

**USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for Monday, August 12, 2024
216 S. Jefferson St, 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 and Sara Pruden, Principals Greg Koelsch and Michelle Stamm, Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Susan Panter, teachers Ashley Breshears, Kelli Armknecht, patron Brad Howland and students Linsey Campbell, Kaydyne Armknecht, Serena Armknecht, Felicity Herredsberg.

Item 2. Approval of Agenda - Add/Delete

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Steve Overmiller arrived at the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Item 3. Approval of Consensus Items

- a. July 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. July 11, 2024 Negotiations Meeting Minutes
- c. August 12, 2024 Statements
- d. Petty Cash Report
- e. Review Activity Fund Accounts
- f. Approval of Request from Amy Roth to Move Over on the Salary Schedule
- g. Approval of Donations

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

Item 4. Art Club - Kansas City Trip Report

Ashley Breshears, Felicity Herredsberg, Serrena Armknecht, Kaydyne Armknecht and Linsey Campbell gave a slide show presentation of their trip to Kansas City. They went to Union Station, Legoland, Sea Life, Dave & Busters, Kemper Contemporary Art Museum and received a tour of the Kansas City Chiefs Arrowhead Stadium.

Ashley Breshears, Felicity Herredsberg, Serrena Armknecht, Kaydyne Armknecht and Linsey Campbell left the meeting.

Item 5. Approval of Cross Country Team to go on Camping Trip August 23-25, 2024

Kelli Armknecht and Brad Howland requested the use of two suburbans to take the cross country team to Wilson Lake for hiking, swimming and team building. There will be 11 students and 3 adults attending.

Libby McDonald made a motion to approve the cross country team to go to Wilson Lake August 23-25, 2024 with the use of two suburbans. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Brad Howland left the meeting.

Item 6. Approval of Use of Transportation for Race to the Center on September 14, 2024

Kelli Armknecht is requesting the use of two buses for transportation for the Race to the Center that will be on September 14, 2024.

Jodi Frydendall made a motion to approve the use of transportation for the Race to the Center on September 14, 2024 at \$2.00 per mile plus \$15.35 per hour for the bus driver. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Kelli Armknecht left the meeting.

Item 7. Public Forum

None

Item 8. Approval of Contract for Asst 7-12 Track Coach

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the contract for Tim Wilson as the 7-12 Assistant Track Coach. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 9. Approval of Addition to Student Handbooks regarding District Instrument Usage

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve the addition to Student Handbooks regarding District instrument usage. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 10. Building Needs Assessment for Budget Considerations

Mr. McEwen presented Building Needs Assessments for the elementary and high school. The biggest expenses for the upcoming school year will be buying new curriculum, salary increases for certified and classified staff and potential roofing project.

Item 11. State Assessments Review for Budget Considerations

Mr. McEwen discussed the State assessments for the budget. He reviewed the scores for our district as well as the State average.

Item 12. Reports

- a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report
 - Libby stated there was a special meeting and it was an executive session.
- b. Greg Koelsch, Principal's Report
 - Nothing to add
- c. Michelle Stamm Principal's Report
 - Updated enrollment numbers for the elementary school are 257 students.

- d. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent's Report
- CIPP final bill was the same as the estimate
 - RNR and Budget Hearing will come out in the newspaper on Thursday
 - Went over in-service schedule
 - Board members serving lunch at in-service
 - Storm damage
 - Chromebook policy for parents on chromebooks that go home
 - Enrollment numbers are down around 15 students

Item 13. Approval of Delegate for KASB Assembly

Adam Rentschler made a motion for Marty Hanson to be the Delegate for the KASB Assembly. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 14. Executive Session - Negotiations - The Exception for Employer-Employee Negotiations Under KOMA

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the Board Members and Mr. McEwen move into executive session - negotiations- the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA for ten (10) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **8:53 P.M.** Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

8:43 PM

Susan Panter left the closed meeting

8:43 PM

The Board Members and Superintendent, Mr. McEwen discussed negotiation matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

8:53 PM

Item 15. Approval of Master Collective Bargaining Agreement

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the Master Collective Bargaining Agreement with the updated salary schedule and Section G, Compensation for Driver's Education to read "classroom and driving instruction". Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 16. Approval of Classified Employee 2024-2025 Salary

Libby McDonald made a motion to approve classified pay increases as follows:

- District paras and maintenance/custodial staff an increase of \$1.25 per hour and provide health insurance, with the classified employee paying \$110.00 of the premium
- Increase starting wage for district paras and secretaries to \$12.50 per hour
- Increase maintenance/custodial starting wage to \$13.50 per hour, cooks starting wage to \$12.50 per hour, with \$1.00 increase after 1 year of employment
- Department heads, Board Clerk and Treasurer a 3% increase plus the district paying \$899.96 towards health insurance
- Food Service Manager \$1.00 per hour increase for returning plus district paying \$899.96 towards health insurance
- Transportation Director 6% increase plus district paying \$899.96 toward health insurance
- Bus drivers increase of \$1.25 per route and increase activity routes \$1.25 per hour

Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 17. Approval of Administration 2024-2025 Salary

Libby McDonald made a motion to approve a 3% increase for Administration Salaries and district provide health insurance. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 18. Board Comments

Signed Thank You Cards

Item 19. Adjourn

Adam Rentschler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **9:04 PM**

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School Board Member Code of Ethics

Theron Haresnape, President

Susan Panter, Clerk

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