

Unofficial Minutes
USD 417 Board of Education
6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
April 15th, 2024
USD 417 District Office
17 Wood Street, Council Grove, Kansas 66846

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. by USD 417 BOE President, TinaRae Scott.

Members Present: TinaRae Scott, Kelsey Hartman, Jay Troxell, Patty Talley, Don Alderman, Terry Powell, and Jamie Johnson (arrived at 6:14 P.M.).

Others Present: Superintendent Nancy Meyer, Amber Weeks, Jan Sciacca (Zoom), Valerie Gehrler, Evan Carr (Student Body Representative), Chris Delforge, Heather Honas, Kelcy Bremer, Jay Doornbos, Dana Reddick, Angela Harris, Kim Coover, Nola Miller, Keeley Reddick, and Matt Weaver.

Empty Chair Philosophy: The Empty Chair Philosophy was observed.

Approval of Agenda: Kelsey Hartman (Patty Talley) moved to approve the agenda as presented and amended with the addition of an Executive Session for Student Information.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

Spotlight on Education: Kim Coover, HOSA sponsor, presented on the upcoming National Conference in Houston, where four of our students qualified. Nola Miller, FBLA sponsor, presented on the upcoming National Conference in Orlando, where four of our students qualified. Keeley Reddick, FCCLA sponsor, presented on the upcoming National Conference in Seattle, where five of our students qualified (four will be attending).

Approval of Consent Agenda: Patty Talley (Don Alderman) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

Administrative Reports:

1. Council Grove Elementary – nothing new to report
2. Prairie Heights Elementary – nothing new to report
3. Jr/Sr High School Jay Doornbos – Hellas will start the tennis court/ pickleball court renovation April 24th or April 25th and the Ag Flooring project will start on April 24th.
4. Health and Wellness – nothing new to report
5. Curriculum Valerie Gehrler – This is the last week for state assessments. Thanked the buildings and parents.
6. Superintendent Nancy Meyer
 - BCBS rate increase is now 27%, down from 41%
 - The Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative will have some reorganization for the next school year. Our new SPED Coordinator will be Angie Becker and our district will share her with North Lyon County
 - Will need a Special Meeting to adopt capacities prior to publishing on or before May 1st
 - Street overlay started today by CGES and then will overlay Wood St afterwards
 - Prom is this Saturday from 7:00 – 10:00 P.M. with promenade at 6:30 P.M. with an after prom following
 - Presented a bid from Shilling Construction for overlaying the gravel parking lots in the district. Will need to get RFPs.
7. Other Directors – nothing new to report

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Jamie Johnson arrived at 6:14 P.M.

Board Member Items:

- Vice President Jamie Johnson – Thanked the district for the opportunity to attend the National School Board Association Annual Conference in New Orleans this past week.
- President TinaRae Scott – Thanked the district for being able to attend the NSBA Conference and to represent our state as the president of KASB. She also thanked the buildings, staff, and district office staff for their help during the KASB district tour on Friday and Saturday. She stated the 5th/6th grade artwork is already displayed at the KASB office in Topeka and noted the performance by the JH/HS choir of the Holocaust Cantata was absolutely moving.

Business Items and Reports:

1. HOSA – National Conference

HOSA Sponsor, Kim Coover, presented on the upcoming HOSA National Conference in Houston. The USD 417 contribution policy was reviewed.

- \$250 per qualified student – up to a maximum of \$2,000 for one event.
- All advisor’s expenses including Room, Meals, and Travel. Any outside activities would not be covered by the district.
- Transportation to and from the Event such as school vehicles. The first tank of fuel to the conference city will be provided by the district.

Terry Powell (Kelsey Hartman) moved to approve the trip to Houston from June 26th - 30th for the HOSA National Conference with funding provided per our policy.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

2. FBLA – National Conference

FBLA Sponsor, Nola Miller, presented on the upcoming FBLA National Conference in Orlando.

Terry Powell (Jamie Johnson) moved to approve the trip to Orlando from June 29th – July 3rd for the FBLA National Conference with funding provided per our policy.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

3. FCCLA – National Conference

FCCLA Sponsor, Keeley Reddick, presented on the upcoming FCCLA National Conference in Seattle.

Kelsey Hartman (Jamie Johnson) moved to approve the trip to Seattle from June 27th – 30th for the FCCLA National Conference with funding provided per our policy.

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4. 2023-2024 Kansas Teacher Retention Survey

Curriculum Director Valerie Gehrer discussed the survey results from our district licensed staff for the Kansas Retention Survey.

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5. Approve Updated 2024-2025 School Calendar

Curriculum Director Valerie Gehrler reviewed the proposed updates for the 2024-2025 School Calendar.

Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman) moved to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar as presented.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

6. KASB Membership and Legal Assistance Fund Renewals

President TinaRae Scott recused herself at 7:09 P.M.

Jay Troxell (Kelsey Hartman) moved to renew the district’s KASB membership (Option 1) for \$9,893.56 and the district’s contract with KASB’s Legal Assistance Fund for \$2,750.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

President TinaRae Scott returned at 7:12 P.M.

7. Executive Session – Personnel

Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into a 30-minute Executive Session in order to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with the board and Superintendent Meyer. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:45 P.M. Motion amended to add the ability to recall Jay Doornbos as needed.

Motion Passed 7– 0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:15 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:45 PM

Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into an additional 5-minute Executive Session in order to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with the board and Superintendent Meyer. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:53 P.M.

Motion Passed 7– 0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:48 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:53 PM

8. Approve Prairie Heights Elementary Principal

Patty Talley (Don Alderman) moved to approve the hiring of Angela Harris as Prairie Heights Elementary Principal for the 2024-2025 School Year for a 1-year contract.

Motion passed 7-0.

10. Executive Session – Student Information

Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into a 10-minute Executive Session in order to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA with the board, Superintendent Meyer and the

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ability to recall Matt Weaver as needed. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:07 P.M.

Motion Passed 7– 0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:57 PM
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:07 PM

Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into an additional 10-minute Executive Session in order to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA with the board, Superintendent Meyer, and Matt Weaver. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:19 P.M.

Motion Passed 7– 0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:09 PM
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:19 PM

11. Executive Session – Negotiations

Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into a 20-minute Executive Session in order to discuss the letter exchanged from the teachers pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with the board and Superintendent Meyer. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:42 P.M.

Motion Passed 7– 0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:22 PM
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:42 PM

Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into an additional 15-minute Executive Session in order to discuss the letter exchanged from the teachers pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with the board and Superintendent Meyer. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:58 P.M.

Motion Passed 7– 0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:43 PM
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:58 PM

Adjournment:

Special Meeting – April 18th, 2024 at 6:15 P.M.
Next Regular Meeting – May 13th, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
President TinaRae Scott adjourned meeting at 9:02 P.M.

APPROVED:

Amber Weeks, USD 417 Board Clerk

TinaRae Scott, President, BOE