

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

September 13, 2021



Brenda Edleston, Board President, convened the *Regular* meeting of the Board of Education of USD 473, Chapman, KS on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:03 am at the Education Center, Chapman, KS 67431

Other Board Members Present: Vice-President Brian Rock, Todd Frieze, Kelly Kuntz, Mike Rutz and Jerry Wright (Bob Haynes arrived at 7:35 pm)

Also Present: Kevin Suther – Interim Superintendent, Michele Sutter – Board Clerk Andrea Koster, Tara Tiernan, Kyle Cook, Jennifer Tiller, Clint Merritt, Afton Diehl, Cheri Simpson, Kate Thornton, Stacy Smiley, Rita Hinck, Steven Hunt, Diane June, Natalie Frakes and AJ Raaska, Abilene Reflector Reporter

Brenda Edleston announced that although she called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, there were a couple technical difficulties resulting in a slight delay.

Mike Rutz made the motion to adopt the agenda. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Mike Rutz made the motion to adopt the consent agenda. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda - A

- A. Approve the minutes from the Regular August 9, 2021 Meeting, the Special August 23rd Meetings (RNR and Budget Approval) and the Special Meetings on September 7, 2021
- B. Financial reports
 - Treasurer's Reports
 - Food Service Report
 - Petty Cash Reports
- C. Payment of bills
 - Regular Bills -** \$ 297,781.54
 - Bills Paid Early -** \$ 37,760.27
 - TOTAL -** \$ 335,541.81

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Steven Hunt, Enterprise Elementary 5th grade teacher, presented to the Board on Starbase. He gave information and shared a slideshow over what they have been doing so far and explained the program is a STEM program and takes place in Salina at the Air National Guard base. They have just finished their 3rd out of (5) classes and they meet every Friday.

Brian Rock made a motion to approve the Out-of-District requests that were presented to the Board. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

1. Alayna Lamp – BR 1st Grade (NEW)
2. James Warner III – CMS 8th Grade
3. Rebecca Warner – CMS 7th Grade

Brian Rock made a motion to approve the In-District transfer that was presented. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

1. Grace Hanback – 4th Grade (ENT to CES)

Mike Rutz made a motion to accept the \$500 donation from a patron for Enterprise Elementary. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

(Bob Haynes in at 7:35 pm)

The Board took no action on the COVID protocol agenda item. Everything will remain in place as we currently have it and this will be on each month's Board agenda for review and possible action at that time.

Kevin Suther shared information with the Board on the district track project. After talking to Hellas and the project manager, we are about (18) days from being completely finished. This week they are doing the 1st overlay and the colored parts are coming soon. Crowds are to stay on the north side while the track is being finished. Hopefully by the Abilene game we will be able to be on it.

He shared \$725,000 was the maximum designated amount for the project and although we will be over, we will not be billed anything over the \$725,000. Hopefully at the October Board meeting we will have pictures to share and also the final payment will be on the Board bills.

As a side note, Abilene and Chapman will not be on the same side for our Homecoming game.

Stacy Smiley and the DLT (District Leadership Team) presented to the Board and caught them up on what they have been working on and all they have accomplished so far. A big undertaking was re-evaluating the District Vision Statement, Mission Statement and Core Beliefs. All Principals and Interim Superintendent Kevin Suther had a part to share on

these (3) items they've all been working on for so long. Kate Erickson had the Board do an activity that everyone did themselves to give them an idea of what they've been doing.

School Board Visitations for 2021-22:

Interim Superintendent Suther shared that we are thinking **OUT OF THE BOX!** He wants to work with the DLT's and get some different ideas and dates for the Board to be able to have a choice that will work best with their schedules. He said he will come back to the Board on this and we will continue to re-visit as needed.

Work Session with KASB:

This is being pushed back to October or November in order to give Interim Superintendent Suther the opportunity to 1st work with the DLT on this. We need to try to align the DLT's goals with the Board's goals. He would like to bring the BLT to a meeting as well.

WoodRiver Energy Contract:

Jerry Wright made the motion to approve the contract agreement with WoodRiver Energy as presented. Bob Haynes seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Todd Frieze made the motion to approve the resolution for the February natural gas bill dispute with Symmetry Energy. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Dickinson County EDC (DKEDC) Driving Dickinson County Donation:

The Board discussed their request of \$3,500 per year for (5) years totaling \$17,500. Brenda Edleston voiced her concern that we are operating as a district off of tax dollars and it is not legal to donate tax dollars. Mike Rutz wanted to know how the financial figure was devised. Brenda is going to find out if we can legally donate and this will be on the October agenda as an action item.

The District's public comment process was discussed. We already have this process under a Board Policy but Brenda wanted to bring the "open forum" part up for discussion with the Board.

Brian Rock made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (30) minutes in order to discuss personnel items pursuant to non-elected personnel, exception under KOMA, with possible action to follow. We invite Interim Superintendent Kevin Suther, Kate Thornton and Clint Merritt in as needed. The open meeting will resume in the Board room at 9:35 pm. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Brenda Edleston made the motion to amend the motion to include Andrea Koster into the executive session. Bob Haynes seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

NEW: (Brian Rock made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (30) minutes in order to discuss personnel items pursuant to non-elected personnel, exception under KOMA, with possible action to follow. We invite Andrea Koster into the session with Interim Superintendent Kevin Suther, Kate Thornton and Clint Merritt in as needed. The open meeting will resume in the Board room at 9:35 pm. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.)

(Andrea in at 9:16 pm and remained in through the duration of the session)

(The Board returned to open session at 9:35 pm)

Jerry Wright made a motion for the Board to go back into Executive Session for (15) minutes in order to discuss personnel items pursuant to non-elected personnel, exception under KOMA, with possible action to follow. Andrea Koster was invited to the session and Interim Superintendent Kevin Suther, Kate Thornton and Clint Merritt in as needed. The open meeting will resume in the Board room at 9:50 pm. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

(Kevin Suther was invited in at 9:38 pm)

(Both Andrea and Kevin remained in the session until the expiration at 9:50 pm)

Jerry Wright made a motion for the Board to go back into Executive Session for (10) minutes in order to discuss personnel items pursuant to non-elected personnel, exception under KOMA, with possible action to follow. Andrea Koster was invited to the session and Kate Thornton and Clint Merritt were on standby. The open meeting will resume in the Board room at 10:00 pm. Bob Haynes seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

(Kate Thornton was invited in at 9:52 pm and she exited at 9:57 pm)

(Clint Merritt was invited in at 9:57 pm and he remained until session ended at 10:00 pm)

(The Board returned to open session at 10:00 pm)

Jerry Wright made the motion to adjourn. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm.



Next up:
October 11th: Regular Meeting @ 7:00 pm at the Education Center.

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Michele Sutter; Board Clerk

Handwritten signature of Brenda Edleston in black ink.

Brenda Edleston; Board President