

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 466,

704 S. College Street, Scott City, Kansas, Monday, February 10, 2025

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Administration Building Board Room, 704 S. College, Scott City, KS, with the following members present:

Julia Cheney, Debbie Drohman, Mindi Edwards, Scott Noll, and Andy Trout.

Others present were Jamie Rumford, Superintendent and Suzanne Hess, Board Clerk.

President Andy Trout called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Debbie Drohman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Comments from the Public

none

Board Representative Reports

Debbie Drohman reported on the High Plains Educational Cooperative meeting in which Gary Sechrist from KASB presented information about recruiting for new director of HPEC.

Julia Cheney reported the Northwest Fort Hays Tech meeting discussed the passive homes in California during the fires in LA and not as many burned due to the way the structures developed.

Board Work Session

There was board discussion on different initiatives.

Board recessed at 9:30 a.m. to visit the elementary, middle, and high schools.

Board returned to open session at 10:36 a.m.

Yanet Contreras and Courtney McEachern joined at 10:36 a.m.

The board members discussed their visits to different classrooms throughout the district and shared their experiences.

Treasurer's Report, Bills Payable and Financials

The board discussed the financial impact of state and federal legislation to the school district.

Julia Cheney made a motion to pay the bills as presented check numbers 72755 – 72852, Wire Transfers 70330 - 70339 in the amount of \$888,944.00. Yanet Contreras seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Cheryl Kucharik joined at 11:08 a.m.

Consent Agenda

Yanet Contreras made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Debbie Drohman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items approved were:

A. Approval of Previous Minutes January 13, 2025

Aaron Dirks and Corbin Janssen joined at 11:11 a.m.

Consideration of Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

None pulled.

Board Matters

A. 25-26 Calendar Approval

Julia Cheney made a motion to approve the USD 466 Calendar for 2025-2026 with the stipulation that this is a 1-year experiment and more data will be reviewed before determining to continue the 1-week Thanksgiving break. Mindi Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-2 vote. Yanet Contreras and Scott Noll voted nay.

B. Approval of Idle Investment Funds

Scott Noll made a motion to accept the bid of 4.51% with Security State Bank for the \$1,000,000 investment of idle funds for 3 months. Debbie Drohman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Courtney McEachern and Cheryl Kucharik left at 11:34 a.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 thirty-five (35) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 12:09 p.m. Superintendent Rumford, Aaron Dirks and Corbin Janssen were included in the session. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Aaron Dirks and Corbin Janssen left at 11:52 a.m.

The meeting resumed in open session at 12:09 p.m.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:09 p.m. and returned at 12:55 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 five (5) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 1:00 p.m. Superintendent Rumford was included in the session. Debbie Drohman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Approve Resignations and Hires

Julia Cheney made a motion to approve the resignations/hires as listed below. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Hires: Krystal Frank – MS Asst. Track
Corbin Janssen – HS Head Boys Tennis
Cheryl Kucharik – HS Asst. Boys Tennis
Tiana Lausch – HS Asst. Softball

Retirement: Kathy Eaton – Food Service Director

Scott Noll made a motion to approve voting on administrator contracts individually rather than as a group. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Scott Noll made a motion to approve Aaron Dirks’ contract renewal for 2 years as SCHS Principal. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Mindi Edwards made a motion to approve Corbin Janssen’s contract renewal for 2 years as SCHS Assistant Principal. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Scott Noll made a motion to approve Jana Irvin’s contract renewal for 2 years as SCMS Principal. Debbie Drohman seconded the motion and it passed 5-1. Julia Cheney voted nay.

Yanet Contreras made a motion to approve Dustin Hughes’ contract renewal for 2 years as SCMS Assistant Principal. Debbie Drohman seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Debbie Drohman made a motion to approve Dr. Shawn Robert’s contract renewal for 2 years as SCES Principal. Mindi Edwards seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Yanet Contreras leaves at 1:57 p.m.


Board Work Session (pt. 2)

The board discussed communication, teacher retention, dashboard, strategic plan, KESA and the Science of Reading.

Adjournment

Julia Cheney made a motion to adjourn. Debbie Drohman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.


Board President


Board Clerk

