

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 466, 704 S. College Street, Scott City, Kansas, Monday, April 12, 2021, 7:00 PM.

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The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 7:00pm at the Administration Building in the 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, Julia Cheney and Scott Noll.

Others present were Jamie Rumford, Superintendent; Dr. Shawn Roberts, Aaron Dardis, TJ Meyer, Jana Irvin, Randy Huck, Cheryl Kucharik, David Post, Chief of Police; Paul Kasselmann, Anya Kasselmann, Adam Kadavy, Ruth Dunn, Travis Herbelin, Paul Cramer, LeeAnn Cramer, Scott Holt, Taulee Grothusen, Sara Wiechman, Jeannette Raynes, Mindi Edwards, Lauren Nichols, Julie Rumford, Kari Talbert, Trisha Harkness, Rod Haxton, Editor; and Deneen Wolfe, Board Clerk.

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

Presentations

Chief of Police, David Post, spoke to the board about the benefits of adding a School Resource Officer, SRO, to our district. The board viewed a slide presentation of the key elements of the SRO program, qualifications and an overview of the goals of an SRO. Grant opportunities may be available to help fund the SRO for our district.

Motion to Approve the Agenda

Lynnette Robinson made a motion to amend and adopt the agenda to add an Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Comments From the Public

Anya Kasselmann thanked the board for taking the time to review the health curriculum and consider parents' concerns. She voiced concern for the chaos our nation is in and how that is impacting students in our district.

Sara Wiechman asked the board what our district's policy is on homeschool children participating in student events in our district. The Beaver Backers are hosting a Father/Daughter dance this weekend that she received an invitation to attend, but was told today that they would not be able to because her children are not enrolled in our district.

Janette Raynes spoke to the board with concerns about the instrumental music education in our district. She asked to board to consider reducing the teacher/student ration to allow time for individual instruction.

Travis Herbelin spoke to the board about the character of students and how past board and district decisions play into the character of its students.

- The Back Tax Resolution did not get published in the paper last year when the board approved it, so it will be published this month.
- Walking track hours will start summer hours again.
- Noon board meeting on April 26th at the middle school.
- Activity Bus Temporary Lease – the district will lease an activity bus for 1 or 2 months until repairs are completed on the district’s activity bus; cost \$500 deposit, \$3,500 per month.

Financial Report, Bills Payable and Bond Financials

Jamie Rumford advised the board of the district’s substantial increased cost in heating utilities because of the extreme low temperatures. KASB has planned to begin a lawsuit against the price gauging of these utilities. The cost for our district to join would be \$400.00; deadline to join is May 11, 2021. Andrew Trout made a motion to pay the bills as presented – check numbers 41444-41569 in the amount of \$583,057.68, Bond Requisition in the amount of \$1,200.00 and approve transfers in the amount of \$659,127.56. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

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

Consent Agenda Items approved were;

- A. **Approval of Previous Minutes** regular board meeting March 8, 2021 and special board meeting March 12, 2021.

Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

Nothing pulled.


Board Matters

- A. Health Education Curriculum and Instruction Approval – Discussion was heard on the implementation of the health curriculum in the district. The district will proceed with a letter to parents to opt-out of the curriculum and will separate male and female students during instruction of curriculum. Gender identity will not be taught in the high school this year; middle school does not teach on gender topics in health curriculum. Lynnette Robinson made a motion to approve the presented health curriculum with an opt-out option for parents, classes to be split by male/female for instruction and the exclusion of gender identity. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Stephen Kucharik left the meeting at 9:02pm

- B. KSDE Audit – Jamie Rumford reviewed the KSDE Audit with the board and recommended approval. Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the Summer Weights Program as presented. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by the six board members present for the vote.

Stephen Kucharik returned to the meeting at 9:06pm

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- C. Hazard Mitigation Resolution 04-08-2021 – Jamie Rumford reviewed the resolution Tim Stoecklein presented to him. Jamie noted it would take a couple months to make any changes to the resolution. Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Resolution 04-08-2021 as presented. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - D. ESSER Funding Use Discussion – Jamie Rumford reviewed the funds our district has received. Our district will be offering the Jumpstart Program for students again this year in August before school starts. ESSER funds must be spent by year 2023.
 - E. Capital Outlay Plan – Jamie Rumford reviewed the layout of items and the priority in the district. Shane Faurot will have bids for the roof work and track at the next board meeting. Jana Irvin will begin getting bids for student desks. Jamie reviewed a proposal from CoachMasters for a new 56 passenger activity bus. Jamie also advised the board that he has consulted with Dustin Avey to review the items that may be covered by the remaining bond funds.
 - F. Technology Purchase Discussion – David Dirks will be present at the April 26th meeting to speak to the board about the Chromebooks.

Meeting will recess for a 12 minute break.

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 10:40 p.m. 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 10:40 p.m.

Lynette 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 11:10 p.m. Superintendent Rumford and Principals were included in the session. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 11:10 p.m.

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 thirty (30) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 11:40 p.m. Superintendent Rumford and Principals were included in the session. Stephen Kucharik seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 11:40 p.m.

Principals left the meeting at 11:31pm.

Lynette 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 twenty (20) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 12:00 a.m.

Superintendent Rumford was included in the session. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 12:00 a.m.

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 thirty (30) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 12:30 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 12:30 a.m.

Resignations and Hires

Yanet Contreras made a motion to approve the resignations, hires and reassignments as listed below. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Resignations:

Bailey Latta – Head 8th grade Volleyball Coach
Aaron Dirks – HS Social Studies, HS Head Wrestling Coach, HS Asst. Girls Golf Coach, HS Asst. Track Coach
Susan Hull – Cook (Retirement)
TJ Meyer – MS Asst. Principal, Athletic Director
Karen Pounds – HS Girls Asst. Tennis Coach

Hires:

Emily Deterding – MS ELA Teacher, HS Asst. Volleyball Coach
Aaron Dirks – HS Asst. Principal/Athletic Director
Ashlyn Parks – 3rd Grade Teacher
Andrew Helfrich – HS Social Studies
Dakota Hayes – HS Head Wrestling Coach
Aaron Dirks – HS Asst. Principal/Athletic Director

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Negotiations

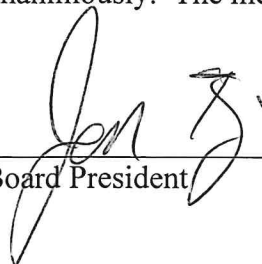
Stephen Kucharik made a motion that the board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations, pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations exception under KOMA for five (5) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 12:40 a.m. Superintendent Rumford was included in the session. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 12:40 a.m.

Open Discussion

Discussion was heard on the upcoming Father/Daughter dance hosted by the Beaver Backers.

Adjournment

Yanet Contreras made a motion to adjourn. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:46 a.m.



Board President



Board Clerk