

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 466,  
704 S. College Street, Scott City, Kansas, Monday, May 13, 2024

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The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met for public hearing on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6:50 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room, 704 S. College, Scott City, KS, with the following members present:

Elizabeth Cox, Julia Cheney, Yanet Contreras, Debbie Drohman, Mindi Edwards, Scott Noll, and Andy Trout.

Others present were Jamie Rumford, Superintendent; Dr. Shawn Roberts, Elise Neri, Courtney McEachern, Dustin Hughes, Aaron Dirks, Jana Irvin, Adam Kadavy, and Suzanne Hess, Board Clerk.

President, Andy Trout, called the hearing to order at 6:50 p.m.

Superintendent Rumford reviewed the information on republishing the 2023-2024 budget.

There were no comments from the public.

**Adjournment**

Scott Noll made a motion to adjourn. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The hearing adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met in regular session on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room, 704 S. College, Scott City, KS, with the following members present:

Elizabeth Cox, Julia Cheney, Yanet Contreras, Debbie Drohman, Mindi Edwards, Scott Noll, and Andy Trout.

Others present were Jamie Rumford, Superintendent; Dr. Shawn Roberts, Elise Neri, Courtney McEachern, Dustin Hughes, Matt Bayer, Aaron Dirks, Jana Irvin, Adam Kadavy, and Suzanne Hess, Board Clerk.

President Andy Trout called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion to Adopt the Agenda**

Julia Cheney made a motion to adopt the agenda. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



### Comments from the Public

No comments from the public.

### Board Representative Reports

Nothing reported for Northwest Tech.

Andy Trout shared High Plains Educational Cooperative is assessing their obligation with Elkart virtual school which has 405 in person students and 1570 students virtually.

### Administrative Reports

Elise Neri, Scott City High School Teacher, presented on a student travel opportunity in which students can sign up for and gain college credit.

*Elise Neri leaves at 7:09 p.m.*

Dr. Shawn Roberts, Scott City Elementary School Principal, shared that Golden Rule Preschool toured the elementary school and they are starting plans for next year.

Jana Irvin, Scott City Middle School Principal, shared the middle school is in their busy time of year with 8<sup>th</sup> grade's last week this week, practicing promotion this Friday, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade tour guides are preparing to give tours.

Dustin Hughes, Scott City Middle School Assistant Principal/Activity Director, informed the board that GWAC Track and Art had individual finishers.

Matt Bayer, Scott City High School Principal, shared with the Board that graduation is on Saturday with rehearsal on Friday morning and reviewed the finals schedule.

Aaron Dirks, Scott City High School Assistant Principal/Activity Director, informed the board of KSHAA post season of Boys Golf made state for 3<sup>rd</sup> year and in the 4A. Boys Tennis did well this past weekend; softball is in Scott Cot this week Tuesday, regional track is in Scott City on Thursday, state forensics had individuals place, and e-car had individuals place.

Superintendent Rumford discussed the following with the Board:

- New tables in the board room were made by Allen Thornburg's classes and Nick Noterman's classes from the old middle school gym floor.
- Mr. Rumford and Mr. Trout attended the Healy Board Meeting on May 6 and recommended the transfer of tax property and sell their buildings to the township of Healy to maintain.
- The geothermal project began on today on the north side parking lot.
- The student services implementation with Skyward is continuing with the office staff at each of the school buildings.
- The bids for the property/casualty insurance will come in May and then the board will review in June.

### **Treasurer's Report, Bills Payable and Bond Financials**

The Idle funds investment matured on May 10, 2024 and the other will mature in June 2024.

Scott Noll made a motion to pay the bills as presented check numbers 71591 – 71728, Wire Transfers 70201 - 70221 in the amount of \$1,534,021.62. Elizabeth Cox seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Yanet Contreras made a motion to approve transfers in the amount of \$622,000. Debbie Drohman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Consent Agenda**

Elizabeth Cox made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mindi Edwards seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items approved were:

#### **A. Approval of Previous Minutes**

### **Consideration of Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda**

No items were pulled from the consent agenda.

### **Board Matters**

#### **A. 24-25 School Year Building Handbook Approvals**

Scott Noll made a motion to approve the handbooks as presented. Debbie Drohman seconded the motion and it passed 5-2. Julia Cheney and Elizabeth Cox voted Nay.

#### **B. Republishing General Funds and At-Risk Funds Approval**

Elizabeth Cox made a motion to approve the republishing of the General Funds and At-Risk Funds for 2023-2024. Mindi Edwards seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **C. Close Virtual Education Approval**

Scott Noll made a motion to approve closing the virtual education program in the 2024-2025 school year. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

*Courtney McEachern and Adam Kadavy left at 8:01 p.m.*

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non-Elected Personnel**

Julia Cheney made a motion that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to non-elected personnel, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for forty five (45) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 8:46 p.m. Superintendent Rumford, Matt Bayer, Aaron Dirks, Jana Irvin, Dustin Hughes and Shawn Roberts were included in the session. Debbie Drohman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

*Matt Bayer and Aaron Dirks left the meeting at 8:28pm.*

*Dr. Shawn Roberts, Jana Irvin, and Dustin Hughes left the meeting at 8:34pm.*

The meeting resumed in open session at 8:46 p.m.

**Approve Resignations and Hires**

Elizabeth Cox made a motion to approve the resignations/hires as listed below. Debbie Drohman seconded the motion and it passed 5-2. Scott Noll and Mindi Edwards voted Nay.

**Hires:** Clinton Towery - Custodian  
Mary Pat Becker – HS Science Teacher  
Scott Wagner – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Chris Hubbard – 7–12 Vocal Teacher  
Abbie Matthews – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher  
Tabitha Keith – SCMS Counselor  
Hugo Cano – SCHS Business Teacher & HS Head Volleyball Coach  
Sandra Hayes – SCHS Math Teacher  
Sara Miles Ratzlaff – Assistant FFA Sponsor  
Alex Fox – SCHS Assistant Cross Country Coach  
Justin Faurot – SCHS Head Girls Basketball Coach  
Desiree Cooper – SCHS Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach  
Corbin Janssen – SCHS Head Girls Tennis Coach  
Matt Fox – Summer Custodian  
Scott Wagner – Summer Custodian

**Transfers:** Miriam Rodriguez – ESL Coordinator  
Michelle Lightner – Kindergarten Teacher  
Kevin Walter – SCHS FACS Teacher  
Lucas Ellis - SCHS Automotive Teacher/Transportation Director

**Resignations:** Cassidy Livengood – Kindergarten Teacher  
Ivonne Rodriguez – Food Service  
Jeremy Turner – Transportation Director  
Brooke Bayer – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Matthew Bayer – SCHS Principal  
Karen Appel – Paraprofessional  
Desiree Cooper – SCMS Head Volleyball Coach  
Jera VanDegrift – SCMS Assistant Basketball Coach

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Negotiations**

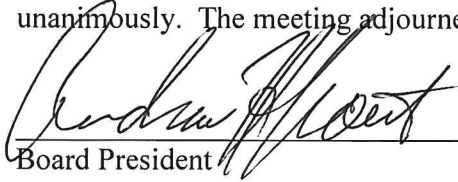
Yanet Contreras made a motion that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations, pursuant to the employer-employee exception under KOMA for fifteen (15) minutes after a 10 minutes break with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 9:13 p.m. Superintendent Rumford was included in the session. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

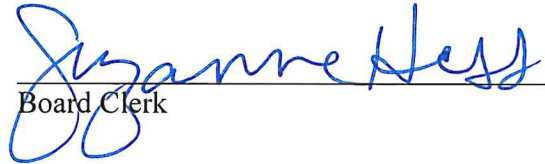
**Open Discussion by Board**

Discussion was held the KASB conference in November 2024, status of IRS refund, Mr. Rumford was nominated for Superintendent of the Year representing western Kansas, the process of banning books in our school libraries, and the recent FFA banquet.

**Adjournment**

Yanet Contreras made a motion to adjourn. Elizabeth Cox seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

  
Board President

  
Board Clerk