

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
July 14, 2014  
District Office**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, Terry Powell, and Marty White.

**NOT**

**PRESENT:** Jim Reagan

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Ricci Ziegler, Jason Ziegler, Fred Miller, Kelly Gentry, Kelly McDiffett, Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

2014-15

**BOE PRESIDENT** Marty White (TinaRae Scott) nominated Terry Powell. Ben Kormanik nominated Marty White. Marty declined the nomination. Ben withdrew his nomination. Linda Pretzer (Chad Evans) moved the nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Terry Powell. Motion passed with vote of 6-0.

**CONSENT**

**AGENDA:** TinaRae Scott (Ben Kormanik) moved to approve the consent agenda as amended – 1) removal of action item E – Review of Budget and 2) Addition of Personnel Executive Session and Negotiations Executive Sessions. This included the year end unencumbered cash balances. Motion passed 6-0.

**PATRON**

**FORUM:** Jason Ziegler inquired about the possibility of presenting a fireworks display at the homecoming this fall. He will work with Mr. Conwell to implement this.

**REPORTS:**

Kelly Gentry reported on the dedicated staff are working very hard this summer to implement many new and exciting things for the coming year. Kelly McDiffett reported on the CI3T Pilot Project. Enrollment packets will be mailed out for all students this week. Mr. Conwell told of many activities and projects that are happening in anticipation of the new school year. The meeting to approve the budget for publication will be held on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**VICE**

**PRESIDENT:** Linda Pretzer (Chad Evans) nominated as TinaRae Scott as Vice-President. Marty White (Ben Kormanik) moved the nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. Motion passed 6-0.

HANDBOOKS: Chad Evans (Marty White) moved to approve the classified handbook, transportation handbook, athletics/activities handbook with dual participation for high school students only. Motion passed 6-0.

MONETARY  
DONATION: TinaRae Scott (TinaRae Scott) moved to accept the monetary donation from Farmers and Drovers Bank in the amount of \$ \$66,684.50 for two marque signs at CGHS. Motion passed 6-0.

POLICY: Marty White (Terry Powell) moved to approve KASB recommended policy IDAE as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION  
POLICY The board reviewed the KASB proposed policies. These will be presented for adoption at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

DISCUSSION  
ON-LINE ACTIVITIES  
Of STAFF MEMBERS: The board reviewed policy IIBGC Staff Online Activities

FUTURE REVENUE  
PROJECTIONS: Mr. Conwell shared this information with the board. He also explained the assumptions that were required to put this data together.

REACHING OUT TO OTHER  
SCHOOL DISTRICTS: The board discussed possible options to extend to other districts to participate together.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

- (1) Marty White (TinaRae Scott) moved to go into a 10 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and Kelly McDiffett for personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Motion passed 6-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.  
The Board returned to Open Session at 7:40 p.m.

- (2) TinaRae Scott (Chad Evans) moved to go into a 5 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and Kelly McDiffett for personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Motion passed 6-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.  
The Board returned to Open Session at 7:46 p.m.

- (3) Terry Powell (TinaRae Scott) moved to go into a 3 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell for personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Motion passed 6-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:50 p.m.

- (4) TinaRae Scott (Marty White) moved to go into a 20 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:11 p.m.

- (5) TinaRae Scott (Marty White) moved to go into a 15 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:11 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:27 p.m.

- (6) TinaRae Scott (Marty White) moved to go into a 10 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:27 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:37 p.m.

Short Break

- (7) TinaRae Scott (Marty White) moved to go into a 15 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:55 p.m.

- (8) TinaRae Scott (Marty White) moved to go into a 5 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:56 p.m.  
The Board returned to Open Session at 9:01 p.m.

DATES for

BUDGET: A special meeting to approve the budget for publication will be held on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The budget hearing will be on August 11<sup>th</sup> – the regular August meeting date.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
July 21, 2014  
District Office**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, Terry Powell, Jim Reagan, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Kelly McDiffett, Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

**APPROVAL of BUDGET for**

**PUBLICATION:** Marty White (Jim Reagan) moved to approve the budget as presented for publication. Motion passed 7-0.

**PERSONNEL:** Ben Kormanik (Terry Powell) moved to the following personnel items:

- 1) Accept the resignations of Diana Combs, Cheryl Simonis, Star Veh, and Jim Ehrlich
- 2) Allow for release from contract requests from Tige Stone and Nathan Weigel
- 3) Approve Casey Maransani as CGHS Assistant Principal and Activities Director with a one year contract in the amount of \$60,500 with a full health insurance benefit
- 4) Approve Andrew Gaylor as a physical education teacher at Prairie Heights Schools, and
- 5) Approve Kasey Kinder as CGHS Volleyball Assistant Coach.

Motion passed 7-0.

**POLICY:** Chad Evans (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve KASB recommended policies as follows. Motion passed 7-0.

CA (Goals and Objectives of School Administration)  
CGI (Administrator Evaluation)  
EBB (Safety)  
EDAA (School Vehicles)  
GAA (Goals and Objectives for Staff)  
GAAF (Emergency Safety Interventions)  
GACC (Recruitment and Hiring)  
GAO (Maintaining Proper Control)  
GAOA (Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace)  
GAOB (Drug-Free Schools) For Staff  
GAT (Staff Communication Devices)  
GBQA (Reduction of Teaching Staff)  
IB (School Site Councils)  
ICA (Pilot Projects)

IDACA (Special Education Services)  
IDACB (Section 504 Accommodations For Students)  
IDAD (Title I Program)  
IIBF (Acceptable Use Policy)  
IIBG (Computer and Device Use)  
JDDA (Drug-Free Schools) For Students  
JGCA (Local Wellness Policy)  
JGFGBB (Accommodating Students With Diabetes)  
JGGA (Use of Surveillance Cameras)  
JR (Student Records)  
JRB (Release of Student Records)  
KCA (Protections of Privacy Rights)  
KCB (Custodial and Non-Custodial Parent Rights)  
KG (Facility Use)  
KGDA (Public Conduct on School Property)

Motion passed 7-0.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

- (1) Terry Powell (Ben Kormanik) moved to go into a 30 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:31 p.m.

- (2) Terry Powell (Marty White) moved to go into a 30 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:01 p.m.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Marty White, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
July 28, 2014  
District Office**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, Terry Powell, Jim Reagan, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

**PERSONNEL:**

Jim Reagan (TinaRae Scott) moved to the following personnel items:  
1) Approve Harrison Taylor as a social science teacher at Prairie Heights Schools with supplementals, and  
2) Approve Caitlin Nelso as a teacher's aide.

Motion passed 7-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**

- (1) TinaRae Scott (Marty White) moved to go into a 20 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:31 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:51 p.m.

- (2) TinaRae Scott (Marty White) moved to go into a 15 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:51 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session 6:06 p.m.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
August 4, 2014  
CGHS Auditorium**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, Terry Powell, Jim Reagan, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** See sign in sheet. Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

President Powell called the meeting to order and advised the audience of the process and procedures that will be followed.

Mr. Conwell reported following enrollment there was a decrease of 19 students from the PHES/PHMS area. After follow up from each building – the adjusted enrollment will be estimated as possibly down 5.

Each Board member expressed their view to achieve Goal 1 after their year of studying this issue. The closing of one school in the Prairie Heights area was the solution that each board member felt was needed.

Members of the audience addressed the board starting at 5:50 through 6:16. Their comments were limited to two minutes each.

Jim Reagan (Ben Kormanik) moved to initiate an efficiency study of the sharing of staff between CGMS and CGHS buildings. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board stated that they will take action on Goal 1 at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE



**USD 417 Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
August 11, 2014  
District Office**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, Terry Powell, Jim Reagan, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Kelly McDiffett, Cynthia Schrader, Mike Estes, Casey Maransani, Galen Johnson, Jean Johnson, Kelly Gentry, Lori Mullen, Angela Moore, Senator Tom Moxley, Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell

**BUDGET HEARING:** No comments or questions.

**CONSENT**

**AGENDA:** Marty White (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve the consent agenda as amended Item C – Pay bills only and Item D – Addition of Kasey Kinder as CGES Teacher’s Aide. Motion passed 7-0.

**PATRON**

**FORUM:** Angela Moore requested opening day enrollment figures. This will happen after the first week of school. Galen Johnson inquired about discontinuing the after school sports bus instead of eliminating a school. Senator Tom Moxley discussed Kansas budgeting and other current activities.

**REPORTS:** The USD 417 Administrative Team reported on recent trainings and activities. Back-to-school activities are scheduled for this week. TinaRae reported on meetings she has attended. Meetings regarding the Rose standards are scheduled.

**BUDGET APPROVAL:** TinaRae Scott (Jim Reagan) moved to approve the budget as published. Motion passed 7-0.

**NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT:** Ben Kormanik (Marty White) moved to approve the 2014-15 Negotiated Agreement and the Memorandum of Agreement as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Terry Powell left the room at 7:28 p.m. TinaRae assumed the role of board president.

**CLASSIFIED PAY:** Jim Reagan (Linda Pretzer) moved to approve salary schedule movement with 30 cents on the base for classified employees on the salary schedule. Other classified employees would receive a 3.46% increase. Motion passed 5-1. Chad Evans cast the opposing vote.

Terry Powell returned to the room at 7:31 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE

PAY for 2014-2015: Marty White (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve a 3.46 % salary increase for Kelly McDiffett, Mike Estes, Cynthia Schrader, Kelly Gentry, and Heather Honas. Motion passed 6-1. Chad Evans cast the opposing vote.

Superintendent will not receive any pay increase for 2014-15 school year.

BOE GOAL

RETREAT: This will be on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

BOE WORK

SESSION SCHEDULE: Terry Powell (TinaRae Scott) moved to reschedule the BOE Work Sessions the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday week of January and June at 6:00 p.m. and to eliminate all those that were previously set.

Next meeting is September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
September 8, 2014  
CGHS Auditorium**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, Terry Powell, Jim Reagan, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** See sign in sheet. Kelly McDiffett, Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

**AMENDED CONSENT**

**AGENDA:**

Marty White (Ben Kormanik) moved to approve the consent agenda as amended Item D – Additional resignation of Kasey Kinder as CGES Teacher’s Aide; hiring of Elizabeth Zimmerman as CGES Teacher’s Aide. Item E – Additional contributions – Rex and Regina Johnson \$100 for books in memory of their daughter; \$100 from Presbyterian Women’s Group for After School Program, \$115 from Enhancement Fund for transportation for PHES to McCain production; and \$300 to PHts schools. Motion passed 7-0.

**PATRON**

**FORUM:** Angela Moore, Peggy Dettmer, and Deb Andres addressed the board regarding the closing of a Prairie Heights School.

**SPOTLIGHT on**

**EDUCATION:** Kelly McDiffett and Kelly Gentry presented information on the Connect with Kids Program.

**REPORTS:**

Administrators reported on activities in the district. Included in this is the honoring of Krista Wilson as regional finalist in the KTOY Region 1.

**GOAL 1 DISCUSSION:** Mr. Conwell began the discussion on BOE Goal 1. The board discussed Goal 1 at length.

Jim Regan (Chad Evans) moved to use the September 29<sup>th</sup> work session to resolve this issue with Goal 1 with an official vote on the matter to be held at the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion failed 2-5. Casting the opposing votes were Marty White, TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Terry Powell, and Ben Kormanik.

**EVALUATION**

**INSTRUMENTS:** Scott (Linda Pretzer) moved to approve the evaluation instruments for counselor, social worker, librarian, ESOL position. Motion passed 7-0.

ACTION ON  
BOE GOAL 1:

TinaRae Scott (Marty White) moved to close one Prairie Heights building effective for the 2015-2016 school year, with the configuration, the efficiencies, the staffing and all other necessary issues associated with this decision to be finalized by no later than January 30, 2015. Motion passed 4-3. Casting the opposing votes were Jim Reagan, Chad Evans, and Ben Kormanik.

TinaRae Scott (Marty White) moved to hold the September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting to the CGHS Auditorium for further discussion on this subject. Motion passed 7-0.

Next meeting is September 29<sup>th</sup>. The next regular meeting will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
September 29, 2014  
CGHS Auditorium**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, Terry Powell, Jim Reagan, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** See sign in sheet. Kelly McDiffett, Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

Mr. Conwell explained the legal process that is required to close a school.

**RESCIND**

**MOTION:**

TinaRae Scott (Jim Reagan) stated, "per K.S.A. 72-8213b, I move to rescind my motion made on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 that stated: that we close one Prairie Heights building effective the 2015-2016 school year with the configuration, the efficiencies, the staffing and all other necessary issues associated with this decision to be finalized by no later than January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015." Motion passed 7-0.

**ACTION ON**

**BOE GOAL 1:**

Discussion. The Board plans to visit both Prairie Heights schools prior to the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to help form an opinion regarding the resolution to close a school.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
October 8, 2014  
PHES/PHMS - 5:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Terry Powell, Jim Reagan, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Pam Ackley, Mike Gentry, Cynthia Schrader Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

President Terry Powell called the meeting to order.

The Board toured Prairie Heights Elementary School and Prairie Heights Middle School.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
October 13, 2014  
CGHS Auditorium**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, Terry Powell, Jim Reagan, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** See sign in sheet. Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

**AMENDED CONSENT**

**AGENDA:**

Marty White (Ben Kormanik) moved to approve the consent agenda as amended with addition of consent calendar items – Bob Frye as temporary aide and donation of signage for football field. Motion passed 7-0.

**PATRON**

**FORUM:** Fred Miller, Galen Johnson, Deb Andres, and Angela Moore spoke to the Board.

**SPOTLIGHT on**

**EDUCATION:** Kelly McDiffett and Kelly Gentry presented information on ACT scoring.

**REPORTS:** Administrators reported on activities in the district including Parent Teacher Conferences which will be held this week.

President Terry Powell presented Linda Pretzer a KASB Leadership Certificate.

**SEPTEMBER**

**COUNT DAY:** Mr. Conwell presented information on the recent count day and the funding implications.

**JBCA Homeless**

**STUDENTS** Discussion of KASB recommended policy JBCA.

**DISCUSSION of**

**PRAIRIE HEIGHTS**

**SCHOOLS:** The board discussed which school to close and the grade configuration of the school.

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Ben Kormanik (Chad Evans) moved to appoint TinaRae Scott and Linda Pretzer to the health insurance committee. Motion passed 7-0.

## KASB ANNUAL CONVENTION

### DELEGATE:

Chad Evans (Jim Regan) moved to approve TinaRae Scott as the USD 417 Delegate to the KASB Annual Conference. Motion passed 7-0.

**MOTION TO CLOSE SCHOOL:** TinaRae Scott (Linda Pretzer) moved, "I move the following proposal: to close the Prairie Heights Elementary School located in Dwight, Kansas and to have the students in grades K-6 attend the building currently identified as the Prairie Heights Middle School located in Alta Vista, KS; and the students at Alta Vista in grades 7 and 8 attending Prairie Heights Middle School to attend the Council Grove Middle School, located in Council Grove, KS, for the 2015-2016 school year." Motion passed 4-3 with Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, and Jim Reagan casting the dissenting votes.

**MOTION TO PUBLISH:** Marty White (TinaRae Scott) moved, **pursuant to K.S.A. 72-8213b, a hearing** to be held at Council Grove High School Auditorium at **6:00 pm on November 3, 2014** regarding the closing of the Prairie Heights Elementary School located in Dwight, Kansas and to have the students in grades K-6 attend the building currently identified as the Prairie Heights Middle School located in Alta Vista, KS; and the students at Alta Vista in grades 7 and 8 attending Prairie Heights Middle School to attend the Council Grove Middle School, located in Council Grove, KS, for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion passed 5-2 with Chad Evans and Jim Reagan casting the opposing votes.

### EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

- (1) Marty White (Ben Kormanik) moved to go into a 5 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 7-0

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE



**USD 417 Board of Education  
Public Hearing  
November 3, 2014  
CGHS Auditorium**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, Terry Powell, Jim Reagan, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** See sign in sheet. Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

President Terry Powell called the hearing to order.

Sarah Loquist, KASB Attorney was the moderator for the hearing. She explained the time allotments and ground rules.

Doug Conwell presented a statement of the proposed plans.

Persons speaking to the board were as follows:

Deb Brown

Angela Moore

Russell Moore

Deb Andres

Galen Johnson

Amy Moore

Steve Shepard

Becky Glessner

Jennifer Rose

Terry Powell adjourned the hearing.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
November 6, 2014  
District Office**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, Terry Powell, Jim Reagan, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

President Terry Powell called the meeting to order.

Board members signed the Waiver of Notice per K.S.A. 72-8205

Marty White (TinaRae Scott) moved to postpone the regular November meeting from the 10<sup>th</sup> to November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Council Grove High School Auditorium

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
November 17, 2014  
CGHS Auditorium 6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, Terry Powell, Jim Reagan, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** See sign in sheet plus Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Terry Powell (TinaRae Scott) moved to go into a 10 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and Sarah Loquist for consultation with an attorney that would be deem privileged in attorney-client relationship in order to protect the attorney-client privilege and the public interest. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:41 p.m.

**MINUTES:**

TinaRae Scott (Ben Kormanik) moved to amend the minutes of the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting under "Motion to Close a School" with the addition of the words I move the following proposal. Motion passed 7-0.  
The motion as corrected would read:

**MOTION TO CLOSE SCHOOL:** TinaRae Scott (Linda Pretzer) moved, "I move the following proposal: to close the Prairie Heights Elementary School located in Dwight, Kansas and to have the students in grades K-6 attend the building currently identified as the Prairie Heights Middle School located in Alta Vista, KS; and the students at Alta Vista in grades 7 and 8 attending Prairie Heights Middle School to attend the Council Grove Middle School, located in Council Grove, KS, for the 2015-2016 school year." Motion passed 4-3 with Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, and Jim Reagan casting the dissenting votes.

**CONSENT**

**AGENDA:** TinaRae Scott (Jim Reagan) moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

**PATRON FORUM:** The following addressed the board:

Cynthia Schrader  
Marie Blythe  
Nancy Furney  
John Cosgrove  
Kristen Johnson  
Deb Andres

Curtis Nichols  
Deb Andres

REPORTS: All administrators reported. Mr. Conwell spoke about the KJUMP program that should save our district in natural gas costs.

#### SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

MODEL for KANSAS: Kelly Gentry presented information on this.

#### Review of the STATE

BUDGET: Mr. Conwell presented the information on the state budget.

#### SUPT SUMMARY REPORT on

#### POSSIBLE SCHOOL CLOSINGS &

RECONFIGURATION: Mr. Conwell presented the information.

#### RESOLUTION to CLOSE

#### PRAIRIE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

TinaRae Scott (Marty White) moved to table the two action items until the December 8<sup>th</sup> board of education meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Marty White (TinaRae Scott) moved to go into a 20 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell for personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:31 p.m.

Kelly McDiffett left the session at 8:38 p.m.

Mike Estes entered the session at 8:38 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:51 p.m.

Marty White rescinded her motion. TinaRae Scott rescinded her second.

Marty White (TinaRae Scott) moved to go into a 20 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and others if called for personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Motion passed 7-0.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Regular Meeting will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
December 8, 2014  
CGES Lunchroom 6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, Terry Powell, Jim Reagan, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** See sign in sheet, Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

**CONSENT**

**CALENDAR;** Jim Reagan (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve the consent calendar.  
Motion passed 7-0

**SPOTLIGHT**

**On EDUCATION:** Marita Bachura, Taylor Green, and Janet Holden presented information on the recent "Focus on your Future Day" at CGHS.

**REPORTS:** All administrators reported. TinaRae Scott attended the KASB Convention this past weekend. Mr. Conwell read a statement about a series of events that involved a possible donation to the district. A grant for the purchase of a new bus is being pursued.

**REPORT on CGES**

**PLAYGROUND AUDIT:** Mike Estes presented information regarding the playground audit and current responses to the identified areas. Many identified issues involved the surfacing materials.

**CG AREA FOUNDATION**

**GRANT AWARD & DISTRICT TECH AUDIT:**

The Council Grove Area Foundation has provided \$4,000 to be utilized for a District Technology Audit. Mike Estes presented the information on some of the components involved in this audit.

**POLICY GBA COMPENSATION AND CONTRACTS**

Recent negotiations have made it necessary to align this policy with the negotiated agreement. This will be for approval next month.

**CITY LAKE TAX**

**ISSUE REPORT:** Mr. Conwell reported on the city lake issue and the possible impact on USD 417 funding.

**ATHLETIC HANDBOOK:** Ben Kormanik (Chad Evans) moved to approve the additional wording to not hold practices on Saturdays or Sundays. Motion passed 6-1. Linda Pretzer opposed.

## RESOLUTION

TO CLOSE PHES: TinaRae Scott (Linda Pretzer) moved to approve the Resolution for Closing School Building or Buildings. Motion passed 5-2. Jim Reagan and Chad Evans opposed.

Ben Kormanik (Jim Reagan) moved grades K-4 attend PHMS in Alta Vista with grades 7-8 remaining at PHMS for the 2015-2016 school year until the 7-12 study is completed. Motion passed 6-1. Chad Evans opposed.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Marty White (TinaRae Scott) moved to go into a 30 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and others if called for personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

Kelly McDiffett entered the session at 8:15 p.m.

Kelly McDiffett left the session at 8:29 p.m.

Mr. Conwell left the session at 8:31 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:35 p.m.

Terry Powell (Ben Kormanik) moved to go into a 10 minute executive session for personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Regular Meeting will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
January 12, 2015  
District Office 6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, Jim Reagan, and Marty White.

**NOT PRESENT:** Terry Powell

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Amy Allen, Galen Johnson, Casey Maransani, Kelly McDiffett, Mike Estes, Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

Vice President TinaRae Scott called the meeting to order.

**CONSENT**

**CALENDAR;** Marty White (Jim Reagan) moved to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed 6-0

**REPORTS:** The administrators reported. Mr. Conwell thanked the members for their service. He presented a brief review of the 7-12 committee progress. Linda Pretzer reminded the members that the filing deadline is January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**FINANCIAL**

**AUDIT:** Amy Allen presented the 2013-14 Financial Audit report. Marty White (Ben Kormanik) moved to accept the audit. Motion passed 6-0.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER for  
9 month EMPLOYEES:**

Ben Kormanik (Jim Reagan) moved to allow 9 month employees to cover lost wages due to school not being in session due to inclement weather by using available sick leave retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion passed 6-0.

**POLICY GBA COMPENSATION AND CONTRACTS**

Chad Evans (Linda Pretzer) moved to approve policy GBA Compensation and Contracts as presented. Motion passed 6-0

**WORK SESSION**

**DATE:** Chad Evans (Jim Reagan) moved to cancel the January work session. Motion passed 6-0.

**POLICIES**

The Board discussed and amended several policies for approval at the February board meeting.

CAPITOL

OUTLAY REPORT: Mr. Conwell reported on several capitol outlay projects. The Board discussed several of the projects that were listed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Jim Reagan (Ben Kormanik) moved to go into a 20 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and others if called for personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Motion passed 6-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:00 p.m.

TinaRae Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Regular Meeting will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE



**USD 417 Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
February 9, 2015  
District Office 6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Terry Powell, TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, Jim Reagan, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

President Terry Powell called the meeting to order.

**CONSENT**

**CALENDAR:** Jim Reagan (Marty White) moved to approve the amended consent calendar. Motion passed 6-0

**SPOTLIGHT on  
EDUCATION:**

President Terry Powell presented a plaque to TinaRae Scott for her completion of the KASB Leadership for Tomorrow Program.

**REPORTS:**

The administrators reported. Kelly Gentry reported on MTSS final evaluation report and the Evaluation Process.

Ben Kormanik arrived at 6:45 p.m.

**POLICY**

**ADOPTION:** TinaRae Scott (Ben Kormanik) moved to accept the following policies as presented.

CEA Superintendent Qualifications  
CEC Superintendent Recruitment  
EBBA Hazardous Waste Inspection and Disposal  
GAOE Workers Compensation  
GARA Blood borne Pathogen  
GAT Staff Use of Communication Devices  
JBC Enrollment  
JBD Absences and Excuses  
JCAB Searches of Property  
JDC Probation  
JDD Suspension and Expulsion Procedures

Amendment of Regulation "Protection of Pupil Rights "

Motion passed 7-0.

2015-2016

CALENDAR: Ben Kormanik (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve the 2015-2016 school calendar as presented.  
Motion passed 7-0.

#### RESOLUTION CONCERNING

BOE ELECTIONS: Marty White (Jim Reagan) moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

#### FHSEC BUDGET

Information: Mr. Conwell and Angela Harris shared information on the Flint Hills Special Education Budget.

#### LEAGUE

AFFILIATION: Kelly McDiffett told the board about the Flint Hills league status. Herington will be leaving next school year. Council Grove was invited to attend a meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> of the Mid-East League. No invitation has been extended. Current schools in this league are Alma-Wabaunsee, Riley County, Rossville, Silver Lake, St. George/Rock Creek, and St. Mary's.

#### HEALTH INSURANCE

REPORT: Mr. Conwell reported on the insurance committee meeting progress.

#### STATE

FINANCE: Mr. Conwell reported.

#### 7-12 CONFIGURATION

UPDATE: Mr. Conwell updated the board with the work that the committee has done. They have surveyed teachers, parents, and students. Committee members visited other 7-12 schools in the area. Concerns have been discussed. A group has been meeting concerning scheduling and possible staffing efficiencies.

#### WORK SESSION

DATE: The Board will have a work sessions on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

TinaRae Scott (Marty White) moved to go into a 20 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and others if called for personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT

CONTRACT: Jim Reagan (Marty White) moved to offer Doug Conwell a 11 ½ month contract as superintendent of school beginning July 1, 2015. Motion passed 7-0

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
March 6, 2015  
District Office**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Chad Evans, Terry Powell, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Shery Abshire, Ed Freeman, Doug Conwell, and Cindy Jackson.

President Terry Powell called the meeting to order.

Board members signed the Waiver of Notice per K.S.A. 72-8205

Discussion on technology audit

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Cindy Jackson, Deputy Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
March 9, 2015  
District Office 6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Terry Powell, TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, Jim Reagan, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Angela Harris, Kristen Gant, Cynthia Schrader, Doris Morgan, Darrel Miller, Galen Johnson, Ryan Becker, Jean Johnson, Betty Morgan, Chad Henton, Kelly McDiffett, Crystal Brabb, Marie Blythe, Sheryl Crooks, Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

President Terry Powell called the meeting to order.

**CONSENT**

**CALENDAR:** Jim Reagan (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve the amended consent calendar- addition of State Finance and resignation of Josh Donaldson. Motion passed 7-0.

**REPORTS:** The administrators reported.

**STATE FINANCE FUNDING**

**PROPOSAL:** Mr. Conwell reviewed the scenario as it affects USD 417 with the state finance funding block grant proposal.

**CALENDAR:** Marty White (Jim Reagan) moved to amend the calendar with the last day for students at Prairie Heights schools on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed 7-0.

**TEXTBOOK**

**PURCHASE:** Jim Reagan (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve the 9-12 Math textbook series adoption in an amount not to exceed \$26,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion – Mill Levy update.

Report on district wide ongoing projects including MTSS process, evaluation progress, State Assessments, curriculum, connect with kids, and several others.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Terry Powell (Marty White) moved to go into a 20 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and others if called for consultation with an

attorney that would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship in order to protect the attorney-client privilege and the public interest. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:51 p.m.

Ben Kormanik (TinaRae Scott) moved to go into a 5 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and others if called for consultation with an attorney that would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship in order to protect the attorney-client privilege and the public interest. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:56 p.m.

Terry Powell (Marty White) moved to go into a 20 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and others if called for personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:17 p.m.

Terry Powell (Marty White) moved to go into a 10 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and others if called for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:27 p.m.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
March 12, 2015  
Council Grove High School Auditorium**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**   **Jim Reagan, Linda Pretzer,** TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Chad Evans, Terry Powell, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:**   Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

President Terry Powell called the meeting to order.

Mr. Conwell presented a report from the 7-12 Committee.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
March 23, 2015  
CGHS Auditorium**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Jim Reagan, Ben Kormanik, Linda Pretzer, Chad Evans, Terry Powell, and Marty White.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** See list. Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

President Terry Powell called the meeting to order.

**CONSENT:** Jim Reagan (Linda Pretzer) moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion passed 7-0. This included the resignation of Jeremy Harmison and Lee Weber and the hiring of Kent Gant and Tina McIver.

**FINANCE REPORT:** A report on finances was presented by Mr. Conwell. There was discussion on possible options to be considered regarding the finance outlook.

**7-12 CONFIGURATION:** Discussion

TinaRae Scott (Linda Pretzer) moved to go ahead with the proposed 7-12 configuration at CGHS for the 2015-16 school year and to authorize Mr. Conwell to proceed with necessary actions to move forward on this. Motion passed 7-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Terry Powell (Marty White) moved to go into a 10 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell for the purpose of discussing matters relating to employer-employee negotiations in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 7-0.

(The Board went into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.)

(The Board returned to Open Session at 7:47 p.m)

Terry Powell (Marty White) moved to go into a 5 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell for the purpose of discussing matters relating to employer-employee negotiations in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 7-0.

(The Board went into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.)

(The Board returned to Open Session at 7:53 p.m)

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE



**USD 417 Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
March 26, 2015  
District Office 7:30 a.m.**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Jim Reagan, Linda Pretzer, Terry Powell, and Marty White.

**NOT PRESENT:** Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

President Terry Powell called the meeting to order.

**NEGOTIATIONS:** Marty White (TinaRae Scott) moved to open negotiations as per the Memorandum of Agreement. Motion passed 5-0.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
March 30, 2015  
District Office 7:30 a.m.**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Chad Evans, TinaRae Scott, Jim Reagan, Linda Pretzer, Terry Powell, and Marty White.

**NOT PRESENT:** Ben Kormanik

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Angela Harris, Daryl Bryant, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

President Terry Powell called the meeting to order.

**SCHOOL**

**CLOSURE HEARING:** TinaRae Scott (Jim Reagan) moved pursuant to KSA 72-8213b a public hearing be held at CGHS Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. on April 20, 2015 regarding the closing of Council Grove Middle School. Motion passed 6-0.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
April 13, 2015  
District Office 6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Terry Powell, TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, and Marty White.

**NOT**

**PRESENT:** Jim Reagan.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** TC Kim, Jeff Schoenekase, Casey Maransani, Galen Johnson, Jean Johnson, Cynthia Schrader, Lisa Eidman, Kelly Gentry, Marita Bachura, Kelly McDiffett, Crystal Brabb, Marie Blythe, Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

President Terry Powell called the meeting to order.

**SPOTLIGHT on**

**EDUCATION:** Marita Bachura was recognized as the Emporia Master Teacher.

**CONSENT**

**CALENDAR:** Marty White (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve the amended consent calendar with the addition of three hiring recommendations. Motion passed 6-0.

**TECHNOLOGY**

**AUDIT REPORT:** The technology audit report was presented.

**RETIREMENT**

**PLAN:** A possible alternative retirement plan was presented.

**REPORTS:** The administrators reported.

**SEEK BIDS for SALE**

**of VANS:** TinaRae Scott (Linda Pretzer) moved to begin the process for the sale of two vans as described in the packet. Motion passed 6-0.

**Discussion Items**

The invitation to join the Mid-East League.

Discussion of the scope of CGHS Construction Project and the timeline/process for capital outlay bond issuance and design building construction.

Capital Outlay Fund Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

TinaRae Scott (Ben Kormanik) moved to go into a 20 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and others if called for personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Motion passed 6-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:29 p.m.  
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:49 p.m.

Marty White (Ben Kormanik) moved to go into a 5 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and others if called for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:49 p.m.  
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:54 p.m.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Hearing and Special Meeting  
April 20, 2015  
CGHS Auditorium**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Jim Reagan, Linda Pretzer, Terry Powell, and Marty White, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Wayne Kohler, Brett Houser, Darrel Bryant, Nancy Furney, Mike Estes, Lisa Bolieu, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

**HEARING:** President Terry Powell called the hearing to order.

Mr. Conwell presented the information on the closing of CGMS. No one appeared to comment to the Board

**TOUR:**

President Terry Powell called the meeting to order. All Board members signed the Waiver of Notice. Those present toured the CGHS facility.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
April 13, 2015  
District Office 6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Terry Powell, TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, and Marty White.

**NOT**

**PRESENT:** Jim Reagan.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** TC Kim, Jeff Schoenekase, Casey Maransani, Galen Johnson, Jean Johnson, Cynthia Schrader, Lisa Eidman, Kelly Gentry, Marita Bachura, Kelly McDiffett, Crystal Brabb, Marie Blythe, Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

President Terry Powell called the meeting to order.

**SPOTLIGHT on**

**EDUCATION:** Marita Bachura was recognized as the Emporia Master Teacher.

**CONSENT**

**CALENDAR:** Marty White (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve the amended consent calendar with the addition of three hiring recommendations. Motion passed 6-0.

**TECHNOLOGY**

**AUDIT REPORT:** The technology audit report was presented.

**RETIREMENT**

**PLAN:** A possible alternative retirement plan was presented.

**REPORTS:** The administrators reported.

**SEEK BIDS for SALE**

**of VANS:** TinaRae Scott (Linda Pretzer) moved to begin the process for the sale of two vans as described in the packet. Motion passed 6-0.

**Discussion Items**

The invitation to join the Mid-East League.

Discussion of the scope of CGHS Construction Project and the timeline/process for capital outlay bond issuance and design building construction.

Capital Outlay Fund Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

TinaRae Scott (Ben Kormanik) moved to go into a 20 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and others if called for personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Motion passed 6-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:29 p.m.  
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:49 p.m.

Marty White (Ben Kormanik) moved to go into a 5 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and others if called for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:49 p.m.  
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:54 p.m.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
April 27, 2015  
District Office**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Jim Reagan, Linda Pretzer, Terry Powell, and Marty White

Not present: Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Marie Blythe, Marita Bachura, Alison Bachura, Kelly McDiffett, Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

President Terry Powell called the hearing/meeting to order.

No one was present to comment

Jim Reagan (Linda Pretzer) moved to authorize the Superintendent to proceed with the design build process. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Conwell and the board discussed the design build plan.

Linda Pretzer (Jim Reagan) moved to proceed with obtaining the base bid and alternates. Motion passed 5-0

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE



**USD 417 Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
May 11, 2015  
District Office 6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Terry Powell, TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, and Marty White, Jim Reagan.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Marie Blythe, Kelcy Bremer, Shad Bremer, Kelly McDiffett, Janet Holden, Cynthia Schrader, Lisa Bolieu, Lisa Eidman, Mike Estes, Kelly Gentry, Kelly McDiffett, Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

President Terry Powell called the meeting to order.

**CONSENT**

**AGENDA:** Jim Reagan (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve the amended consent agenda with the following additions:  
Approve the hiring of Ty Lowe and Assistant Football Coach, David Meadows as custodian, and the resignation of Tasha Lesslie as cook effective 5/11/2015.  
Motion passed 7-0.

**REPORTS:** Administrators gave reports.

**APPROVAL of HANDBOOKS:** Jim Reagan (Ben Kormanik) moved to approve the PHES student and teacher handbook, the CGES student and teacher handbook, the CGHS student and teacher handbook, and the CGMS/HAS athletic handbook.  
Motion passed 7-0.

**APPROVAL of HANDBOOKS:** Marty White (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve the classified staff guidelines Handbook, the licensed personnel handbook, and the transportation handbook. Motion passed 7-0.

**USD 417 TECH PLAN**

**For KSDE:** Ben Kormanik (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve the USD 417 Tech Plan as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

**SELECTION OF FIRMS**

**to INTERVIEW for CONSTRUCTION:** Ben Kormanik (Jim Reagan) moved to interview all four companies that applied for the design build project. These are KBS Constructors, Riley Construction, Trinium, and The Wilson Group. Motion passed 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. FY15-15** TinaRae Scott read and moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Offering for Sale of General Obligation Capital Outlay Temporary Notes, Series 2015, of Unified School District No. 417, Morris County, Kansas (Council Grove). It was seconded by Marty White. Motion passed 7-0.

SOLICIT SALE OF CAPITAL OUTLAY: Linda Pretzer (Ben Kormanik) moved to authorize the superintendent to solicit proposals for the sale of capital outlay bonds. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion

Mr. Conwell updated the board with current state funding information. He also shared the progress of the district restructuring.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

TinaRae Scott (Marty White) moved to go into a 20 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and others if called for personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.  
The Board returned to Open Session at 7:28 p.m.

Marty White (Ben Kormanik) moved to go into a 5 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and others if called for personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.  
The Board returned to Open Session at 7:34 p.m.

TinaRae Scott (Ben Kormanik) moved to go into a 20 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and others if called for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.  
The Board returned to Open Session at 7:54 p.m.

PRINCIPAL

CONTRACTS: TinaRae Scott (Marty White) moved to issue contracts to Casey Maransani, Kelly McDiffett, Kelly Gentry, Cynthia Schrader and Heather Honas for the 2015 -16 school year. The salary for Heather Honas will be \$62,000 for a 217 day contract and a single health insurance.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
May 21, 2015  
District Office**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** TinaRae Scott, Jim Reagan, Linda Pretzer, Terry Powell, and Marty White, Chad Evans

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Marie Blythe, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

President Terry Powell called the meeting to order.

**CONTRACTOR:** Mr. Conwell recommended KBS (Kansas Building Systems) as the contractor for the construction project.

Jim Reagan (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve KSD as the design build contractor for the construction this summer. Motion passed 6-0.

**DESIGN:** TinaRae Scott (Marty White) moved to strick Alternates 4 &5 as alternates on the construction project. This is the alternates that moved the Family and Consumer Science Area. Motion passed 6-0.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE

**USD 417 Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
June 8, 2015  
District Office 6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Terry Powell, TinaRae Scott, Linda Pretzer, Ben Kormanik, Chad Evans, and Marty White, Jim Reagan.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Ralph Mock, Robert Herpich, Marie Blythe, Kelly McDiffett, Cynthia Schrader, Kelly Gentry, Kelly McDiffett, Craig McNeal, Doug Conwell, and Jan Troxell.

President Terry Powell called the meeting to order.

**CONSENT**

**AGENDA:** Marty White (Ben Kormanik) moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

**SPOTLIGHT**

**on EDUCATION:** Robert Herbig presented a check from the Council Grove City Lake Association to USD 417 Educational Enhancement Fund in the amount of \$5,128.83.

**REPORTS:** Ralph Mock reported on the Educational Enhancement Fund. Administrators gave reports.

**APPROVAL of HANDBOOK:** TinaRae Scott (Jim Reagan) moved to approve the handbook for Council Grove Junior High students with corrections as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

**COACHING STAFF**

**REDUCTIONS:** Ben Kormanik (Linda Pretzer) moved to accept the reductions of coaching staff as recommended with the activity director to have the authority to pursue additional coaching staff if needed due to increased numbers. Motion passed 7-0.

**CGHS FACILITY**

**PROJECT:** Jim Reagan (Marty White) moved to approve the final facilities project. Motion passed 7-0.

**CONSTRUCTION**

**MANAGER CONTRACT:** Marty White (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve the construction contract with KBS Construction. Motion passed 7-0.

**RECESS** for 10 minutes

RESOLUTION NO. FY15-16: Jim Reagan (TinaRae Scott) moved to table the Capital Outlay Resolution. Motion passed 7-0.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: TinaRae Scott (Ben Kormanik) moved to give the superintendent and bookkeeper authority to commit the unencumbered budget of the general fund for the year end 2015 to cash disbursements and transfers to the extent of the unencumbered cash that benefits the cash flow of the district. Motion passed 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TinaRae Scott (Linda Pretzer) moved to go into a 15 minute executive session with Mr. Conwell and others if called for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion passed 7-0

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.  
The Board returned to Open Session at 7:32 p.m.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jan Troxell, Clerk

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Terry Powell, President, BOE