

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 466, 704 S. College Street, Scott City, Kansas, Monday, March 8, 2021, 7:00 PM.

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met in regular session on Monday, March 8, 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, and Julia Cheney.

Others present were Jamie Rumford, Superintendent; Dr. Shawn Roberts, Aaron Dardis, TJ Meyer, Jana Irvin, Randy Huck, Shane Faurot, Travis Fulton, Cheryl Kucharik, Joel Kasselmann, Anya Kasselmann, Adam Kadavy, Augustus Hawkins, Kade Bonville, Dylan Duff, Jace Thomas, Lawson Bailey, Dylan Metzger, Cauy Vance, Ronnie Weathers, Rod Haxton, Editor; and Deneen Wolfe, Board Clerk.

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

Motion to Approve the Agenda

Yanet Contreras made a motion to adopt the agenda. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Comments From the Public

Students requested an audience with the board to discuss a matter.

Julia Cheney made a motion that the board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to matters affecting students and non-elected personnel, pursuant to the exception under KOMA for fifteen (15) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 7:15 p.m. Superintendent Rumford, Augustus Hawkins, Kade Bonville, Dylan Duff, Jace Thomas, Lawson Bailey, Dylan Metzger, Cauy Vance, and Ronnie Weathers were included in the session. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 7:15 p.m.


Board Representative Reports

Andrew Trout reported High Plains is extending the assistant director's contract and the director will be retiring.

Jon Berning reported NW Tech received a grant for 2 million dollars.

Administrative Reports

Shane Faurot shared a five year comparison of utility costs with the board and reviewed the Capital Outlay list of projects that have been accomplished since he started with the district. Discussion was heard on the air quality at the high school and elementary school buildings. Shane updated the board on lowering the lift into the events center, score board lights, the football field drainage, and electric usage. Shane also noted the severe negative temperatures had an impact on the new heating units at



the middle school and he is learning to regulate the new system. Shane proposed ideas to add onto the transportation building that would allow for storage, wash bay, and bus/vehicle bays. Travis Fulton talked with the board about the district's fleet and future needs. He advised the board on replacing the Suburbans that are nearing 200,000 miles with the 10 passenger vans.

Dr. Shawn Roberts advised the board about the intended use of the Laura Meireis Memorial Fund to create a sensory walk on the playground at the elementary school. The elementary received a grant for books to be used with the PAT program. Kendra Stopple has been nominated for teacher of the year; a zoom will be held in the elementary school library at 1:00pm this Saturday for her.

TJ Meyer reported on the number of middle school students signed up for tennis and track. The middle school has raised funds to go toward the purchase of new football uniforms. TJ shared that the recommendations at track meets are to have only students and coaches on the field.

Principal Irvin held collaboration meetings with staff. Discussion was heard on the MS health curriculum and the letter sent out to parents. Jana would like to have some of the Art II students create a sensory walk at the middle school. Discussion was also heard on the vaping, off limit restrooms, and police involvement at the middle school. Lynnette Robinson suggested creating PSAs to be aired during the ball games to help educate parents and students on the topic of vaping.

Randy Huck reported on the number of students out for spring sports; baseball numbers will support a JV team this year. State Powerlifting will be held in 2 weeks in Halstead, KS. HS Forensics competed at GWAC today.

Principal Dardis updated the board on the health/sex education class being put on hold for the moment. Letters will be sent to parents listing the subject content with an option to opt out during the fourth quarter. Students opting out will be given different assignments. Aaron Dardis is recruiting the help of medical professionals in our community to teach the more sensitive material of the curriculum. The board requested to see the health/sex ed curriculum to gain an understanding of exactly what is being taught to the students. Jamie Rumford noted that the message he is receiving from parents concerned about the health and sex education curriculum is, "try harder." Stephen Kucharik requested the board see the ACT results when they are made available to the district. No information has been sent out yet regarding graduation, but plans are to go back to the school's traditional graduation format.

Superintendent Rumford reported on the following:

ESSR II Funding Criteria – Jamie Rumford has been appointed to the Committee established to oversee the use of funds.

Reopening Plan – The district will move toward less restrictive measures. To date, 16.5 percent of staff had Covid-19 and 40 percent of staff have been vaccinated.

KSHAA Recommendations – Jamie Rumford has written a letter to KSHAA requesting local control of the recommendations made for sporting events/attendance. Jamie will send out the guidelines for spring sports.

Technology Update – Chromebooks are still being evaluated by students. ESSR funds would be available to use for the purchase of Chromebooks for the students.

Vision Committee – Katie Eisenhour is forming a task force to help explore topics of housing, daycare and family entertainment in our community. If tax relief is granted for new projects in the community, the school district would not lose tax dollars but would not benefit from them either until the relief period has expired.

Business Office Renovation – The renovation work in the district office is complete.

Chief of Police, David Post, will be in attendance next board meeting to discuss adding an SRO position to the district.

Financial Report, Bills Payable and Bond Financials

The district has received reimbursement from the various vendors for the cancelled band trip. Funds will be recorded in the Capital Outlay Fund since the district's auditors advised the reimbursement cannot be put directly into the Contingency Fund. Jamie Rumford noted the district's Midwest bill increased by \$480 over last month. The board asked questions about the Pizza Hut lunch being offered to students. It was noted that Kathy Eaton will review the food service program with the board at the next board meeting. Andrew Trout made a motion to pay the bills as presented – check numbers 41333-41443 in the amount of \$583,057.68 and approve transfers in the amount of \$120,000.00 and the lowest technology bid, option 1, from Wheatland Broadband. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

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

Consent Agenda Items approved were;


- A. **Approval of Previous Minutes** regular board meeting February 15, 2021.

Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

Nothing pulled.

Board Matters

- A. Bond Refinancing – Jamie Rumford recommended the board approve the resolution to refinance a portion of the district's bonds to gain a 2 million dollar savings to the district. Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the bond refinance and approve Resolution No. 03-15-21. Stephen Kucharik seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- B. Summer Weights Proposal – Jamie Rumford recommended the board approve the fee set for students to participate in summer weights. Lynnette Robinson noted that the board decided to charge a fee several years ago so the program would not be cut. Lynnette Robinson made a motion to approve the Summer Weights Program as presented. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



Meeting was recessed for 10 minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non-Elected Personnel

Yanet Contreras 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 sixty (60) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 10:54 p.m. Superintendent Rumford and Principals were included in the session. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 10:54 p.m.

Dr. Shawn Roberts left the meeting at 10:04pm.

Yanet Contreras 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 11:24 p.m. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 11:24 p.m.

Randall Huck and TJ Meyer left the meeting at 11:06pm.

Jana Irvin left the meeting at 11:08pm.

Andrew Trout 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 fifteen (15) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 11:39 p.m. Stephen Kucharik seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 11:39 p.m.

Aaron Dardis left the meeting at 11:30pm.

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 ten (10) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 11:49 p.m. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 11:49 p.m.

Lynnette Robinson left the meeting at 11:50pm.

Stephen Kucharik 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 ten (10) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 12:02 a.m. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 12:02 a.m.

Lynnette Robinson returned to the meeting at 12:02am.

Resignations and Hires

Yanet Contreras made a motion to approve the resignations, hires and reassignments as listed below. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it passed 5 votes in favor and 1 abstaining vote (Lynnette Robinson.)

Resignations:

- Gayle Irwin – Junior Class Sponsor
- Angela Brooks – Junior Class Sponsor
- Suzette Price – National Honor Society Sponsor
- Randall Huck – HS Asst. Principal/Athletic Director (Retirement)
- Kristin Duff – FBLA Sponsor

Hires:

- Lauren Robinson – HS Head Volleyball Coach
- Abigail Ridder – HS Asst. Cross Country Coach
- Bailey Latta – HS JV Softball Coach

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Negotiations

Stephen Kucharik made a motion that the board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations, pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations exception under KOMA for ten (10) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 12:15 a.m. Superintendent Rumford was included in the session. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 12:15 a.m.

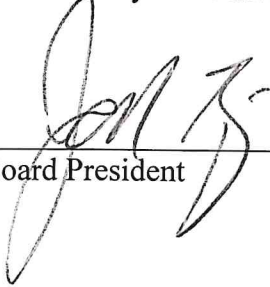
Open Discussion

Stephen Kucharik noted a high school student has been accepted into the Naval Academy.

A play will be held tomorrow night in the high school auditorium.

Adjournment

Yanet Contreras made a motion to adjourn. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 a.m.



Board President



Board Clerk