion to approved moving forward with Timecard Management Systems, Bob Dietz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:48 PM**

#### **ITEM 14. APPROVAL OF DRIVERS EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT**

Mike Rogers would like to step down teaching Drivers Education, Mr. Hackler has stated he would be interested but doesn't like the idea of adding more to his debt. Mr. McEwen asked the board about helping Mr. Hackler with the tuition for this endorsement and getting him to Hays or Great Bend for the classes. He would need a "Mentor" so we would need to make arrangements for this. The board would like to see him sign off on a commitment if the district pays for the expenses to get him Endorsed.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approved the district paying the tuition for the endorsement and he could use a district car to get to the classes, with him agreeing to a 3-year Drivers Education Contract with the district. Sara Pruden seconded the motion, the motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**7:54 PM**

#### **ITEM 15. REPORTS**

##### **a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report**

Libby briefly talked about the board meeting, NCKSEC is looking to move locations as the building they are currently in needs a lot of updates. They are willing to relocate if necessary. They talked about the ability in providing required services with shortage of staff.

##### **b. Greg Koelsch, SCHS Principal Report**

Greg said the play was really good and well attended.

##### **c. Michelle Stamm, SCE Principal Report**

The board commented on the Hunter Safety, Mr. Lambert and Mr. Allen are both Certified for Hunters Safety.

##### **d. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent Report**

- 1. Protecting Young Eyes**
  - a. PYE contacted us and will be able to present to parents on January 29 and will present to student body on January 30.
  - b. The district will need to pay for travel expenses – flight, rental car, hotel and some meals. We don't know the exact amount yet.
- 2. High School Sign – it has been wired and is now working. Thanks to John and Joan Overmiller Family Trust.**
- 3. Facilities – Telephone System – the district is looking at a proposal to update the current phone system with Nextech.**
- 4. District Inservice and KESA, show periodic table, show Fundamentals and look at data to make goals for next inservice.**
- 5. KASB Convention – Mr. McEwen, Marty Hanson, Sara Pruden and Libby McDonald attended the convention over the weekend. They were able to attend some very informative sessions that was shared with the rest of the board.**

6. Mapes & Miller Auditors will be here this week.

7. ESSER annual reporting is due January 12, it has been started and we will continue to work on it.

**ITEM 16. BOARD COMMENTS**

**ITEM 17. ADJOURN**

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

**8:35 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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Roberta Reinking, Clerk

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