

Minutes

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

October 14, 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, Jessica Murphy, Jennifer Elliott and Brenda Edleston

Also Present: Kevin Suther – Superintendent, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk Jacquelyn Dautel, Kara Wilkins, Nancy Heller, Kylaena Rieman, Danae Rieman, Dakota Mosley, Inigo Rieman, Shelly Mosley, Terry Mosley, Rachel Woodcox, Ashton Woodcox, Stephanie Gfeller, Jennifer Tiller, Jason Tiller, Clint Merritt, Stacy Smiley, Ashley Stearns, Becky Blixt, Skye Roberts, Laurie Rutherford, Afton Diehl, Mary Wright, Rachel Brown, Carter Shartzter, Chasyn Shartzter and Jamie Bonnema

Jennifer Elliott made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Jessica Murphy seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Brenda Edleston made the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

- 3.01 Approve the Minutes from the Regular September 9th, 2024 BOE Meeting & also the Special September 30th, 2024 Work Session (Working Genius)
- 3.02 Financial Reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash
- 3.03 Payment of Bills
- 3.04 Public Participation

SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS:

Food Service Presentation

Jennifer Tiller, Opa! Food Service Director, introduced two of her "little chefs" who attended her workshop at the Enterprise After-School Program. Kylaena Rieman, Kindergarten and Ashton Woodcox, First Grade, explained how they made homemade tortillas with Mrs. Tiller and also what they put in them before having their snack. They both enjoyed them very much. Mrs. Tiller prepared a bag of flour for the tortillas purchased locally from the Enterprise Hoffman Grist mill, and had the students give each Board Member their own bag to make them at home.

Kelly Kuntz made a motion to amend the Agenda by moving Agenda item 4.03 to 4.02 since the speakers for Rural Center were detained. Jessica Murphy seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Standards-Based Grade Card

Stacy Smiley, Curriculum Director, Ashley Stearns, Chapman Elementary Principal, Becky Blixt, Chapman Elementary Fourth Grade Teacher, Skye Roberts, Chapman Elementary Fifth Grade Teacher and Kara Wilkins, Rural Center Principal, presented on the new standards-based grade card that is new for 2nd through 5th grade beginning this year. Both kindergarten and first grade have been linking their grade card to the State Standards for multiple years but just connected it online for parents to see last year.

The following information about standards-based grade cards was shared with families recently from the District Leadership Team.

USD 473 Families:

We are looking forward to meeting with you during the upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 28th and 29th, where you will receive your child's Report Card. This will be a valuable time to review their progress, celebrate strengths, and identify areas for growth within our Standards-Based Grading system. Please take a moment to review the attached document to learn more about Standards-Based Grading and the grading scale. We truly value our partnership and are eager to continue working together to support your child's success throughout the school year.

This fall, all 2nd-5th grade classrooms have implemented Standards-Based Grading, while our Kindergarten and 1st Grade classrooms continue with these grading practices. Standards-Based grading improves communication on what your student should know and be able to do within each content area, with targets created from the Kansas State Standards. The elimination of traditional grades, which often combine attendance, behavior, and work completion, will provide you with specific feedback on your student's skills and knowledge. You will have a clearer view of which learning targets have been mastered and which ones still need further practice.

GRADING SCALE:

The goal of a standards-based grading system is to indicate whether or not a student is meeting the standard at a given point in the school year.

- E: Exceeds Standard (consistently applies learning beyond target goal)**
- M: Meets Standard (successful on a consistent basis)**
- P: Progressing towards Standard (showing growth in this area)**
- L: Limited Understanding (needs more time and support)**

Exceeds Standard: The student's performance is consistently above what is expected for mastery.

Meets Standard: The student demonstrates mastery of the expected grade-level skills of the standard.

Progressing towards Standard: The student is making progress but requires teacher support to fully meet the grade-level expectations of the standard.

Limited Understanding: The student requires more time and teacher support to achieve grade-level understanding of the standard.

The grade card will be handed out at parent/teacher conferences in October so this new report card system can be explained and answer any questions that arise.

Mrs. Smiley conveyed the goal is to communicate what standards the student is meeting and also what their strengths and weaknesses are. The purpose is to have conversations about a growth mindset throughout the year.

Rural Center Elementary Presents to the Board

Kara Wilkins, Principal, Stephanie Gfeller, First Grade Teacher, Chasyn Shartzter, First Grade and Carter Shartzter, Fifth Grade, presented about various activities that take place at Rural Center Elementary. Mrs. Wilkins talked about the school's morning meeting, which happens to be her favorite part of the day. They do the "Good as Gold" award that teachers choose to recognize students who are caught in the act of performing a good deed. They also do "Purposeful with Respect" in which each teacher chooses a student in the classroom that displays good character for the month they are focusing on. Carter was a 5th-grade morning helper and had everyone stand to say the Pledge of Allegiance. There is always a 4th or 5th grader who does morning announcements. At the end of the morning meeting, they always say a motto that the students are brave, smart, and kind. Chasyn showed the Board an Envision Math demonstration showcasing math skills in which he had to find the sum of two numbers with manipulatives. Mrs. Gfeller said the 1st grade math is rigorous but the students are doing great with picking up how to complete the tasks. She talked about the "Solve & Share" part of the curriculum that's at the beginning of each lesson which provides collaboration among the students and teacher to figure out the answer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Working Genius

During the September 30th Work Session for "The Working Genius", the Board focused on completing questions 1 & 2 of the "Guiding Principles Document" and pledged to do one more at each Board meeting until completion. There are 6 questions in total. Tonight they focused on question 3, "What do we do?" Superintendent Suther was gathering the answers they gave during the meeting to compile and keep a working master. For review, here are the questions and answers for 1 & 2.

1. "Why do we as a Board exist?"

- Local perspective
- Encompass the interests of the staff, students and community
- Student and staff advancement/growth
- Providing resources for success
- Building a strong culture
- Analyzing and developing policy for guidance
- Having tradition

2. "How do we behave?"

- Respectful

- Informed
- Student-centered focus
- Open minded
- Listening
- Equitable

NEW BUSINESS:

Scheduling Report as stated in Article XI Scheduling of the Negotiated Agreement

The September 20th count day took place along with submitting each individual Principal Building Report and the Superintendent SO66 report to KSDE on October 10th. USD 473 had some students move in after this date so it is even a little larger. The PreK students only get counted towards funding at .5 FTE if they meet the criteria of At Risk or have an IEP.

The legislators allowed for a three-year average for headcount this year as a transition which did help with the overall enrollment being down. So instead of the number being at 1076 excluding PreK, the number is adjusted to 1100.8. The unaudited total with PreK for funding will be at 1117.8.

Mr. Suther explained the additional funding when it comes to weighted categories from the following areas:

Career and Technical Education
Bilingual
Free Meals
At Risk
High Density At Risk
Transportation

Enterprise Roof Replacement

Three bids were submitted for the Enterprise Roof project for the summer of 2025. The companies were:

1. Wray Roofing - Wichita, KS
2. Stanfield Roofing - Wichita, KS
3. JB Turner & Sons - Topeka, KS

****The lowest winning bid is Wray Roofing, which has done multiple projects in the past in our district. The capital outlay expense will be for the 2025-26 school year. The bid amount is \$285,188 which includes the services of the DCS company who will handle the contract management of the project plus the gutters which do need to be replaced as an add-on for \$13,052.**

Adam Elliott made the motion to approve the lowest bid from Wray Roofing to replace the Enterprise Roof and add-on for gutters for the

2025-26 Budget Year. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Evaluation

The Superintendent Evaluation will be completed for all Four Categories this semester. The schedule will be as follows:

October 14, 2024 Board Meeting: Discuss and line out the process. (Superintendent Suther will do the self-evaluation and get to all Board members before the November 18th Board meeting.)

November 18, 2024 Board Meeting: Each Board member brings their completed evaluation tool. An executive session will take place for personnel.

December 9, 2024 Board Meeting: An executive session will take place for personnel with Mr. Suther invited to be present. At the open meeting, the board will vote on the compensation and contract extension decisions.

Personnel

There were no personnel items for this meeting.

Adjournment

Jessica Murphy made the motion to adjourn. Dana Obermeyer seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned - 7:57 pm

Betsy Edwards, School Board President

Michele Sutter, Board Clerk