

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 466, 704 S. College Street, Scott City, Kansas, Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building at 704 S. College Street, Scott City, KS 67871, with the following present:

Jon Berning, Lynnette Robinson, Andrew Trout, Stephen Kucharik.
Yanet Contreras arrived at 7:05pm.

Jamie Rumford, Superintendent; Randy Huck, TJ Meyer, Brad McCormick, Jana Irvin, Shawn Roberts, Adam Kadavy, and Deneen Wolfe, Board Clerk. Cheryl Kucharik arrived at 7:03pm.

President Berning called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Presentations – Cheryl Kucharik & Kendra Stoppel

Kendra Stoppel spoke to the board about aligning grade cards in the district. Teachers viewed sample standard grade cards and discussed what they liked about different ones. Kendra shared that a parent guide was developed to help parents understand the grade card better. Changing may take more time for teachers to evaluate and complete but the results can be used to help guide the teachers' teaching. Next, teachers will be meeting with grade level teams to discuss how to assess each area on the grade card. PE/Art will also be added to the new grade card design. The project of designing a new grade card has taken a few years in the development process and will be implemented next school year. The grade card concept is new for kinder prep and preschool levels.

Cheryl Kucharik talked about meeting with all the teachers to hear their goals and to discuss aligning all grade levels and get teacher input about what changes and ideas the district could make. Cheryl shared she is reviewing curriculum to make sure we are meeting our students' needs. Teachers have enjoyed meeting with the other teachers to see how things work at the other grade levels. The number of CTE's offered this year is 9. The goal is to add 9 more next year to offer 18 different pathways for CTE certification.

Motion to Approve the Agenda

Lynnette Robinson made a motion to adopt the agenda. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Comments from the Public

No Comments

Board Representative Reports

Andrew Trout reported High Plains is currently negotiating contracts and working to get starting salaries for teachers to 40,000. He shared that they are experiencing some staffing difficulties.

Jon Berning shared Northwest Tech held their annual fundraising event.

Administrative Reports

Shawn Roberts informed the board about the early childhood projects. She shared that state standards are high for kindergarten. The district used additional testing to collect data to pass on to early childhood to better inform parents to ready their child/children for kindergarten.

TJ Meyer reported the middle school boys basketball is wrapped up and they had 118 students come to the track meeting and 13 students for the tennis meeting.

Brad arrived to the meeting at 7:24pm

Jana Irvin reported an increase in 8th grade students; now with 91 students, it is the largest grade in the district. Grades 6th – 8th IPS groups have adopted younger grades to help as an outreach project. The 3rd – 5th grade teachers would like to do something similar to mirror the IPS and continue with the Seven Mindsets.

Brad McCormick shared that junior and senior students would like to bring underclassman dates to the prom. Discussion was heard on the district's prom traditions. Brad will open up the petition to the junior and senior students and report his findings to the board at the next monthly meeting.

Randy Huck informed the board on the timeline and accommodations for the girls state basketball. Randy met with the spring sports coaches and encouraged them to bring students from each sport to beginning developing leadership skills. He also shared that some of the state banners and trophies will be moved over to the middle school.

Superintendent Rumford reported that KSDE is currently funding special education at 72%. The surplus of fund will bring up to 75% funded. Bond and Interest state aid could possibly be coming back. Currently, there is no state aid on bonds after 2015. 9% state aid could be 100 to 150 thousand to our district, allowing us to lower the mills needed to fund our bond payments. The district will need to surplus old teacher desks. Jamie advised the board of the need for a special meeting on March 23rd to approve the renovation of the old middle school gym and review bond refinance information from Piper Sandler & Co. In April, he will present the Essdack resolution for the change of our 403B provider, the KSDE audit and the proposals for the sprinkler system. Jamie is recommending the district close school on Friday for girl's state basketball.

Financial Report, Bills Payable and Bond Financials

Andrew Trout made a motion to pay the bills as presented – check numbers 39894 - 40011 for \$548,820.05, and to pay the Bond Financials for \$37,200.00 and to approve the transfers in the amount of \$5,750.88. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed by 4 affirmative votes and Lynnette Robinson abstaining.

Consent Agenda

Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Stephen Kucharik seconded the motion passed with 4 affirmative votes and Lynnette Robinson abstaining.

Consent Agenda Items approved were;

- A. Approval of Previous Minutes
- B. Administrative Contracts
- C. Driver's Ed Proposal
- D. Summer Weights Proposal

Board Matters

- A. Standards-Based Grade Card Approval – Superintendent Rumford recommends the board approve the grade cards. Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the grade cards as presented; Lynette Robinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- B. Course Change Approval – Principal McCormick will be visiting schools to view models to see what is working in their districts and get staff input to add CTE's in the high school. Superintendent Rumford is recommending the four course changes. Cheryl Kucharik and Suzette Price spoke with other educators to find out how their districts can offer so many pathways. Our district needs to align the CTE with the teacher that is certified to teach the area of instruction for students to receive correct credit. Students are taking the courses but only receiving partial credit. Our district will be seeking out local resources to help offer more pathways to the students. Stephen Kucharik made a motion to approve the course changes as recommended. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- C. Job Descriptions – Jamie recommend approval of the job descriptions to the board. Lynnette Robinson made a motion to approve the job descriptions as presented. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- D. Project Discussion – Principal Irvin shared the designs from Athco for the playground at the middle school. A community member wants to help add an additional basketball court to increase student play. The district will request bids for the concrete work. These improvements are scheduled to be completed over the summer. Landscaping and over seeding is planned for around the tennis courts. The district will look at options to add a storage shed near the tennis courts. Hutton Construction will do additional work to the pull off parking area at the middle school because water is not draining properly. No action was taken.
- E. Board Resignation – A plaque has been ordered for Chris Price to commemorate his years of service as a board member in our district. Andrew Trout made a motion to accept the resignation of Chris Price. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion with regrets and it passed with 4 affirmative votes and 1 negative vote from Jon Berning.

A ten minute recess was called at 9:00pm.

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 forty-five (45) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 9:55 p.m. and Superintendent Rumford and Principals were included in the session. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 9:55 p.m.

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 forty (40) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 10:35 p.m. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 10:35 p.m.

Shawn Roberts and Randy Huck left the meeting at 10:17pm.

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 ten (10) minutes more with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 10:45 p.m. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 10:45p.m.

Jana Irvin, TJ Meyer, and Brad McCormick left the meeting at 10:38pm.

Approve Resignations/Hires

Lynnette Robinson made a motion to approve the resignations and hires as listed below. Stephen Kucharik seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Resignations: Dale Jessup – HS Vo Ag Teacher
Amy Herman – SCMS Cheer Coach
Dwayne Meireis – HS Custodian

Hires: Corbin Janssen – MS Science
Joey Meyer – 5th Grade

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Negotiations

Andrew Trout 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 fifteen (15) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 10:08 p.m. Superintendent Rumford was included in the session. Stephen Kucharik seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 11:03 p.m. No action taken.

Open Discussion by Board

Discussion was heard on cancelling the band trip to California because of the Corona Virus pandemic. Discussion was heard about the position our district will be in if a state of emergency would be declared that closes down our schools.

Adjournment

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



Board President

Board Clerk