

Minutes (DRAFT; Pending BOE Approval)
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Unified School District No. 473, Chapman, KS 67431

April 12, 2021



Bob Haynes, Board President, convened the *Regular* meeting of the Board of Education of USD 473, Chapman, KS on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:04 pm in the Auditorium of the Chapman High School located at 400 W 4th St, Chapman, KS 67431.

Other Board Members Present: Vice-President Brenda Edleston, Todd Frieze, Kelly Kuntz, Jerry Wright, Brian Rock and Mike Rutz

Also Present: Jerry Hodson – Superintendent, Michele Sutter – Board Clerk
Kyle Cook, Cheri Simpson, Mary Wright, Kevin Suther, Kate Thornton, Clint Merritt, Jennifer Tiller, Stacy Smiley, Mark Campbell, John Gladden, Bari Stalder, Dwyne Riegel, Afton Diehl, Rita Hinck and Rick Hall

Mike Rutz made a motion to amend the Agenda by adding (2) items:

1. Discuss the District's mask requirement that we will be continuing through the rest of the school year and
2. Discuss the Middle School Curriculum; electives vs rotation classes

These (2) adds will become 12(a.) and 12(b.) on the Agenda.

Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 6-1 with Bob Haynes voting no.

Brian Rock made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as listed. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda - A

- A. Approve Minutes from the Regular March 8, 2021 Meeting
- B. Financial reports
 - Treasurer's Reports
 - Food Service Report
 - Petty Cash Reports
- C. Payment of Bills
 - Regular Bills - \$ 225,314.38
 - Bills Paid Early - \$ 179,374.64
 - TOTAL - \$ 404,689.02

Jerry Wright made the motion to approve the Superintendent or his designee as the District Hearing Officer. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Brenda Edleston made the motion to accept the (3) donations given to our District. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. They are:

- a. K of C Charities Aid Foundation (Knights of Columbus) - \$680.00
- b. ASTRA Bank - \$1,048.90
- c. United Methodist Church of Chapman Mission Fund - \$500.00

Mike Rutz made the motion to approve the list of 2021 graduates that were presented to the Board pending successful completion of all requirements. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Hodson presented Jennifer Tiller, District Food Service Director, a certificate from the Kansas State Board of Education which recognized the work she, Debi Sweet and Kate Thornton put in to get meals delivered to all kids during the quarantine and part of the summer.

Jennifer Tiller was also presented the Sunflower Spotlight award for creating the “Second Chance Breakfast” and “Grab & Go Lunches”. Jennifer saw there was a need for both of these services for our students and completed the tasks of getting these implemented in our schools.

Jennifer presented to the Board a Food Service update. The Board was shown a video that will be featured on our website (www.usd473.net) showing the parents how easy it is to fill out a request for reduced &/or free lunches and they are encouraged to do so. The video won't be released until after July 1st. All applications are confidential.

Jerry Wright made the motion for the following Board members to hand out the Middle School Promotion Certificates and the High School Diplomas:

- ☘ CMS – Todd Frieze & Brian Rock**
- ☘ CHS – Brenda Edleston and Bob Haynes**

Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Brenda Edleston made the motion to renew the KASB Membership with Season Pass and the Legal Assistance Fund. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

The renewals for 2021-22 are:

- 1. Membership Renewal with Season Pass - \$12,498.51**
- 2. Legal Assistance Fund - \$2,300.00**

Mark Campbell, City Administrator, presented information to the Board regarding the Marshall Street overlay project which goes from 6th Street to 9th Street. The project will be

going out to bid very soon. The city is requesting a financial partnership with the district. Either a percentage or a cap. Superintendent Hodson told the Board he is very concerned about a financial commitment to this project at this time due to the financial commitment they've already made putting in a new track and unknown costs that could arise there.

After some discussion, Mr. Campbell was fairly certain he could come back to the May 10th Board Meeting with some numbers. Mike Rutz made the motion to *table the Action item* to our May meeting. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

The Board discussed their self-evaluation they recently filled out. They also discussed whether or not they'd like someone from KASB to come out to work with them on goals, or if they'd like to work with our Admin Team and work together creating goals for next year, and possibly for a few years thereafter.

12.a – Mask Update

On March 24th, Superintendent Hodson posted an update on the District's website page, under "Superintendent Update" that outlined the reasons we will be continuing to enforce the wearing of masks here at USD 473. As far as we understand it, all our staff who wanted to be vaccinated have been.

12.b. – CMS Curriculum

Due to misinformation shared with the public regarding the elimination of electives (e.g. Archery) at the Middle School, the BOE asked Superintendent Hodson and Principal Mary Wright to dispel the rumors and to explain exactly how a class schedule is built. Core classes are built in 1st – This year MTSS has been added in as a core class. NO Electives have been done away with at this point, which includes Archery. We may not be able to hire a teacher who will be able to teach Archery for the 2021-22 school year; therefore, the electives may have to change. Superintendent Hodson and Ms. Wright are having many discussions and don't know what the core schedule is going to look like. Ms. Wright also wants to make sure it's clear that there are elective classes (such as Archery) and rotation classes, which are like "fillers". The rotation classes are required for all students and the electives are selected by the students. Every student goes through the rotation classes. This is mandatory.

Jerry Wright made the motion for the Board to go 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 CHS Auditorium at 8:40 pm. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Hodson and Ms. Wright were both invited into the session.

(Bob Haynes entered the session at 8:25 pm)

The Board returned to open session at 8:40 pm.

Mike Rutz made the motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (15) minutes in order to discuss Personnel items pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the CHS Auditorium at 8:55 pm. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Hodson and Ms. Wright were both invited into the session.

The Board returned to open session at 8:55 pm.

Brian Rock made the motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (15) minutes in order to discuss Personnel items pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the CHS Auditorium at 9:10 pm. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Hodson and Ms. Wright were both invited into the session.

Ms. Wright exited Executive Session at 9:07 pm.

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

Kelly Kuntz made the motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (5) minutes in order to discuss Personnel items pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the CHS Auditorium at 9:15 pm. Todd Frieze seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Hodson was invited into the session.

The Board returned to open session at 9:15 pm.

Bob Haynes 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 CHS Auditorium at 9:25 pm. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 9:25 pm.

Kelly Kuntz made a motion to approve all personnel matters that were presented to the Board. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. They were:

1. Resignations

- a. Eileen Beavers – CHS Spanish (Retirement)
- b. William McLaren – Blue Ridge Custodian
- c. Andy Fewin – CMS Science
- d. Lois Baier – District Treasurer (Retirement)

2. New Hires

- a. Kirsten Smallwood – District Band Instructor
- b. Jacob Rutledge – CHS Agricultural Educator and FFA Advisor
- c. Merissa Hiatt – CMS Language Arts Teacher
- d. Ethan Shippy – CMS Science
- e. Michael Wahlmeier – CHS Math Teacher & CHS Head Girls Basketball Coach

3. Transfers

- a. James Bell – from CHS Head Boys Basketball Coach to CMS Head Boys & Girls Basketball Coach
- b. Drew Gruver – from CHS Head Girls Basketball Coach to CHS Head Boys Basketball Coach
- c. Jim Weller – from CMS Head Wrestling Coach to CHS Asst. Wrestling Coach

Kelly Kuntz made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (10) minutes in order to discuss Negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the CHS Auditorium at 9:40 pm. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Hodson was invited in.

The Board returned to open session at 9:40 pm.

Mike Rutz made the motion to adjourn. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned – 9:40 pm



Next up:

**May 10th BOE Meeting (The City Administrator will be there presenting as OLD BUSINESS)
Graduation – Sunday, May 16th @ 2:30 pm
CMS Promotion – Monday, May 17th @ 7:00 pm**

Michele Sutter; Board Clerk

Dr. Robert Haynes; Board President