

USD 417 Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 14th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
17 Wood St, Council Grove, KS 66846

MEMBERS

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

MEMBERS NOT

PRESENT

OTHERS

PRESENT Kelly Gentry, Kelly McDiffett, Heather Honas, Chris Stevens, Kelcy Bremer, Dana Reddick, Valerie Gehrler, Kelly McDiffett, Pete Day, Nikki Day, Eli Day, Dani Day, Lexi Day, Kim Meador, Mark Meador, Beth Brintle, Andrea Messer, Lyndsey Laramore, Marcus Hernandez, Myles Gant, Aron Dody, and Bryce Johnson

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

CONSENT

AGENDA TinaRae Scott (Marie Blythe) moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

PATRON

FORUM Patrons voiced concerns about students wearing masks.

SPOTLIGHT ON

EDUCATION Kelly McDiffett reported details of the 6th annual Sophomore Parent/Student Meeting to the board.

REPORTS

Dr. Dody thanked Kelly McDiffett, Kelly Gentry, Jill Day, and Jay Doornbos for their work on the Sophomore Parent/Student Meeting. Dr. Dody offered reminders about the federal mask mandate for public transportation, as well as the state legislation passed last year that limits remote learning each school year to forty hours total per student. Mary Myers reviewed a comment allegedly made by a board member on social media and called for the board member's resignation if the allegation proved to be true.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Kelly Gentry delivered her annual accreditation update.

Bryce Johnson and Dr. Dody discussed plans for district transportation during the upcoming highway shutdown for the K-177 rehabilitation project.

ACTION ITEMS

TinaRae Scott (Marie Blythe) moved to approve the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

TinaRae Scott (Jamie Johnson) moved to give Dr. Dody authority to pursue infrastructure grant opportunity in partnership with the city as detailed. Motion passed 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TinaRae Scott (Marie Blythe) moved to go into consecutive executive sessions, first to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and, second, to discuss potential properties pursuant to the exception for preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property under KOMA for 15 minutes with Dr. Dody. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.
The Board returned to Open Session at 7:33 p.m.

TinaRae Scott (Marie Blythe) moved to go into a 10-minute executive session in order to discuss the superintendent evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with Dr. Dody. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.
The Board returned to Open Session at 7:43 p.m.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

APPROVED: 3/23/22


Bryce Johnson, Clerk


Terry Powell, President, BOE