

# Unified School District 237

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## USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting

216 S. Jefferson, Smith Center, KS 66967

Board Minutes for Monday December 13, 2021

Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room

### ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Theron Haresnape called the meeting to order.

7:00 PM

Present for the call to order were Board of Education Theron Haresnape, Tim Weltmer, Bob Dietz, Jessica Hawkins, Jessica Weltmer, Steve Overmiller and Marty Hanson. Superintendent Mr. Dustin McEwen, Elementary Principal Michelle Stamm, Greg Rasmussen, Mentor for Mr. McEwen, Board Clerk Roberta Reinking, Sara Pruden, Elizabeth McDonald, Ruby Osthoff, Rob Buckmaster, Monica Wagner, Adrian Hawkins and Kaden Weltmer.

Mr. McEwen introduced Mr. Rasmussen and welcomed him to the meeting. The board thanked Mr. Rasmussen for his mentoring and all the support he has provided Mr. McEwen.

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

Bob Dietz moved to approve the agenda, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:01 PM

### ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

Tim Weltmer asked what the amount that was given by John and Joan Overmiller Trust for the concrete at the complex. We will have to check and put it on the January Agenda, at this time we didn't know.

Jessica Hawkins made a motion to approve the consensus items with the dollar amount for the check from the Overmillers to be put on agenda for January, Tim Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

7:09 PM

### ITEM 4. CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT WITH ROB BUCKMASTER

Mr. Buckmaster did some research on adding health sensors to his classroom, he has had students that have went into health care and felt it would be a great addition to his classroom. Rob applied for grants to purchase the health sensors and is now teaching two Health Career Pathway classes. He received a grant for one sensor from Perkins dollars and Smith County Community Foundation to purchase three more sensors. He is hoping that using the sensors will help the students that have a desire to go into the

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medical field a better chance to receive more of a “hands on” experience. There have been a few students that have received their CNA license and are able to get work experience while in high school.

## ITEM 5. REPORT FROM FFA ON THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN INDIANAPOLIS

The students that were able to attend the National FFA Convention presented some of the highlights of the trip, they show the board pictures of their trip. They attended a concert, went to a trade show, one of the projects was taking supplies to the homeless, he talked about his story of being homeless. They went to the Indianapolis speedway and museum, the Memorial Statue which had the FFA symbol projected on the side of the buildings. They appreciated the board allowing them to make the trip and the experience.

Ruby Osthoff, Kaden Weltmer, Adrian Hawkins, Monica Wagner and Rob Buckmaster left the meeting.

7:33 PM

## ITEM 6. FIRST READING OF THE KASB BOARD POLICIES

Mr. McEwen went over the changes to the KASB Board Policies and the recommendations he has for changes. The second and final reading will be on the January board meeting.

## ITEM 7. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE OF SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

Mr. McEwen explained they are required to review and post the safe return every six months, he put a proposal together using some of the Safe Return Mr. Lanning has posted but also revised a few items. It is still the recommendation to follow what Smith County Memorial Hospital and Smith County Health Department deemed appropriate by the local authority of the board of education.

Greg Koelsch arrived at the meeting.

8:02 PM

There was much discussion, there was some rewording of some of the items and changed from grades 6-12 to 7-12. Jessica Hawkins wants it stated that she hates COVID.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to approved the reopening plan with the changes made, Tim Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

8:21 PM

## ITEM 8. DISCUSSION ON THE WALKTHROUGH TOOL

Mr. McEwen feels this is a great opportunity for our school, it will allow the Administration to check the classrooms, teachers and students. It gives the Administration a chance to see how it is going in the classroom and what is going on, it may only be a 5-minute walkthrough. There is a checklist that has observations of what is happening in the classroom. There is different option on the questionnaire and the teacher will receive and email of what was observed in the classroom. The plans are to get this started in January with three administration and four teachers, then compare the notes.

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## ITEM 9. PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing tonight.

## ITEM 10. DISCUSSION OF PRELIMINARY LEGAL MAX LETTER

Mr. McEwen discussed how the new legal max would effect the budget and what ideas he had to make the adjustments.

## ITEM 11. NCKSEC – VOTE ON BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Jessica Hawkins mentioned Marty Hanson, he was concerned since Debra is an employee, he didn't feel comfortable filling that spot. She did tell them every meeting was zoom, there were no in person meetings. Bob Dietz offered to serve in the position until the July when it would come up for a vote.

Jessica Weltmer made a motion to nominate Bob Dietz for the NCKSEC Interlocal #636 position until July, Tim Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:50 PM**

## ITEM 12. REPORTS

Jessica Hawkins NCKSEC Interlocal #636. Jessica talked briefly about the ESSER funds. They are forming a Behavior team for autism in another district for using the funds.

Greg Koelsch, Jr-Sr High Principal. He mentioned there have been a large number of students applying for the Hansen Scholarships and are being called back for interviews. Lettering on the high school has been completed and looks really nice.

Michelle Stamm, Elementary Principal. She wants to recognize Susie Buckley for the great job she has done getting the kids ready for the Christmas programs, as well as the staff setting up and taking down for the programs. Our school has been chosen to read S is for Sunflower, Cera Hermanns was chosen from 78 students to go to the US Center to read this part of the book. This was sponsored by State Education Department and Tourism and Historical Society.

Dustin McEwen, Superintendent. He discussed the need for subs, all positions. He was also very impressed with the Christmas Programs and what a great job the teachers had done. He wanted to mention the Jr. High girl's basketball team had placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in their tournament.

## ITEM 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Bob Dietz moved to go into Executive Session Personnel for 20 minutes, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **9:04 PM**

The board invited Mr. McEwen to stay for the closed session.

Michelle Stamm, Greg Koelsch and Greg Rasmussen left the meeting.

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Roberta Reinking, Sara Pruden, and Libby McDonald left the closed meeting.

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9:24 PM

Bob Dietz moved to go into Executive Session Personnel for 20 minutes, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:24 PM

Roberta Reinking, Sara Pruden, and Libby McDonald left the closed meeting.

Roberta Reinking, Sara Pruden, and Libby McDonald returned to the meeting.

Bob Dietz moved to go into Executive Session Personnel for 5 minutes, Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:29 PM

Roberta Reinking, Sara Pruden, and Libby McDonald left the closed meeting.

Roberta Reinking, Sara Pruden, and Libby McDonald returned to the meeting.

9:34 PM

Jessica Weltmer moved to extend the contract for Barbara Wilson until January 7, 2022, moving forward as needed, as approved by Superintendent and negotiated with Superintendent. Tim Weltmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:52 PM

## ITEM 14. PRESENTATION OF THE PLAQUES TO RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. McEwen presented the Plaques to the Retiring Board Members and thanked them for their service.

## ITEM 15. BOARD ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## ITEM 16. ADJOURN

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

9:54 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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