

# Minutes

## **Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Unified School District No. 473, Chapman, KS**

**September 9, 2024**

**Betsy Edwards, School Board President, called the Regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 pm at the Education Center located at 822 N. Marshall, Chapman, KS.**

**Other Board Members Present: Dana Obermeyer, Adam Elliott, Kelly Kuntz and Jessica Murphy (Jennifer Elliott and Brenda Edleston were both absent)**

**Also Present: Kevin Suther – Superintendent, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk  
Clint Merritt, Kate Thornton, Stacy Smiley, Mary Wright, Ashley Stearns,  
Kara Wilkins, Laurie Rutherford, Jason Grider, Kailey Mann, Lilly Fielder,  
Greyson Horne, Sawyer Havenstein, Mindy Krinhop, Cole Krinhop, Kasen  
Krinhop, Cannon Krinhop, Maizy Krinhop, Laurie Paige, Drew Kraxner,  
Colleen Rodriguez, Steven Hunt and Deann Hunt**

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**Jessica Murphy made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Adam Elliott seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.**

**Kelly Kuntz made the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Jessica Murphy seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.**

- 3.01 Approve the Minutes from the Regular August 12th BOE Meeting & the RNR and Budget Hearings & the Special Meeting Minutes from 8-20-24
- 3.02 Financial Reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash
- 3.03 Payment of Bills
- 3.04 Public Participation

### **SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS:**

**Ashley Stearns, Principal of Chapman Elementary, shared about "Irish Olympics" as a competition between classes to promote reading and comprehension. She also told about how their Grandparent's Day went last Friday which involved over 156 students that had at least one grandparent present. There were three activity stations they rotated around that included Kona Ice, a craft project in the gym and a snack - plus coloring in the cafeteria. CES will be having their very first "Math Night" on October 2nd with all sorts of fun activities. There will also be raffle items and food trucks for everyone to enjoy showing math can be exciting to learn.**

**Second Grade Teacher, Laurie Page, along with some of her students, showed how Fact Fluency practice district wide is one of the focus areas in math that started last year to gain continuous improvement.**

**The following students showed the Board their strategies:**

**Kailey Mann**

**Maizy Krinhop**

**Lilly Fielder**

**Greyson Horne**

**First, they played a marble game. Each student gets a predetermined amount of marbles in a small plastic container. One student takes some marbles out of the box and hides them in their hands. The other student who had their back turned has to determine how many are in their hands by calculating from what they see in the box.**

**Next, they played “Addition Battle”. They make two stacks of cards and each student will get an even amount. Both students flip a card over and add them together as quickly as possible. The first correct answer gets to keep the cards. Whoever ends up with the largest stack of cards wins.**

**Mrs. Paige also demonstrated a game called “Math Facts Around the World” with the board members. The first board member stood behind the next board member in the chair to dual it out for how quickly they can add. The person who wins gets to go stand behind the next person in their chair until only one makes it all the way around. Mrs. Paige said the kids love this game and they play it at the end of the day every day in order to get better.**

### **NEW TEACHER INTRODUCTIONS:**

**Several new teachers were in attendance to introduce themselves to the Board of Education. They were Jason Grider, Sawyer Havenstein, Drew Kraxner, Colleen Rodriquez and Deann Hunt. Each shared a little about themselves and also what they like about USD 473 the most.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Site Councils**

**Superintendent Suther shared the dates and times for all meetings in the district for the Board to approve. Each building has a minimum of 1 meeting a quarter for feedback from teachers, parents, business owners and even students. The list of members for each school were also shared for approval. Adam Elliott made a motion to approve all meetings dates and members listed on the Building Site Councils. Dana Obermeyer seconded the motion;**

**motion carried 5-0.**

### **KASB Policy Update**

**The only new policy being updated is the GAOE Workers Compensation Policy that just recently changed with longer notice periods and compensation amounts. KDHE along with other agencies will be working on standards to release this fall and the development of a plan will be officially adopted for a new Cardiac Emergency Response Plan for the 2025-26 school year. USD 473 did take advantage of the Safe & Secure Grant through KSDE to get half of the two new Portable AED machines paid for which just arrived into the district. This can help at locations for practices and trips that are not as close to an AED machine in a building. USD 473 does have AED machines at every school building with students in attendance.**

**Jessica Murphy made the motion to approve the updated GAOE Worker's Compensation Policy. Adam Elliott seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.**

### **Surplus**

**Superintendent Suther provided a list to the board along with an explanation of why the District is requesting the items be deemed as surplus. This included:**

**30 Desktop Imacs, 36 tube lights from the CHS Shop, Iron Worker Metal Machine from the CHS Shop, Lat Pull Down Machine from the CMS weights room, 2007 edition of the Driver's Education Books, small refrigerator from CMS that does not work, and two older balance scales from CMS.**

**Adam Elliott made the motion to approve all items presented as surplus. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.**

### **Donations**

**The Board was provided a list of donations that were received since the last Board meeting for their approval. Jessica Murphy made a motion to accept all donations listed. Dana Obermeyer seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0. They are:**

DCCCA, Inc. to Chapman Elementary - \$150.00

McPherson County "All Schools Day" - Travel Incentive - \$100.00 (When the Middle School band traveled to McPherson for competition in May, 2024)

Farm Credit Services of America Frontier Farm Credit - \$15,000.00 Grant that Jim Weller applied for for new equipment in the shop

A \$500 private donation to Enterprise Elementary, usually used for the pumpkin patch field trip

## **Personnel**

**Kelly Kuntz made the motion to approve all personnel changes that were presented. Adam Elliott seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0. They are:**

### **Resignations:**

Jennifer Chekal - Rural Center Cook

### **Transfers:**

**None**

### **New Hires:**

Samantha Streeter - Blue Ridge Elementary Part Time Teacher's Aide/Art

Tanya Geering - Rural Center Cook

Brittany Lamb - Chapman High School Assistant Fall Play Director

### **Rule 10 Coaches/Sponsors Re-Hires:**

Erin Bell - CHS Head Volleyball Coach

Marjual Ferris - CHS Head Girls' Wrestling Coach

Chris Kersten - CHS Assistant Baseball Coach

Gareth Hoffman - CHS Cross Country Assistant Coach

Jennifer Kirkpatrick - CHS Assistant Track & Field Coach

Judd Liebau - CHS Head Baseball Coach

Kimble Martin - CHS Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach

Kyle McGuffin - CHS Class Night Assistant Sponsor

Steve Simpson - CHS Head Track & Field Coach

Rebekah Thomas - CHS Head Cheer Sponsor

## **Audit Report for 2022-2023**

**Superintendent Suther went over the audit for the Board administered by Varney and Associates. He also told them if they had any follow up questions, he would reach out to April Swartz at Varney's for an answer or explanation. The Financial Statement audit was presented to the USD 473 Board of Education with no issues or findings with the company's financial records.**

## **School Board Pictures**

**The Board will have individual and then a group picture before the October 14th meeting at 6 pm.**

## **Adjournment**

**Kelly Kuntz made the motion to adjourn. Jessica Murphy seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.**

**Meeting adjourned - 7:18 pm**

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**Betsy Edwards, School Board President**

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**Michele Sutter, Board Clerk**