

USD 417 Board of Education
Regular Meeting
December 13th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
17 Wood St, Council Grove, KS 66846

MEMBERS

PRESENT

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

MEMBERS NOT

PRESENT

Scott Bankes

OTHERS

PRESENT

Kelcy Bremer, Dana Reddick, Heather Honas, James Blue, Matt Sigle, Tamie Dragone, Luke Sobba, Jay Doornbos, Ashley Iverson, Lyndsey Laramore, Andrea Messer, Jamie Johnson, Kate Gronquist, Mike Kelley (via Zoom), Lillian Zeigler, Justus Orebaugh, Tina McIver, Valerie Gehrler, Kelly Gentry, Marcus Hernandez, Aron Dody, and Bryce Johnson

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

CONSENT

AGENDA

TinaRae Scott (Deidre Knight) moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

Scott Bankes joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:03 p.m.

PATRON

FORUM

Lindsey Laramore, Tamie Dragone, Andrea Messer, James Blue, and Ashley Iverson voiced concerns about students wearing masks.

SPOTLIGHT ON

EDUCATION

Tina McIver introduced two students from her junior English course, Justus Orebaugh and Lillian Zeigler, who each presented their Brave Exploration projects.

REPORTS

Superintendent Dody proposed scheduling a work session for team building and goal planning after new board members have taken office. Kelly Gentry reported that MTSS data is indicating impressive gains in reading, math, and behavior for elementary students, particularly the students in the lower grade levels, who suffered learning gaps due to the loss of direct instruction at the beginning of the pandemic. At the January regular board meeting, Kelly plans to review the district's updated long range plan in detail. Superintendent Dody shared new stickers with district logos and asked those present to help distribute them around the community. Superintendent Dody presented gifts of recognition to Deidre Knight and Scott Bankes for their service to the school district and community.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The topic of patron concerns about mask mandates and public policy was covered during the Patron Forum instead of during the planned information item.

Superintendent Dody asked board members to contact him if they are interested in attending this year's NSBA Annual Conference, which will be held in San Diego April 4th and 5th.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Dody reviewed policy updates recommended by the Kansas Association of School Boards.

The board discussed the need to appoint board representatives to the positions that will be vacated by departing board members, Scott Bankes and Deidre Knight.

Continuing the discussion about potential masking policies, which began at the December 1st work session, the board reached a consensus to have Superintendent Dody refine the language in option B.

ACTION ITEMS

TinaRae Scott (Deidre Knight) moved to approve the job descriptions and three additional full-time positions, which include the District Instructional Coach/Technology Integration Coordinator, the Assistant Technology Director/Staff Technology Trainer, and the CGES Assistant Principal/Early Childhood Coordinator/District 504 Coordinator, as presented at both the October and December regular meetings. Motion passed 7-0.

Deidre Knight (TinaRae Scott) moved to amend the agenda to include an action item for the funding of the current art programs at PHES and CGES. Motion passed 7-0.

Deidre Knight (TinaRae Scott) moved to require the district to cover the entire cost of the art programs at PHES and CGES for the remainder of the current school year. Motion passed 7-0.

TinaRae Scott (Marie Blythe) moved to reschedule the January regular board meeting from Monday the 10th to Wednesday the 12th. Motion passed 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TinaRae Scott (Deidre Knight) moved to go into a 10-minute executive session at 8:20 p.m. in order to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with Aron Dody and Jay Doornbos. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:30 p.m.

TinaRae Scott (Marie Blythe) moved to go into a 5-minute executive session at 8:30 p.m. in order to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception

relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA with Aron Dody and Jay Doornbos. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:35 p.m.

Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

APPROVED: 1/12/22


Bryce Johnson, Clerk


Terry Powell, President, BOE