

USD 417 Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 12th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
CGJSHS Commons, Council Grove, KS 66846

MEMBERS

PRESENT Terry Powell, TinaRae Scott, Scott Bankes (via Zoom), Marie Blythe (via Zoom), Adam Dirks (via Zoom), Mary Myers (via Zoom), and Deidre Knight

MEMBERS NOT

PRESENT

OTHERS

PRESENT Tom Van Valkenburg, Jaymie Van Valkenburg, Tom Van Valkenburg Jr., Ricci Ziegler, Jason Ziegler, Jolie Ziegler, Kelly Gentry (via Zoom), Heather Honas (via Zoom), Kelcy Bremer (via Zoom), Jill Day (via Zoom), Kate Gronquist (via Zoom), Nola Miller (via Zoom), Dana Reddick, Jay Doornbos, Valerie Gehrler (via Zoom), Angela Harris (via Zoom), Rita Buchanan, Joe Buchanan, Kelly McDiffett, Marcus Hernandez, Aron Dody, and Bryce Johnson

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

CONSENT

AGENDA At the recommendation of Superintendent Dody, the agenda was amended to add an action item for KJUMP, KASB's gas consortium. TinaRae Scott (Deidre Knight) moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion passed 7-0.

SPOTLIGHT ON

EDUCATION Administrators and board members honored state wrestling placers, Jolie Ziegler and Tom Van Valkenburg Jr., as well as their coaches, presenting the athletes and coaches with gifts. Superintendent Dody congratulated FBLA sponsor, Nola Miller, as well as her students who placed at state and/or qualified for the national conference.

REPORTS No reports were given.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Dody gave an update on state legislation that will affect the school district.

Administrators and board members discussed whether the district should relax pandemic mitigation measures before the end of the school year. Adam Dirks (Scott Bankes) moved to amend current mitigation measures to allow students to remove masks when seated at their desks, socially distanced at six feet. The motion was voted down on a roll call vote, 2-5, with Marie Blythe, Mary Myers, TinaRae Scott, Deidre Knight, and Terry Powell dissenting.

ACTION ITEMS

Deidre Knight (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve the recommendation to purchase three used buses from Midwest Bus Sales, assisted by funds from KDHE's Clean Diesel Program. Motion passed 7-0.

Terry Powell (Deidre Knight) moved to approve the renewal of the district's KASB membership for \$9,531.52, as well as the renewal of the district's contract with KASB's Legal Assistance Fund. Motion passed 7-0.

Following an explanation from Superintendent Dody about KJUMP's lawsuit against Symmetry Energy Solutions for alleged price gouging during the February winter storm, Scott Bankes (Marie Blythe) moved to adopt Superintendent Dody's recommendation to allow him to work with KASB and their gas consortium to join litigation against Symmetry. Motion passed 7-0.

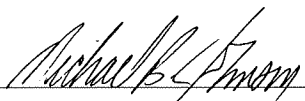
EXECUTIVE SESSION

TinaRae Scott (Scott Bankes) moved to go into a 15-minute executive session in order to discuss confidential student info pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA with Aron Dody, Jill Day, Kelly McDiffett, and Jay Doornbos, starting at 8:08 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

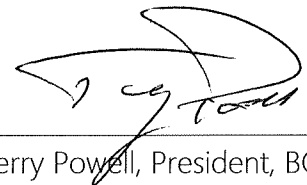
The Board went into Executive Session at 8:08 p.m.
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:23 p.m.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

APPROVED: 05/10/2021



Bryce Johnson, Clerk



Terry Powell, President, BOE