

Minutes (DRAFT; Pending BOE Approval)

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

March 7, 2022

Brenda Edleston, Board President, called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Education Center located at 822 N. Marshall St. in Chapman.

Other Board Members Present: Brian Rock, Vice-President, Kelly Kuntz, Jerry Wright and Betsy Edwards.

- Mike Rutz was absent

- Todd Frieze entered the meeting at 7:04 pm

Also Present: Kevin Suther - Superintendent of Schools, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk and Kyle Cook - District Technology Director

Guests introduced themselves.

Jerry Wright made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Kelly Kuntz made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

3.01 Approve the Minutes from the Regular February 14th Work Session & Board Meeting

3.02 Financial Reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash

3.03 Payment of Bills

3.04 Out-of-District Requests

3.05 In-District Transfer Requests

3.06 Public Participation

Kate Thornton presented Josie Strauss her 3rd place NCKL medal (female) for trap shooting. She also introduced Larry George to speak about our trap program. Larry said that just over 5 years ago, he came before the Board and asked to begin a trap team. That 1st team had (6) team members and now has 14-15 and their goal is to have 20. He gave an overview about the schools in Kansas and how the leagues are determined not by school size but the amount of members on a team. He also shared that 38 states participate with a trap league. This was Josie's 3rd year and she had a successful season. She placed 3rd in her conference for the girls division. Larry thanked the Board for the opportunity to begin and continue this trap program. They are wanting to have a hot dog roast at the end of the year and will be inviting the Board. Josie also thanked the Board for their support. Brenda Edleston congratulated Josie from the Board of Education.

Clint Merritt introduced Zach Lucas, head High School wrestling coach to give an overview of their season. Zach told how this was the 3rd year that KSHSAA recognized girls only teams in the sport of wrestling. This year our girl's team had 11 girls. Sadly there were many injuries this year with their team. Chelsey Armbruster has had 40 career wins in 3 years. She had the #1 seed at Regionals and qualified her for State after pinning her first opponent. She had a tough seeding at State. Chelsey won her 1st match then lost her next 2. She is hoping to continue wrestling at the collegiate level next year. Grace Johns also qualified for State. She had 20 wins and 2 losses this season and has 36 career wins. She said her season went pretty well and was surprised and happy she made it to State. She was able to beat the two-time State Champion twice. Her final match went into OT and she tweaked her knee during that match. Grace was our State Runner-up! She is only a Sophomore so she has 2 more seasons to wrestle.

For the boys, there were 3 State qualifiers. There were 27 boys out for the sport this year, which was a 50% increase from last year. Julius Raygoza who is a Freshman made it to State. He had a great season at the 106 lb. weight. Justin Wisner-McLane was at the meeting to speak. He wrestled at the 152 lb. weight class. Justin had 40 wins on the season and his career is at 61 so far. He thanked both Coach Lucas and Coach Jim Weller for all their support this season. He looks forward to next year. Brayden Lexow was also at the meeting to speak. He has a career of 52 wins. Brayden placed 2nd at Regionals and qualified for State. He made it to the 2nd day at State which was a goal for him he said. He thanked the coaches and all the parents for all the support they provided to him and his team. Coach Lucas shared they are only losing 1 senior boy and 1 senior girl so they should be very competitive next year.

Clint Merritt was provided some information to share at the meeting from the basketball coaches. He shared that the 7th grade girls ended the year in 3rd place at the NCKL. The 8th grade girls entered the tournament as the #1 seed and placed 4th. The 7th grade boys had a tough year but showed lots of improvement. The 8th grade boys finished 2nd at the league tournament.

For the High School teams, Coach Gruver (boys head coach) shared he had 26 players, 4 which are seniors. They had a very young team at the varsity level and there is room for lots of improvement. He is really looking forward to this summer and getting the boys in the gym and weight room for the summer skill development training.

Coach Wahlmeier (girls head coach) said there was a huge turnaround from last year's season. He shared the girls beat Clay Center twice who were state qualifiers. The girls also beat league opponents Abilene and Concordia twice. He is gonna miss his Seniors but also looks forward to having the competitive 8th grade team coming up next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

COVID Update - Nurse Tara shared that during the last couple of weeks, the District has had zero cases which includes students and staff. She is recommending that we do away with wearing masks in the school buses based off of the new CDC guidelines. Nurse Tara had contacted Keith Dreiling at KSDE as well as our local Health Department to confirm the change. Superintendent Suther shared that we are still doing COVID testing at the Middle School and are keeping all other COVID requirements we currently have in place.

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to modify our current protocol to allow students to ride without masks. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Brenda Edleston went over the proposed award system for staff that she brought up last month for the Board to consider. There will be (2) annual awards, one for outstanding service to the district and one for outstanding service to the students. Each award will come with a plaque and recognition at the May Board Meeting. After this year, the winners will be honored at the Employee Appreciation Banquet that's in April which honors our 15 & 25 years of service employees plus our retirees. Brian Rock made the motion to begin this new policy and Betsy Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Suther discussed the proposed Board of Education Evaluation he loaded for them all to review and share their thoughts and opinions on. It was the consensus by the Board to try this one with a slight modification that Brenda and Brian Rock suggested for academics. The Board would then have a retreat in June to use the evaluations to help develop future goals and a focus for next year's meetings. Kelly Kuntz made the motion to adopt this new tool and Jerry Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kyle Cook went over the e-rate application information for the upcoming year and asked the Board's permission to move forward with the submission. E-Rate is how we get federal funding for our internet connections. They run on a 3 year cycle and this year BR and RC are up for a new contract. He explained we are upping from a 50 MB to a 200 MB connection at those 2 schools. Seventy percent will be paid by federal money and thirty percent by USD 473. Kan-Ren provided the only bid. Brian Rock made the motion to approve the application as presented. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Kyle will award Kan-Ren the contract and will get it submitted.

We had (2) donations to accept this month.

1. Patti Anderes was the winning farmer in Dickinson County to receive a 2022 America's Farmers Grow Communities \$5,000 donation, a Bayer Fund program, to direct to a local nonprofit organization, and would like to direct the funds to Rural Center Elementary, designated to STEM Education Development Program.
2. United Methodist Church of Chapman - \$580.00 for special medical needs for the students of Chapman Elementary School.

Jerry Wright made the motion to accept these donations and Betsy Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Suther provided a spreadsheet to the Board of a Capital Outlay Budget through the 23-24 school year and also a 6-7 year outlook for Technology. He is asking the Board to approve (3) items at tonight's meeting so we can get those going as soon as possible. They are:

1. New sound system for the District Gym - Solid Rock Audio Video was the low bid at \$23,881.10
2. New copy machines - SumnerOne Investment Options was the low bid at \$64,060.00
3. New 29 passenger bus - Midwest Bus Sales was the low bid at \$62,267.00

Brian Rock made the motion to accept the (3) bids and move forward in this budget year. Jerry Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Kelly Kuntz made a motion to approve the resignation and the new hire that were presented to the Board. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Resignation: Katelyn Morlan - 5th Grade Teacher Chapman Elementary School

New Hire: Codie Boyd - 1st Grade Teacher Chapman Elementary School

Brian Rock made the motion to extend the Directors and Supervisors contracts that were presented to the Board for (1) year. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Andrea Koster - Human Resources Director
Kyle Cook - Information Technology Director
Randy Heller - Transportation Director
Tara Tiernan - School Nurse
Brenda Brown - School Nurse
Rick Hall - Maintenance Director
Carla Travelute - Head Custodian Supervisor CHS

Brian Rock made the motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (15) minutes in order to discuss student matters pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the Board room at 8:12 pm. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Suther was invited into the session.

The Board returned to open session at 8:12 pm.

Kelly Kuntz made the motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (20) minutes in order to discuss Negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the Board room at 8:32 pm. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Suther was invited into the session.

The Board returned to open session at 8:32 pm.

Brian Rock made the 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, and the open meeting will resume in the Board Room at 9:02 pm. Todd Frieze seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to open session at 9:02 pm.

Kelly Kuntz made the motion for the Board to go back into Executive Session for (10) minutes in order to discuss Personnel item pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the Board Room at 9:12 pm. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Betsy Edwards made the motion to adjourn. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Brenda Edleston, Board President

Michele Sutter, Board Clerk