

# Minutes (DRAFT; Pending BOE Approval)

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

October 14, 2019



Dr. Frieze, Board President, convened the *Regular* meeting of the Board of Education of USD 473, Chapman, KS on Monday, October 14, 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 and Mike Rutz (Mitch Langvardt and Dr. Haynes were absent)

**Others Present:** Jerry Hodson – Superintendent, Michele Sutter – Board Clerk  
Cheri Simpson, Joan Atkinson, Bob Diehl, Jessica Cochran, Mary Wright, Elliot Rock, Elizabeth Haynes, Emily Haynes, Katie Haynes, Joshua Smith, Kate Thornton, Kevin Suther, Afton Diehl, Benson Smiley, Austin Smiley, Savannah Smiley, Kevin Smiley, Stacy Smiley, Jessica Murphy, Scarlett Murphy Blake Murphy, Clint Merritt, Clare Kuntz, Ellie Kuntz, Kyanna Kuntz and Brenda Edleston

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Mike Rutz made the motion to adopt the agenda and to accept the changes Superintendent Hodson made at the beginning of the meeting. They were: adding an 8a. “Adopt change to Wellness Plan” and added an Executive Session for Personnel as number 17, moving “Adjournment” to #18. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Some faculty and several students from Rural Center Elementary attended to talk about their new activities that they purchased the supplies for from their Irish Foundation grants. Mrs. Emily Haynes and Mrs. Jessica Cochran, along with several students, demonstrated all the kits they are using with technology that they purchased.

Austin Smiley presented over an Ozobot. An Ozobot is an ocular robot that is coded by drawing a path and patterns on a sheet of paper. Elliot Rock presented on Simple Machines. She built a car and attached a motor and used a remote in order to get it to drive. Benson Smiley presented about a Makey

**Makey. A Makey Makey is controlled by an Arduino. He then used alligator clips to hook the Arduino to the bananas. He used an app on the computer to play the piano with the bananas.**

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**Katie Haynes, Elizabeth Haynes, Scarlett Murphy and Blake Murphy demonstrated how they use OSMO’s in the first and second grade classroom at Rural Center. They are used as a rotation during their center time. Each student has their own account that they log into and the OSMO is an interactive addition to the iPads. It allows students to move game pieces to finish a spelling word, create and solve math problems, complete shape puzzles, and so much more. Students love the interactive piece and are engaged during their centers. The Rural Center students showed board members how they play and interact with the technology. The OSMOs were also purchased through the Irish Foundation Grant over a few years.**

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**Brian Rock made the motion to approve the Regular September 9, 2019 Board Minutes. Lara Strauss seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.**


**Kelly Kuntz made the motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.**

**Mike Rutz made the motion to pay the bills that were presented, totaling \$446,076.82. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.**

**Just as an informational item, Todd and Jerry announced that beginning with the January 13<sup>th</sup> BOE meeting, the agenda format may change and we will have further conversations about the contents of the consent items at future meetings.**

**There were no Public Communications or Old Business.**

**Brian Rock made a motion to approve the Out-of-District student request. Laura Strauss seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.**

 **Julius Mader – CHS 9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**There were no In-District transfer requests to approve.**

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**Clare Kuntz, representing the Chapman Middle School Leadership Team, made a formal request to the Board to install water bottle filling stations in all (3) pods at CMS. They asked if (3) weren’t possible, would the Board consider installing (1) near the 8<sup>th</sup> grade pod, which is the most centrally located for all the students.**

**This year our new Principal, Mary Wright, is allowing the MS students to carry clear water bottles with them to keep them hydrated all day. Some students have (2) PE classes, plus 2 ½ hours of sports practice after school. Filling them with the regular fountains takes a long time and the city water doesn't taste the best according to their building.**

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**Each filling station costs around \$1,000 and the District is already using them to replace the fountains that go out now. The schools that have them really enjoy them and the MS students would like to benefit as well.**

**Superintendent Hodson's recommendation to the Board is to purchase (1) now and Jennifer Tiller, the Opa! Director, is working on writing a grant that would get the other (2). In case the grant doesn't come through, the District would purchase the final (2) before the end of the school year. The hope is that the grant will cover the cost of all (3) stations but if that doesn't happen, the District will make sure the Middle School gets them.**

**Mike Rutz made the motion to install (1) water bottle filling station in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade area and to adopt the change to our Wellness plan that was shared with the Board, which is "District has implemented a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance breakfast service option after first period". Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.**

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**Mr. Suther presented to the Board a new program called CEO (creating entrepreneurial opportunities) sponsored by Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship. The Economic Development organization for Dickinson County has brought them to our communities so each school can have multiple students working towards the goal of creating a business from scratch. This will include business plans, working with a banker, creating funding, advertising and showcasing at a local trade show. Students will meet every day for 90 minutes at different businesses in the area and hopefully be exposed to over 40 locations. This will provide students with a hands-on learning experience and knowledge directly from those who are in the industry. Another goal is to help students experience the successes and failures of starting a new business at an early age with guidance from a teacher/facilitator along the way. Applications will take place later this year to find trustworthy and dependable students who are eager to learn outside the school building and officially start the process in the 2020-21 school year. This is only open to Seniors.**

**This is a link to a 15 minute presentation about the program which is on youtube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOOZo.JMUnCQ&feature=youtu.be>**

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**Lara Strauss made the motion to adopt the Resolution that expresses the property taxation policy of USD 473 Chapman with respect to financing the annual budget for 2019-20. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.**

**Mr. Hodson shared with the Board our pupil numbers, per building, per grade, as required in the Negotiated Agreement, Article X Scheduling. Mr. Hodson assured the Board our numbers are steady and also that our enrollment was 1,078 students on the September 20<sup>th</sup> report.**

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**The Board decided to table the KASB convention discussion and the selection of our board delegate as it couldn't be decided in this meeting if someone would be able to attend. The convention is December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Wichita, which is a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Jerry asked them to just let him know if they are interested in attending.**

**Mr. Hodson handed out to all Board members a Board Self-Evaluation questionnaire to fill out and mail back to us as soon as possible. A self-addressed stamped envelope was attached to each questionnaire for convenience. He told them he'd like them to fill it out this week if possible.**

**Mr. Hodson asked the Board to e-mail him their top ideas for the goal setting session with Dr. Brian Jordan from KASB just as soon as they can. He and the Administrative staff will be going to Topeka next week to meet with Brian as well and will share their ideas and goals with him at that time. Dr. Jordan will be coming to Chapman on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> to meet with the Board and help them with their Board self-evaluation.**

**Clint Merritt presented information on the donation Marilyn Weishaar gave to CHS Athletics on behalf of her late husband Phil, who was a long time Teacher and Coach for our District. The District appreciates the generosity of the family. Kelly Kuntz made the motion to accept the donation and Brian Rock seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Brian Rock made the motion to approve the resignations and new hires in the District. They were:**

**Resignations –**

- a. Jasmine Hunter – Wee Irish Preschool Teacher's Aide**
- b. Jayme Dalke – District Office Custodian**

**New Hires –**

- a. Madison Strunk – Wee Irish Preschool Teacher's Aide**
- b. Amy Hayes – District Office Custodian**

**Lara Strauss seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.**

**Brian Rock made the motion for the Board to 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 8:28 pm. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0. Superintendent Hodson was invited into the session.**

**Mike Rutz made the motion for adjournment. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.**

**Meeting Adjourned – 8:28 pm.**

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**Michele Sutter; Board Clerk**

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**Dr. Todd Frieze; Board President**