

USD 417 Board of Education
Regular Meeting
January 12th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
17 Wood St, Council Grove, KS 66846

MEMBERS

PRESENT

Terry Powell, TinaRae Scott, Marie Blythe, Mary Myers, Adam Dirks (via Zoom), Jamie Johnson, and Kelsey Hartman

MEMBERS NOT

PRESENT

OTHERS

PRESENT

Kelly Gentry, Kelcy Bremer, Dana Reddick, Jay Doornbos, Taylor Green, Caleb Muncy, William Grimmatt, Hunter Lowmaster, Valerie Gehrer, Kelly McDiffett, Myles Gant, Alicsa Mayer, Dana Mayer, Laramie Mayer, Ashley Iverson, Lyndsey Laramore, Matt Forge, Matthew Meals, Matt Palmquist, Brenda Johnson, Heather Honas, Kate Gronquist, Marcus Hernandez, Aron Dody, and Bryce Johnson

Terry Powell called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CONSENT

AGENDA

Jamie Johnson declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the approval of the consent agenda; Jamie Johnson left the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

TinaRae Scott (Mary Myers) moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-1, with Jamie Johnson abstaining.

Jamie Johnson returned to the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

PATRON

FORUM

Patrons voiced concerns about students wearing masks.

SPOTLIGHT ON

EDUCATION

Kelly Gentry detailed the district's proposed Curriculum Long Range plan and reviewed updates to subject areas.

REPORTS

Superintendent Dody congratulated McKenzie Heft for winning the Kansas Horizon Award. Jay Doornbos notified the board that all board members and their spouses would be on the pass list for the annual Flint Hills Shoot Out basketball tournament the following week. Superintendent Dody encouraged patrons and staff to stay engaged during the new state legislative session. TinaRae Scott recounted her experience during the Advocacy in Action event at the statehouse earlier in the week.

ACTION ITEMS

TinaRae Scott (Marie Blythe) moved to approve the USD 417 Morris County Long Range Plan as proposed by District Site Council and presented by Kelly Gentry. Motion passed 7-0.

Mary Myers (Jamie Johnson) moved to approve the trip request, which included a request for district transportation, from FFA to travel to Nevada, Missouri, for the 2022 Welding Competition on January 27th. Motion passed 7-0.

The board appointed representatives for the following groups:

- Greater Morris County Development Corporation – Mary Myers
- USD 417 District Site Council – Marie Blythe
- USD 417 Insurance Committee – Kelsey Hartman
- USD 417 Health and Wellness Committee – Jamie Johnson
- USD 417 Negotiations Team – TinaRae Scott

TinaRae Scott (Jamie Johnson) moved to reaffirm the resolutions passed at the July regular meeting, which designated the July regular meeting as the date on which the USD 417 board of education schedules its meetings for the following fiscal year and elects its officers. Motion passed 7-0.

TinaRae Scott (Adam Dirks) moved to reschedule the March regular board meeting from Monday the 14th to Wednesday the 23rd (1st choice) or Wednesday the 30th (2nd choice). Motion passed 7-0.

A discussion between board members and administrators of a potential district masking policy began. Mary Myers (Marie Blythe) moved to recess the meeting for eight minutes. Motion passed 7-0.

The board recessed at 7:27 p.m.

The board reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

A discussion between board members and administrators of a potential district masking policy resumed. Terry Powell (TinaRae Scott) moved to continue with a masking requirement as though the county mask mandate had not been rescinded, and to direct the administrative team to formulate Option B, which is a matrix that only uses positive COVID-19 cases to determine if masking mitigation measures should be imposed by the district, for approval at a special meeting the following week. Motion passed 6-1, with Adam Dirks dissenting.

TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman) moved to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, January 19th, at 6:00 p.m., to approve a COVID-19 mitigation masking policy. Motion passed 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TinaRae Scott (Mary Myers) moved to go into a 3-minute executive session in order to discuss the superintendent evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:03 p.m.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

APPROVED: 2/14/22


Bryce Johnson, Clerk


Terry Powell, President, BOE