

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 466, 704 S. College Street, Scott City, Kansas, Monday, February 15, 2021, 7:00 PM.

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The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met in regular session on Monday, February 15, 2021, at 7:00pm at the Administration Building Board Meeting Room, 704 S. College Street, Scott City, KS, with the following members present:

Jon Berning, Yanet Contreras, Lynnette Robinson, Stephen Kucharik, Andrew Trout, Scott Noll and Julia Cheney.

Others present were Jamie Rumford, Superintendent; Dr. Shawn Roberts, Aaron Dardis, TJ Meyer, Jana Irvin, Randy Huck, Cheryl Kucharik, David Dirks, Travis Herbelin, Joel Kasselmann, Anya Kasselmann, Paul Kasselmann, Paul E. Cramer, LeeAnn Cramer, Julie Rumford, Adam Kadavy, Rochelle Miller, Angie Frank, Kari Talbert, Mindi Edwards, Mike Ellis, Ruth Dunn, Challie Metzger and Deneen Wolfe, Board Clerk.

President Jon Berning called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

#### **Presentations – SCES 7 Mindsets**

Marci Patton presented 7 Mindsets Curriculum and its implementation in the elementary school over the past year. She shared two videos with the board that the students and volleyball teams have watched, which support the 7 Mindsets: everything is possible, passion first, we are connected, 100% accountable, attitude of gratitude, live to give and time is now.

#### **Comments From the Public**

Travis Herbelin spoke on behalf of the numerous parents in attendance with concerns for the health/sex education curriculum being presented to the students in the middle and high schools, which addresses gender and sex. Anya Kasselmann offer some suggestions to the board for parents to view the curriculum and to opt out when the teaching goes against Biblical principles. Mike Ellis read several verses from the Bible. Paul E. Cramer appealed to the board for the schools to teach more on abstinence. President Jon Berning thanked the parents for their suggestions.

#### **Motion to Approve the Agenda**

Lynnette Robinson made a motion to adopt the agenda. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **Board Representative Reports**

Andrew Trout reported High Plains is beginning negotiations and hiring new staff for next year. There has been some difficulty recruiting because job fairs are being held remotely.

Jon Berning had nothing new to report from NW Tech.

#### **Administrative Reports**

David Dirks reported that the district is 1:1 ipads in all grades. David is soliciting bids for 3 to 5 year internet provider contracts for our district. He reported that the use of wireless projectors in the classrooms has gone well, so he will be getting bids for more wireless projectors to replace the wired ones as needed. David also shared the testing of Chromebooks among students has gone

favorably. The board express their appreciation and gratitude for everything David Dirks has accomplished in the district, especially over the past year during the pandemic.

Dr. Shawn Roberts reported receiving a grant from Wheatland Electric to purchase books to be used like the Imagination Library Program for the early childhood program.

TJ Meyer shared the middle school activity schedule changes because of the dropping weather temperatures with the board. The middle school lost a week of basketball practice due to KSHHAA's extended moratorium. He expressed the basketball program would be working with Scott Rec Commission to improve the program to focus on fundamentals. President Jon Berning inquired about tennis club. Signup sheets for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will start in March.

Principal Irvin met with the city and Chief Post to review ideas for traffic flow and student safety around the middle school. The LEC has offered to train teachers and volunteers to help as crossing guards. Roller skating will begin in the middle school in March and will be hosting its second family night. A suggestion was made to look into the new 4-H building as a possible location to hold the Family Skate Night. President Jon Berning inquired about the prior incidents of vandalism in the bathrooms. Staff is monitoring the halls to limit loitering in the restrooms. Jana Irvin confiscated two vapes from students last month.

Dustin Avey presented the current bond refinancing options to the board. He reviewed three scenarios and the savings to the district with the board. Andrew Trout is in favor of the standard refinancing option.

Principal Dardis reported on the juniors that participated in the Job Shadowing Day. Aaron Dardis visited with the different employers and checked in with students throughout the day to gain an understanding about different jobs in our community. Reality U was short a number of volunteers, so the seniors helped this year and may be invited to participate in this capacity in future years.

Randy Huck reported on scholars bowl going to state and the district will be sending nine wrestlers to sub-state. Forensics was held virtually which caused some challenges in judging. Steven Kucharik inquired about the windscreens at the tennis courts.

Superintendent Rumford reported on the upcoming board member rotation: Jon Berning, Scott Noll, Yanet Contreras, and Julia Cheney.

### **Financial Report, Bills Payable and Bond Financials**

Discussion was heard on various invoices. Andrew Trout made a motion to pay the bills as presented – check numbers 41205-41332 in the amount of \$889,655.01 and approve transfers in the amount of \$150,000.00. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Consent Agenda**

Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items approved were;

- A. **Approval of Previous Minutes** regular board meeting January 11, 2021 and January 26, 2021.

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

Nothing pulled.

*Julia Cheney left the meeting at 8:31pm*

*Julia Cheney returned to the meeting at 8:33pm*

### **Board Matters**

- A. Bond Refinancing – Julia Cheney made a motion to approve the bond refinance and approve Resolution No. 02-15-21. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- B. FFCRA Leave – The board discussed extending Covid Leave under the Family First Coronavirus Response Act. Scott Noll made a motion to proceed with asking the teachers’ association to agree to have the board approve a resolution to extend benefits of FFCRA to employees. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jamie will contact the teachers’ association.
- C. 2021-2022 Calendar – Jamie Rumford recommended the board approve the calendar as presented. Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Calendar as presented. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- D. Policy Update – Jamie Rumford recommended the board approve the policy updates as presented. Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the board policy updates as presented. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- E. ESSER Funding – Jamie Rumford recommended the board approve the use of the ESSR II Funds as presented. Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the use of the ESSR II Funds as presented. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

*Meeting was recessed for 15 minutes.*

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

Scott Noll 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 10:21 p.m. Superintendent Rumford, TJ Meyer, Jana Irvin, Aaron Dardis and Randy Huck were included in the session. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 10:21 p.m.

*Dr. Shawn Roberts left the meeting at 9:34pm.*

*TJ Meyer, Jana Irvin, Aaron Dardis and Randy Huck left the meeting at 9:45pm.*

Lynnette Robinson 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 (30) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 10:51 p.m. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 10:51 p.m.

**Resignations and Hires**

Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the resignations, hires and reassignments as listed below. Stephen Kucharik seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Resignations: Veronica Garcia – HS ESL Para  
Gabriela Lopez – HS At Risk Para

Hires: Abby Ridder – HS ELA Teacher  
Cassandra Jacobson – HS At Risk Para

Reassignments: Marylyn Gough – MS Librarian  
Rachel Rico – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

**Approval of Administrator Contracts**

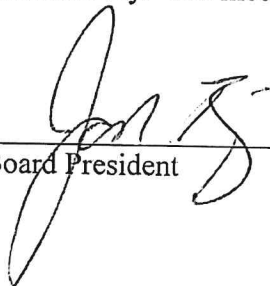
Stephen Kucharik made a motion to approve contracts for Aaron Dardis, Jana Irvin, TJ Meyer, and Dr. Shawn Roberts. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion and it passed with 6 in favor and 1 opposed (Julia Cheney.)

**Open Discussion**

The board requested copies of the Health Curriculum and booklet, “Get Real,” to review. Discussion was heard on cancelling school tomorrow because of the low temperatures. Jamie Rumford shared that he spoke to Wheatland Electric about possible blackouts. Wheatland stated Scott City would not be affected by scheduled blackouts.

**Adjournment**

Andrew Trout made a motion to adjourn. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

  
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Board President

  
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Board Clerk