

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

October 11, 2021



Brenda Edleston, Board President, convened the *Regular* meeting of the Board of Education of USD 473, Chapman, KS on Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Education Center, Chapman, KS 67431

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

Also Present: Kevin Suther – Interim Superintendent, Michele Sutter – Board Clerk
Kyle Cook – Technology Director, AJ Raaska - Abilene Reflector Reporter, Gary Sechrist – KASB Leadership Services Field Specialist, Bari Stalder, Jacquelyn Dautel, Jennifer Tiller, Jake Rutledge, Katie Lindner, Clint Merritt, Kate Thornton, Cheri Simpson, Michael Wahlmeier, Stacy Smiley, Savannah Smiley, Kevin Smiley, Kirsten Smallwood, Afton Diehl, Hope Hanback, Mason Hanback, Ashley Stearns, Amber Audy, Brandon Morse, Benson Smiley, Merissa Hiatt, Tara Tiernan, Lyndsey Saunders, Andrea Koster and Rita Hinck

Bob Haynes made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Jerry Wright made the motion to adopt the consent agenda. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

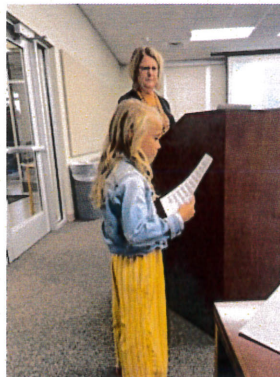
- A. Approve the minutes from the Regular September 13, 2021 Meeting & the Special October 5, 2021 Meeting
- B. Financial reports
 - Treasurer's Reports
 - Food Service Report
 - Petty Cash Reports
- C. Payment of bills
 - Regular Bills -** \$ 262,875.49
 - Bills Paid Early -** \$ 6,716.15
 - TOTAL -** \$ 269,591.64
- D. Out-of-District Requests
- E. In-District Transfer Requests

Under old business, COVID-19 protocols were discussed. Kevin Suther and Tara Tiernan both gave the Board current positive and quarantined numbers throughout the District. Tara said we are currently setting as low as we have this year. No action was taken on this matter.

Brenda Edleston reported that she checked with KASB Legal about making a donation from our budget to a non-profit. They have advised against it since we use tax dollars. Citizens could donate directly themselves to this cause. No action was taken on this matter either.

Brenda gave us all a front and back hand-out labeled "Public Commentary Guide" from KASB. USD 473 currently has a Board Policy and layout already in place for patrons who wish to speak before the Board of Education. For the November meeting, the public participation section will again be back on the Agenda for matters the public wants to discuss. If there are none, we will go past it. *NOTE: Requests to appear before the Board must be submitted to the Education Center no later than the Wednesday that precedes the Board meeting. There is a form to fill out and a typed outline must also be attached for the Superintendent's review.*

Under new business, Cheri Simpson, Rural Center Elementary Lead Teacher and Savannah Smiley, RC 1st grader, talked to the Board about Smart Goals, which is a part of our Social/Emotional Curriculum. They both told how the school is incorporating smart goals into their everyday school day and how important they are.



The new 2021-22 certified staff were at the meeting to introduce themselves to the Board. Each introduced themselves and told what they teach and where they are from. President Edleston welcomed them to our District.

The BLT (Building Leadership Team) gave a presentation to the Board telling about their goal which is to improve their individual building and how LITERACY is the goal of the District. There are leadership teams in every school. Those presenting tonight were Stacy Smiley, Bari Stalder, Ashley Stearns, Katie Lindler and Jacquelin Dautel. The example they used was how the change came to be in doing away with the AR program in the schools and starting the school wide book clubs where groups read the same book at the

same time and meet to discuss the book. Next month we will have members from the PLC come and present to the Board. Stacy Smiley closed with letting the Board know just how busy they are and how they are doing what's best for ALL kids! Mike Rutz commented to them that they've come a very long way in only 2 years.

Clint Merritt provided an NCKL update to the Board. He told that in August, Rock Creek formally petitioned admittance into the NCKL. They currently are the largest school in their league. Clint feels they are within our travel radius. Five of our current schools play them in some capacity. The NCKL is set to vote next Thursday, the 21st on this. It does take a unanimous vote. If even one Superintendent votes no, then it's a no and they cannot join.

Gary Sechrist from KASB presented information on a Superintendent search. USD 473 is currently without a full-time Superintendent due to the resignation of Jerry Hodson effective September 2nd. Kevin Suther is currently filling that role as the Interim Superintendent.

Brian Rock made a motion to accept the personnel changes that were presented to the Board. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Personnel :

Resignations

1. Deb Sekulich – Enterprise Elementary Secretary

New Hires

1. Katie Armstrong – Enterprise Elementary Secretary

Kelly Kuntz made a 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, with possible action to follow. The open meeting will resume in the Board room at 8:21 pm. Gary Sechrist from KASB is invited into the session. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

(The Board returned to open session at 8:21 pm)

Mike Rutz made a 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, with possible action to follow. The open meeting will resume in the Board room at 8:36 pm. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

(The Board returned to open session at 8:36 pm)

Mike Rutz made a 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, with possible action to follow. The open meeting will resume in the Board room at 8:41 pm. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

(The Board returned to open session at 8:41 pm)

Brian Rock made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (30) minutes for legal consultation pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the Board room at 9:13 pm. Bob Haynes seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. Angie Stallbaumer is invited into the session via ZOOM.

(The Board returned to open session at 9:13 pm)

Brenda Edleston made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (5) minutes for legal consultation pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the Board room at 9:18 pm. Bob Haynes seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. Angie Stallbaumer is invited into the session via ZOOM.

(The Board returned to open session at 9:18 pm)

Brian Rock made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (10) minutes for legal consultation pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the Board room at 9:28 pm. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. Angie Stallbaumer is invited into the session via ZOOM.

(The Board returned to open session at 9:28 pm)

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

Meeting Adjourned at 9:29 pm.



Next up:

November 8th: Regular Meeting @ 7:00 pm at the Education Center.

Michele Sutton; Board Clerk

Brenda Edleston; Board President