

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

704 S. College Street, Scott City, Kansas, Monday, April 8, 2024

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met for regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 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, Debbie Drohman, Mindi Edwards, Scott Noll, and Andy Trout.

Others present were Jamie Rumford, Superintendent, Shawn Roberts, Dustin Hughes, Jana Irvin, Aaron Dirks, Matt Bayer, Cheryl Kucharik, Courtney McEachern, Adam Kadavy, Jason Hundertmark 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

Debbie Drohman made a motion to adopt the agenda amended adding Healy School District Proposal under Board Matters, add Shylan Beamer bank signature approval under Consent Agenda, and remove transportation surplus from Consent Agenda. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Comments from the Public

No comments from the public.

Board Representative Reports

Andy Trout informed the board of High Plains Educational Cooperative Board's interlocal agreement has been approved as well as they are hiring a lot of teachers.

No update for Northwest Technical College.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Shawn Roberts, Scott City Elementary School Principal, informed the board of Kindergarten Roundup occurred today, state assessments for 2nd grade will begin, musical at the end of the month and then starting end of the year planning.

Jana Irvin, Scott City Middle School Principal, shared the middle school is busy with assessments for all grade levels, 6th and 7th are finishing up planning meetings with next year with parents looking ahead at what they are interested in and they starting field trip season at the end of April.

Dustin Hughes, Scott City Middle School Assistant Principal/Activity Director, informed the board that GWAC Math and Art had individual finishers plus the 7th, 8th grade Band and Choir received high ratings along with individual placers.

Matt Bayer, Scott City High School Principal, shared with the Board the digital media classes will receive 16 awards at a presentation in Kansas City this month and Garden City Community College will visit this month with sophomores and juniors about opportunity for dual classes next year.

Aaron Dirks, Scott City High School Assistant Principal/Activity Director, informed the board of Regional Track starting at 1:30pm on May 16th which will require school to be dismissed in order for teachers to assist with coordinating the events.

Superintendent Rumford discussed the following with the Board:

- The school district expects to republish the 23-24 budget and will require approval by the board. This is not more tax dollars on the local economy but coming from the state;
- KSDE is considering additional changes to the graduation requirements which the board approved in March;
- Last week's state legislation was favorable towards school funding with increasing the CPI and special education funding.

Treasurer's Report, Bills Payable and Bond Financials

A. Bills Payable

Scott Noll made a motion to pay the bills as presented check numbers 71453 - 71583; wire transfers 70184 - 70200 in the amount of \$773,611.16. Debbie Drohman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no transfers presented.

Consent Agenda

Julia Cheney made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented but pulling the KASB Membership Renewal. Elizabeth Cox seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda Items approved were:

- A. Approval of Previous Minutes for March 4, 2024**
- B. Approval of Skyward Student Information System**
- C. Add Shylan Beamer and Remove Icy Butler to Security State Bank Account xxxxxx0613**

Consideration of Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

Discussion ensued regarding the membership options presented for KASB membership renewal.

Elizabeth Cox mad a motion to approve the KASB Membership renewal with the Season Pass & KASB Plus. Debbie Drohman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Matters

A. Open Enrollment Capacity Approval

The board discussed this new requirement from the state and its potential impact. This will be posted on the website by May 1, 2024. Scott Noll made a motion to approve the open enrollment capacity as presented. Mindi Edwards seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Geothermal Repair and Update Plan Approval

The board reviewed the options to repair and update the geothermal field and replace some rooftop units versus abandoning the geothermal field and replace all rooftop units. Scott Noll made a motion to approve the Geothermal Field Update and Repair plus replace expiring rooftop units for a total cost of \$1.9M using \$800,000 in capital outlay and a capital lease from Western State Bank for \$1.1M at a rate of 4.85%. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0. The school district will pursue a tax accountant to assist in filing for the Inflation Reduction Act rebate.

C. Healy School District Proposal

Superintendent Rumford shared a proposal sent to the board by Healy School District for consolidation of districts. The board setup a committee of Julia Cheney, Elizabeth Cox and Debbie Drohman to review further with the superintendent.

Courtney McEachern, Adam Kadavy, Jason Hundertmark, and Cheryl Kucharik leave meeting at 8:34 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non-Elected Personnel

Elizabeth Cox made a motion that the Board go into executive session following a ten (10) minute break to discuss matters relating to non-elected personnel, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for fifty (50) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 9:24 p.m. Superintendent Rumford, Shawn Roberts, Dustin Hughes, Jana Irvin, Aaron Dirks, and Matt Bayer were included in the session. Debbie Drohman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dustin Hughes, Aaron Dirks, and Matt Bayer leave meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Shawn Roberts and Jana Irvin leave meeting at 9:23 p.m.

The meeting resumed in open session at 9:23 p.m.

Hires: Cassidy Livengood – Kindergarten Teacher
Jacque LaFrance – SCHS Paraprofessional
Krista McDaniel – 3rd Grade Teacher

Transfers: Corbin Janssen – Career Counselor

Resignations: Cozetta O’Dea – SCHS Cheer
Amy Felker – SCHS Girls Basketball
Cheryl Kucharik – SCHS Girls Tennis & Asst Tennis Boys
Ryan Roberts – SCHS Assistant Girls Tennis
Corbin Janssen – SCMS Science Teacher (transfer)

Julia Cheney made a motion to approve the hires, transfers, and resignations. Elizabeth Cox seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Negotiations

Julia Cheney 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 twenty-three (23) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 9:47 p.m. Superintendent Rumford was included in the session. Elizabeth Cox seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


The meeting resumed in open session at 9:47 p.m.

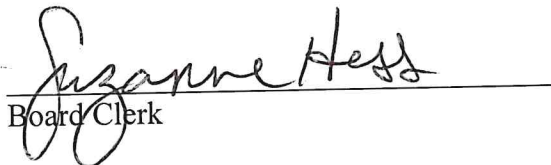
Open Discussion by Board

The board discussed the property casualty insurance bid will come in May, upcoming handbook approvals, rule 10 coaches or hiring teachers as coaches, graduation, promotion and prom.

Adjournment

Elizabeth Cox made a motion to adjourn. Mindi Edwards seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.


Board President


Board Clerk