

Minutes

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

November 18, 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 Jim Weller, Jake Rutledge, Craig Klukas, Dereck Klukas, Cindy Zumbrunn, Drew Elliott, David Barnes, Bryar Cochran, Jessica Cochran, Clint Merritt, Clara Gfeller, Hanna Miller, Stephanie Gfeller, Heath Gfeller, James Reynolds, Josi Baer, Avery Baer, Meredith Kuntz, Rachel Duer, Rachael Falls, Ethan Falls, Kade Hitz, Ashley Stearns, Trent Armstrong, Josie Strauss, Amelia Strauss, Afton Diehl, Mary Wright, Teagan Ellis, Laurie Rutherford, Jacquelyn Dautel, Zoey Saum, Stacy Smiley, Charlie Strauss, Lara Strauss and Caleb Strauss

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

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

- 3.01 Approve the Minutes from the Regular October 14th, 2024 BOE Meeting
- 3.02 Financial Reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash
- 3.03 Payment of Bills
- 3.04 Public Participation

SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS:

Enterprise Elementary

Principal Laurie Rutherford shared with the Board several activities the school has been doing this year. Some of them mentioned were:

- * Morning Meeting**
- * Gratitude Jar**
- * Announcements and Birthdays**

- * **Character Traits**
- * **Cultures and Behaviors**
- * **Pop Tabs for Maci Heller**
- * **Door Decorating Contest, along with a Pizza Party from Walt's Four Seasons**
- * **Reading with the Enterprise Nursing Home Residents**
- * **PTO - New This Year after being absent for many years from the School**
- * **Receipt Box at West's Country Mart has been added**
- * **Still Taking Lids from Auburn Pharmacy Prescription Bottles**
- * **LETRS Program - This is a 2 year literacy certification program and Mrs. Dautel who is the title teacher shared what she has learned.**
- * **After-School-Program**
- * **Alternate Classroom**
- * **Miscellaneous Activities such as Grandparent's Day, Halloween Costume Contest, Thanksgiving Meal with Families, etc.**

Mrs. Rutherford said the relationships and morale in the building has been amazing and she is extremely happy to be their Principal.

Fall State Athletic Qualifiers

Athletic Director, Clint Merritt, spoke briefly about the NCKL All-League Athletes that were just voted on recently at their latest meeting. He also brought coaches Cindy Zumbrunn and Assistant Coach Rachel Duer to speak about Cross Country and Girls Tennis.

Cross Country State Qualifiers

The team headed to state consisted of: Drew Elliott, Riley Delorenzo, Dereck Klukas, Dakota Nisbeth, Slayde Crouse, Ethan Falls and Kaden Hitz (Bryar Cochran was an alternate)

They were the Regional Runner-Ups to qualify for State as a team which is the 3rd year in a row to make it to the next level and placed 6th at State. Both Drew Elliott and Dereck Klukas medaled by finishing 2nd place and 11th place. Drew also broke the cross country 5K school record this season with a time of 15:48.

Coach Zumbrunn said she was very proud of these boys and will miss the seniors a great deal.

Tennis State Qualifiers

Avery Baer and Meredith Kuntz, Doubles- 5th place in State; 4A All-State Team

Clara Gfeller and Zoey Saum, Doubles

Josie Baer, Singles

Each player gave a breakdown about their season and accomplishments. Coach Duer talked about how it was amazing to have five of the six qualify for state and how the program has built a strong tradition.

FFA Update

The National Parlaw team demonstrated their competition which finished in the top 6.

FFA members: Jed Moody, Josie Strauss, Hanna Miller, Clara Gfeller, Amelia Strauss, Teagan Ellis, and Charlie Strauss were in attendance for the demonstration.

National Parliamentary Procedure: Top 6 in the nation (out of 44 competing teams), all seven members are National FFA gold medalists, Josie & Amelia became certified parliamentarians, and all seven members received a free membership to a National Parliamentarian Association until they are 30 years old.

Agriscience Fair: Amelia Strauss- 6th place in the nation, Division 3- Social Sciences. Her research was over the declining Kansas turkey population.

Transportation Director Update

Trent Armstrong, USD 473 Transportation Director, updated the Board with the future needs for vehicles, training programs, and a new software to keep track of student & bus driver routes.

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 total. At the October 14th Regular Meeting, 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. At tonight's meeting, they focused on Question #4 - "How Will We Succeed?" For review, here are the questions and answers for 1, 2, 3 & 4:

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

3. "What Do We Do?"

- Adopts policy
- Sets culture
- Works collaboratively with the Superintendent
- Serves as an advocate for the community/taxpayer
- Keeps district's vision relevant
- Strategic planning
- Financial monitoring
- Negotiations

4. "How Will We Succeed?"

- Accountability
- Communication
- Collaboration/Team-Oriented
- Researched Based
- Open-Minded
- Discernment
- Trust/Support

NEW BUSINESS:

KASB Convention Overview

The KASB National Convention was held this past weekend on November 15-17th in Wichita. Brenda Edleston participated as the Voting Delegate on Zoom. Mr. Suther shared this was our 1st year to do a District showcase and we had Irish Ink in attendance to show off what they do with their school run business. Mrs. DeArmond and two students were there on Friday from 10am to 3pm to answer questions and shared many of their projects.

Mr. Suther talked about the speaker Matt Lehrman whose topic was, "From Conflict to Conversation" and that it had many good points on solving solutions with difficult topics.

Mr. Randy Watson, the Commissioner of Education, was also in attendance and gave a presentation focusing on the increased progress by the State of Kansas schools in many areas like graduation, state testing, concurrent classes and much more.

Superintendent Suther said it was a very productive National Convention and he always appreciates going to attend sessions that help with ideas in school culture, legal understandings and how to best reach students.

Surplus

The following was submitted for Board review to be approved as surplus.

Bus Barn List

All three 19 passenger buses are aged out on November 1, 2024 because they are 25 years old. The plan will be to put all the buses on Purple Wave auction:

Bus 47- VIN:1FDSE35F4YHA38588
Bus 48- VIN:1FDSE35F0YHA38586

Bus 49- VIN:1FDSE35F2YHA38587

The old activity bus which is being used less in the rotation and could benefit by using the money to purchase a regular route bus.
Bus 11 - VIN: 1BABNBPA48F255595

Athletic List

White/Green basketball uniforms that span from 2005 to 2018 and are no longer being used.

Custodian List

One Floor Burnisher Machine
Two Televisions with Carts that are not operational
Large Kitchen Mixer

Brenda Edleston made a motion to approve all the transportation, athletic and custodian list as surplus. Jessica Murphy seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Capital Outlay Van Purchases

The 2025 Transit Van prices have been released for Fleet Vehicles. Shawnee Mission Ford has the State Contract #5600E. The conversion of the 12 passenger to a 10 passenger must take place by the manufacturer before being delivered to the dealership while it is a non titled vehicle. The request is to purchase 2 Transit Vans since multiple suburbans we have are over 200,000 miles. These will be on the highway for activity trips to take place with up to 9 students and a driver without having a CDL.

The breakdown of cost and features we would add are as follows:

\$58,248 - Base price, options, additional options and delivery

\$296	3.73 Limited Slip
\$269	Reverse Sensors
\$145	Heated Mirrors
\$255	SYNC3 4" Screen
\$41	Vehicle Maintenance Monitor
\$282	Cargo Side Running Board

$\$59,536.00 \times (2) = \$119,072.00$

Jennifer Elliott made the motion to purchase the two 2025 Transit Vans with the added features. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Personnel

Jessica Murphy made a motion to approve the personnel items as presented to the Board. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Resignations:

Mary Muckey - Chapman Elementary Library Aide

Amy Gruen - Chapman High School Math Teacher

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adam Elliott made the motion to go into Executive Session for 30 minutes in order to discuss personnel items pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:50 pm.

The Board will first take a 5 minute break from 8:15 to 8:20pm and Superintendent Suther is invited into the session. Jennifer Elliott seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

The Board resumed to open session at 8:50 pm.

Adam Elliott made the motion to go back into Executive Session for 20 minutes in order to discuss personnel items pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:10 pm. Superintendent Suther is invited into the session. Dana Obermeyer seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

The Board resumed to open session at 9:10 pm.

Adjournment

Brenda Edleston made the motion to adjourn. Dana Obermeyer seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned - 9:11 pm

Betsy Edwards, School Board President

Michele Sutter, Board Clerk