

**USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for Monday, October 14, 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.

7:00 PM

Present for the call to order were Board Members Marty Hanson, Jodi Frydendall, Adam Rentschler, Libby McDonald, Sara Pruden and Steve Overmiller, Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Susan Panter, and Principals Greg Koelsch and Michelle Stamm, teacher Monica Wagner and students Ruby Gomel-Osthoff, Elle Jacobs, Kaitlyn Maruska and Will Tucker.

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 7-0 vote.

Item 3. Approval of Consensus Items

- a. September 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. October 14, 2024 Statements
- c. Approval of Out of District Student
- d. Approval of Donations
- e. Approval of Site Council Members for Elementary and Jr/Sr. High Schools

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

Item 4. Public Forum

None

Item 5. Approval for FFA to go to Indianapolis for National FFA Convention Oct. 22-26 - 1 Suburban and Fuel Card

Monica Wagner, Ruby Gomel-Osthoff, Elle Jacobs, Kaitlyn Maruska and Will Tucker came to request Board approval to use a suburban and fuel card to go on their FFA National Convention. They went over their itinerary which includes the Arch in St. Louis, Beasley Orchard, Corteva Ag Tour, Megan Moroney concert and supporting Kaylee Weltmer when she gives her presentation.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve FFA to go to Indianapolis for the National Convention October 22-26 with one suburban and fuel card. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Monica Wagner, Ruby Gomel-Osthoff, Elle Jacobs, Kaitlyn Maruska and Will Tucker left the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Item 6. Discussion of Bus Routes and Approval of Potential Modifications

Mr. McEwen and Mr. McNary discussed the challenges that the school is facing with bus drivers and routes. We will be down one driver when basketball starts. Mr. McEwen discussed the possibility of having a custodian/bus driver. They are hoping to get some applicants and discuss different options.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to allow Mr. McEwen and Mr. McNary to get the bus routes covered by either hiring a suburban driver to transport students or by offering the families reimbursement for mileage. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 7. Approval to use KASB Policy Services to Maintain and Update USD 237's Policies

Mr. McEwen discussed the three different options for KASB to audit and maintain our board policies:

- Policy Lite - \$6,500.00 first time fee. We are responsible for maintaining and updating.
- Policy Plus - \$7,000.00 fee payable over three years. KASB will maintain and update policies for three years.
- Policy Premier - \$6,500.00 annual fee

Mr. McEwen recommended going with the Policy Plus as they will maintain and update the policies for three years.

Libby McDonald made a motion to approve the Policy Plus plan through KASB to maintain the board policies. Marty Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 8. Reports

- a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report
 - Federal Fiscal Review
 - ESSER Reports
 - LETRS training will be required
 - Vehicle damaged by hail was totaled

- b. Greg Koelsch, Principal's Report
 - Positive feedback from inservice - Steve Woolfe
 - MCEL Volleyball

- c. Michelle Stamm, Principal's Report
 - Donuts with Grownups was a success

- d. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent's Report
 - Attended Kansas School Improvement Day. There were facilitators from Smoky Hill and KSDE.
 - November 11th inservice - morning Greenbush/afternoon KESA
 - Steve Woolfe presentation at inservice - received positive feedback
 - Smith Center received the following Kansas Can Star Recognition:
Academically Prepared for Postsecondary - Copper
Graduation - Bronze
Postsecondary Effectiveness - Silver
2024 Commissioner's Award - Commissioner's Award with Honors
 - Will be attending KSDE conference October 23-25
 - Review of budget for fiscal year 2025 expenses
 - KASB Luncheon on November 14

Item 9. Executive Session - Personnel - to Protect the Interest of the Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA

Sara Pruden made a motion that the Board members, Mr. McEwen and Greg Koelsch move into executive session - personnel - to protect the interest of the individual(s) to be discussed, pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for a period of fifteen (15) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **8:17 PM**. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:02 PM**

Michelle Stamm and Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **8:02 PM**

The Board members, Mr. McEwen and Greg Koelsch discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **8:17 PM**

Sara Pruden made a motion that the Board members, Mr. McEwen and Greg Koelsch move into executive session - personnel - to protect the interest of the individual(s) to be discussed, pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for a period of five (5) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **8:22 PM**. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:17 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **8:17 PM**

The Board members, Mr. McEwen and Greg Koelsch discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **8:22 PM**

Item 10. Board Comments

The Board signed thank you cards

Item 11. Adjourn

Adam Rentschler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:26 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

Susan Panter, Clerk

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