

**USD 237 Board of Education
Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing
Budget Hearing
Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for Monday, September 9, 2024
216 S. Jefferson St., Smith Center, KS 66967
Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room**

REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Theron Haresnape called the meeting to order. 6:45 PM

Present for the call to order were board members Marty Hanson, Jodi Frydendall, Adam Rentschler, Libby McDonald and Steve Overmiller, Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Susan Panter, and SCE Principal Michelle Stamm.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC FORUM

Nobody in attendance for the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing.

ITEM 3. REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING

No motion was made to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate as USD 237 is not exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate.

ITEM 4. ADJOURN

Steve Overmiller made a motion to adjourn the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. 6:50 PM

BUDGET HEARING

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Theron Haresnape called the meeting to order. 6:50 PM

Present for the call to order were board members Marty Hanson, Jodi Frydendall, Adam Rentschler, Libby McDonald, Steve Overmiller and Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Susan Panter, SCE Principal Michelle Stamm.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC FORUM

Nobody in attendance for Budget Hearing.

ITEM 3. BUDGET HEARING

Mr. McEwen reviewed the Form 150 with the Board.

Sara Pruden arrived at 6:59 pm.

ITEM 4. ADJOURN

Libby McDonald made a motion to Adjourn the Budget Hearing. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. 7:08 PM

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Theron Haresnape called the meeting to order. 7:08 PM

Present for the call to order were board members Marty Hanson, Jodi Frydendall, Adam Rentschler, Libby McDonald, Steve Overmiller and Sara Pruden, Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Susan Panter and SCE Principal Michelle Stamm.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - ADD/DELETE

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

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

- a. Approval of Minutes from August 12, 2024 Regular Meeting**
- b. September 9, 2024 Statements**
- c. Approval of Donations**

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

ITEM 4. APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOB PERCENTAGE

Marty Hanson made a motion to approve the Resolution to authorize the Local Option Budget in an amount of 33% for the 2024-2025 school year. The Certification for the Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 237, Smith County, Kansas on the 9th day of September, 2024. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 5. MOTION TO ADOPT 2024-2025 BUDGET

Marty Hanson made a motion to adopt the 2024-2025 Budget based on the preliminary State Assessment results from the 2023-2024 school year and the Building Needs Assessment documents provided to and evaluated by the Board of Education at the August meeting. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 6. PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing tonight

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 14 PASSENGER BUS

Mr. McEwen discussed the need for USD 237 to purchase a 14 passenger bus. We are experiencing a shortage of bus drivers. This would allow administrators, maintenance staff, teachers, coaches, etc to drive this bus without a CDL. Drivers for the 14 passenger bus would need to take a defensive driving course. This would also allow an employee time to work on getting a CDL while driving a bus. Kansas Truck is expecting to have three of these buses in by late spring of 2025. If we choose to not purchase one at this time, it would be 2026 before one would be available.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the purchase of a 14 passenger bus. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 8. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF KASB BOARD POLICY GAOE

Steve Overmiller made a motion to approve the KASB Board Policy GAOE. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF SMITH CENTER HIGH SCHOOL CHROMEBOOK AGREEMENT

Mr. McEwen discussed the chromebook agreement for the high school students to cover costs if there are damages to the chromebooks.

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve the Smith Center High School Chromebook Agreement. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 10. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO TRANSFER MONEY IN PARENTS AS TEACHERS FUND

Adam Rentschler made a motion to transfer the USD 237 Parents as Teacher funds to the USD 237 Capital Outlay fund because the PAT funds can no longer be used in the manner planned due to the cancellation of the PAT program. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 11. REPORTS

- a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report**
 - Nothing to Report**

- b. Greg Koelsch, Jr.-Sr. High Principal Report**
 - Greg was not in attendance**

- c. Michelle Stamm, SCE Principal Report**
 - Grandparent's Day will be "Donuts with Grownups" since we are short staffed in the kitchen. Local businesses are donating to help with the expense.**

d. **Dustin McEwen, Superintendent Report**

- **KESA check-in on September 17th**
- **October 14 - inform staff about school improvement day at inservice**
- **October 14 - Steve Wolfe, a motivational speaker, will address the staff at inservice**
- **Nov. 11 - Greenbush training at inservice designed to give better support to teachers in the classroom for special education students**
- **Perkins Consortium - no final results yet**
- **CTE Advisory Meeting - thank you to the community members for participating**
- **Food Service - shortage of staff**

ITEM 12. BOARD COMMENTS

None

ITEM 13. ADJOURN

Adam Rentschler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. 7:46 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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