

# Minutes

## Regular Board of Education Meeting Unified School District No. 473, Chapman, KS 67431

April 8, 2019



Dr. Todd Frieze, Board President, convened the *Regular* meeting of the Board of Education of USD 473, Chapman, on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Education Center, located at 822 N. Marshall, Chapman, KS 67431.

**Other Board Members Present:** Kelly Kuntz - Vice President, Lara Strauss, Brian Rock, Mike Rutz and Dr. Robert Haynes (*Mitch Langvardt was absent*)

**Others Present:** Jerry Hodson – Superintendent, Michele Sutter – Board Clerk  
Cheri Simpson, Jessica Cochran, Jennifer Thurlow, Kara Spittles, Joan Atkinson, Bob Diehl, Trent Horn, Mary Wright, Joshua Smith, Zachery Ferris, Marjaul Ferris, James Bell, Kate Thornton, Michael Marshall, Kevin Suther, Travis Elliott, Rita Hinck, Clint Merritt & Afton Diehl

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Before the meeting was called to order, Dr. Todd Frieze said a few words about the huge loss Chapman has experienced losing Phil Weishaar who succumbed to colon cancer early Sunday morning. Coach Weishaar had a profound impact on our schools and he was a huge part of the athletic victories Chapman has received over the years, and he listed off several of them. Our condolences as a District are to Coach's entire family. He will be missed.

Kelly Kuntz made a motion to amend the agenda by removing Item #10, "FFA Presentation and Request for Funding" as they are coming to the May meeting instead. Lara Strauss seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Brian Rock made a motion to approve the Special April 1, 2019 and the Regular March 18, 2019 Board Minutes. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

(*Mitch Langvardt in at 7:04 pm*)

Lara Strauss made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Mike Rutz made a motion to pay the bills that were presented. Bills Paid Early and Board Bills totaled \$423,028.19. Bob Haynes seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

There were no Public Communications or OLD Business.

Brian Rock made a motion to approve all the Out-of-District students that were presented to the Board. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. They are:

- a. Carter Shartzter – RC Kindergarten
- b. Tava Gustafson-Sullivan – CMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (NEW)
- c. Jaxon Armendariz – CES 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- d. Isabel Armendariz – CES 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- e. Lancaster Armendariz – Wee Lads/Lasses PreSchool
- f. Travis Leasure – CMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- g. Cori Leasure – CMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
- h. Hannah Leasure – CHS 10<sup>th</sup> Grade
- i. Brayden Lexow – CHS 9<sup>th</sup> Grade
- j. Joshua Fredricks – CHS 9<sup>th</sup> Grade
- k. Nathan Fredricks – CHS 10<sup>th</sup> Grade
- l. Zoey Peterson – CMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (NEW)
- m. Camren White – CES – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- n. Clayton White – CES 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- o. Lauren DeArmond – CES 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- p. Lucas DeArmond – Wee Lads/Lasses PreSchool (NEW)
- q. Victor Schlesener – RC Kindergarten (NEW)
- r. Carmen Courtois-Sendejas – CMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (NEW)
- s. Benson Smiley – RC 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- t. Austin Smiley – RC 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- u. Bryar Cochran – RC – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- v. Jade Beary – CMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- w. Landen Beary – CES Kindergarten
- x. Starleen Myers – CES 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- y. Joel Bummie Myers – CMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
- z. Whitney Myers – CHS 11<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - aa. Rhett Tiernan – Wee Clovers PreSchool (NEW)
  - bb. Elizabeth Haynes – RC Kindergarten
  - cc. Katherine Haynes – Wee Clovers PreSchool (NEW)
  - dd. Jace Crouse – Wee Clovers PreSchool (NEW)
  - ee. Harper Sue Crouse – Wee Clovers PreSchool (NEW)

Lara Strauss made a motion to approve the In-District Transfers that were requested to the Board. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. They are:

- a. Ava Brown – ENT to CES
- b. Cheyenne Kelly – BR to CES

Bob Haynes made a motion to approve the CHS May Graduates as presented to the Board in Dropbox, pending successful completion of all requirements. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Cheri Simpson gave an overview of Rural Center's school year with all the changes that were made, especially to Grades 3-5. Cheri talked about the more concentrated teaching time the students have and how they receive over an hour of math vs. a combo class having to share that time. They are still getting 90 minutes of ELA even with the changes. They are receiving more Social Studies and Science time now. Cheri said everything is going really well this year and they might make a few tweaks for next year improving on this very successful new schedule. She said that after only 7 months, all grades have improved and there is a lot of "teamness" going on at Rural Center Elementary.

Clint Merritt gave an update on the winter sports programs and a few of the coaches were there to speak on their successes. He said the High School girls will have a new coach next year since Mr. Evans has resigned at the end of this school year. His name is Drew Gruver.

Travis Elliott gave an update on his 1<sup>st</sup> year of coaching High School Wrestling. He was very proud of his 2 athletes that were State Qualifiers who also placed at State.

James Bell gave an overview of the boys Basketball program this year, who ended up placing 4<sup>th</sup> at State. He said this was the 1<sup>st</sup> year we won the Irish Classic, and we were 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Royal Valley Tournament, losing to a very good team. We were the sub-state champions for the 1<sup>st</sup> time since 2002. It was the 1<sup>st</sup> time to win a 1<sup>st</sup> round game since 1983. He said he was very proud of all his boys this year.

Kelly Kuntz made a motion to approve the Chapman High School handbook. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Brian Rock made a motion to approve the Chapman High School athletic handbook. Lara Strauss seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Lara Strauss made a motion to approve the renewal of the KASB Membership to include the Season Pass and the Legal Assistance Fund. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. The break-down is:

- Membership Renewal - \$10,969.04
- Season Pass - \$1,500.00
- Legal Assistance Fund - \$2,100.00

**TOTAL - \$14,569.04**

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We were notified by the State Department of Education that Enterprise Elementary was awarded the "Challenge Award". Jerry said it is a very unique honor to receive this award and it will be presented on April 30<sup>th</sup>, which is the night of Enterprise's Spring Concert.

Bob Haynes made the motion that the Board go into Executive Session for (10) 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 7:43 pm. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. Jerry Hodson was invited into the session.

*(The Board returned to Open Session at 7:43 pm)*

Brian Rock made the motion to approve the resignations of Michelle & Travis Elliott who were hired at Smith Center. Bob Haynes seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Mike Rutz made the motion to approve the new hires as were presented to the Board. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. They are:

1. Drew Gruver – CHS & BR PE & Head CHS Girls Basketball Coach
2. Noah Riegel – Summer Hire
3. Trenton Hodson – Summer Hire
4. Courtney Morgan – Summer Hire
5. Jackie Dautel – Summer Hire

Jerry reminded the Board of the Employee Recognition Banquet that is Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Those being recognized are:

Cathy Zumbrunn – Bus Driver (15 years)  
Sonya Anders – CHS Teacher (35 years)  
Bob Stroda – Bus Mechanic (35 years)  
Rhonda Nelson – CMS Teacher (Retiree with 20 years with USD 473)  
Marjorie Chamberlin – Bus Driver (Retiree with 50 years of service)

Kelly Kuntz made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (20) minutes in order to discuss school security matters pursuant to the exception under KOMA for school security matters to ensure the security of the school, its buildings &/or its systems is not jeopardized and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:12 pm. Bob Haynes seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. Jerry Hodson was invited into the meeting.

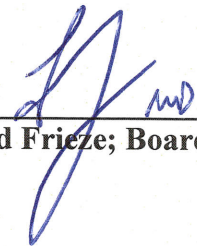
*(The Board returned to Open Session at 8:12 pm)*

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Kelly Kuntz made the motion to adjourn. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned – 8:13 pm

  
Michele Sutter; Board Clerk

  
Dr. Todd Frieze; Board President