

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 466, 704 S. College Street, Scott City, Kansas, Monday, November 16, 2020, 7:00 PM.

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The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 2020, 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; Aaron Dardis, TJ Meyer, Dr. Shawn Roberts, Jana Irvin, Randy Huck, Cheryl Kucharik, David Dirks, Allison Railsback, Ansley Grothusen, Shelby Lisenby, Delaney France, Julie Rumford, Stephanie Bailey, Kim Wilkinson, Mindi Edwards, Shylan Beamer, Trevor Fisher, Dr. Stacy Rogers, Teri Turner, Trisha Harkness, Rod Haxton, Editor, and Deneen Wolfe, Board Clerk.

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

### **Presentations**

#### **A. Future Farmers of America – Presentation and Proposal**

Ansley Grothusen, Shelby Lisenby and Delaney France presented some of the happenings in the Scott City FFA Chapter. They shared the possible itineraries for the January FFA Incentive trip that 25 students attending. Allison Railsback highlighted some of the changes taking place in the Vo Ag Department. She shared excitement in getting more students involved in the FFA experience with younger students in our district.

### **Comments From the Public**

Dr. Stacy Rogers spoke on behalf of the numerous parents in attendance to show their support in keep our schools open.

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

Andrew Trout made a motion to adopt the agenda. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Board Representative Reports**

Andrew Trout had nothing new to report from HPEC.

Jon Berning had nothing new to report from NW Tech.

### **Administrative Reports**

Principal Dr. Roberts recognized teachers, Nancy Green and Ashlee Logan, for putting together a virtual Veterans Day for the students. Jessica Dearden held a mock election for student participation. Jessica Berry wrote an article entitled, “Whatever It Takes.” The link will be posted on the school’s Facebook page. With mild temperatures, teachers have been using the furniture purchased for the outdoor classroom.

TJ Meyer reported on the start of winter sports along with a number of schedule changes due to cancellations from other schools. A C-Team coach will be added to work with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball. KSHAA considerations for wrestling will continue to be discussed as our district maneuvers through this tough time. TJ reported on some vandalism that happened in the new bathroom at the middle school and steps administration is taking to find those responsible.

Principal Irvin reported an increase in enrollment numbers; half due to homeschooled students returning. The ineligibility list of students has grown due to incomplete assignments from students choosing to remain home over modified quarantine in the school. Staff will continue to make efforts to help these students get caught up. Reality U will be postponed until the Spring. Jana reported on a number of fundraisers held in the middle school to give back to the community. Some students have been issued Chromebooks to give feedback to the district on using Chromebooks versus iPads.

Randy Huck reported on changes in teams and scheduling to the Clarion Classic. Coach evaluations have been completed and winter practices have begun. A C-Team will be created for girls basketball to start the season. The boys basketball will also have a C-Team. He is seeing a slight drop in the number of students participating in wrestling this year. Scholars Bowl is off to a great start.

*Jon Berning left the meeting at 7:46pm*

*Jon Berning returned to the meeting at 7:49pm*

Principal Dardis reported increases in ineligibility. The practice ACT was administered to Freshman students. The musical will hold a dress rehearsal, two performances and feature a live stream; 130 have purchased the live stream. School pictures were taken last month. Traditionally, Seniors have taken a nontraditional photo with Lifetouch because they supply the school with a Senior picture that is published in the yearbook. He reported that lower classmen have joined in this fun but this may have to be curtailed in the future due to concerns voiced by the photography company. The board questioned why the high school is seeing an increase in ineligibility of students. Discussion was heard on the reasons the district is experiencing these increases in the middle and high schools.

Superintendent Rumford reported on the following:

- Remote Learning – impacting the ineligibility lists in the schools.
- Air Quality – SPARK funds were approved. Trane assessed the high school and will create a plan to present to the district.
- KESA – the district will pause on the accreditation process this year due to the other challenges faced with Covid-19.
- Projects – recommends proceeding with the purchase of millings to cover the area where the house was demolished and convert to parking for district vehicles. Advised the board on purchasing adjustable tables for teachers in the middle school and a sound system in the commons area of the middle school. Exterior lights at the basketball courts are on the list to have timers installed. Middle school stage area is needing doors on the storage areas to be complete.
- American Ed Week – invites board members to help deliver a gift to each staff member of the district.

*TJ Meyer left the meeting at 8:08pm*



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

Jamie reported on the amount of CARES and SPARK funds the district has left. SPARK funds must be used by 12/31/2020, CARES by September 2021. Staff has requested the purchase of additional masks. Payment on the bond project to finish the middle school gym floor will be paid out of bond project funds. Discussion was heard on various invoices. Scott Noll made a motion to pay the bills as presented – check numbers 40897-41029 in the amount of \$895,439.33 and approve transfers in the amount of \$248,000.00. Lynette Robinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

*TJ Meyer returned to the meeting at 8:13pm*

### **Consent Agenda**

Lynette Robinson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda of the corrected minutes from October 12, 2020 as presented at the meeting and the minutes from November 5, 2020 presented in the board packet. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items approved were;

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

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

Nothing pulled.

### **Board Matters**

#### **A. Reopening Plan Tier 1.5 –**

The board discussed adding Tier 1.5 to the Continuous Learning Plan that would require masks to be worn in the district. Adding this change would allow the district to implement required masks. Currently, there are 15 reported cases of Covid among staff and students in our district. A lengthy discussion was heard on masks. Discussion was also heard on the movement through the tiers by adding Tier 1.5. Andrew Trout made a motion to add Tier 1.5 and implement it in the district through Tuesday, November 24, and go back to Tier 1 after the Thanksgiving Break. Yanet Contreras seconded the motions and it passed by 4 votes yes and 3 votes no (Jon Berning, Scott Noll and Julia Cheney.)

*Meeting was recessed for 10 minutes.*

*Dr. Shawn Roberts and Jana Irvin left at 9:12pm.*

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Matters Affecting Students**

Julia Cheney made a motion that the board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to matters affecting students, pursuant to exception under KOMA for fifteen (15) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 9:37 p.m. Superintendent Rumford, Aaron Dardis, Randy Huck and TJ Meyer were included in the session. Lynette Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 9:37 p.m.

Yanet Contreras made a motion that the board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to matters affecting students, pursuant to exception under KOMA for fifteen (15) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 9:52 p.m. Superintendent Rumford, Aaron Dardis, Randy Huck and TJ Meyer were included in the session. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 9:52 p.m.

Julia Cheney made a motion to approve the graduation requirement adjustment, Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

*TJ Meyer left the meeting at 9:48pm.  
Randy Huck left the meeting at 9:52pm.*

**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 10:38 p.m. Superintendent Rumford and Aaron Dardis were included in the session. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 10:38 p.m.

*Aaron Dardis left the meeting at 10:38pm.*

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 11:08 p.m. Superintendent Rumford was included in the session. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 11:08 p.m.

**Approve Hires**

Yanet Contreras made a motion to approve the hires as listed below. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Resignations:** Sandra Bradford – Cook  
Alex Fox – HS Cross Country Asst. Coach  
Shelby Kite – HS Head Volleyball Coach

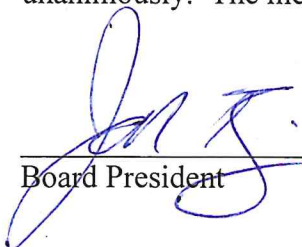
**Hires:** Christian Martinez – Sub Cook  
Lauren Robinson – MS Girls C-Team Basketball  
Jayden Patterson – Cook (Reassignment from Sub Cook)

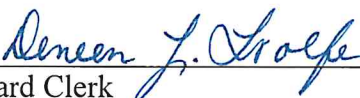
**Open Discussion by Board**

Board discussed the Strategic Plan.

**Adjournment**

Yanet Contreras made a motion to adjourn. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:14 p.m.

  
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Board President

  
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Board Clerk