

Minutes
(pending BOE approval)

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

May 9, 2022

Brenda Edleston, Board President, called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All Board members were present (except for Todd Frieze who arrived at 7:03 pm). Guests introduced themselves.

Brenda Edleston made the motion to amend the Agenda by adding an Executive Session for (15) minutes at the end of the meeting before adjourning for Legal consultation. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to adopt the amended Agenda. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

(Todd Frieze in at 7:03 pm)

Jerry Wright made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nurse Tara Tiernan reported that since 2/23/22, our numbers have remained at 0 cases, including this week which makes 10 consecutive weeks. This will be the last dashboard update for the school year.

Board of Education Awards:

Brenda Edleston presented the very 1st award for "Outstanding Service to the District" to Mr. Tony Frieze, retired Superintendent for USD 473.

Brian Rock presented the next award for "Outstanding Service to Students" to Mr. James Bell, CHS Math Teacher.

Betsy Edwards presented the final award again for "Outstanding Service to the District" to District Nurse Tara Tiernan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheldon Jones, Copeland Insurance, was there to present an overview to the Board on what's coming with the 2022-23 renewal package that goes into affect July 1, 2022. He also shared questions that were asked from some of the members and also his answers. He went over some large claims that happened this school year that affect the rates. He told the Board he can meet with them as many times as possible to help and also to answer any questions before the July 1st renewal.

Afton Diehl shared information to the Board on the upcoming After-School-Program at Enterprise Elementary that will begin August, 2022. She sent out an on-line survey to gauge how many families have an interest and a need for a program like this. At this point, there were (15) responses that they would enroll. The program will be \$5.00/day, prepaid, and you only pay for the days you are there. The program will be M-F from 3:30 to 5:30. She has (8) staff who are interested in supervising the program. They are working currently on a set schedule for the program. It looks like (30) minutes for study hall, a snack time, outdoor time and then an educational time. They are currently working on securing outside sources who would come in once a month for free to teach the students about a subject. This ASP would be self-sustaining and there are no maximum numbers of kids who can participate. They estimate providing (2) staff members for every (15) kids. The more kids, the more staff that will be there.

NEW Curriculum:

Stacy Smiley and Cheri Simpson presented information to the Board regarding Tier 2 & 3 Reading Resources for K-5th Grade. They explained two programs called Souday System 1 and 95% Group curriculum to help with areas that need the most focus for students like Phonics. Betsy Edwards made the motion to approve the purchase of the new Tiered System of Support Curriculum for the Elementary Schools for the start of the 2022-23 school year. Todd Frieze seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Stacy Smiley and Rylee Schlesener presented on the Preschool Curriculum Adoption. The preschool teachers unanimously chose FrogStreet which is a researched based curriculum, comprehensive for all subject areas plus lots of play learning. Kelly Kuntz moved to approve the comprehensive curriculum for all the preschool programs for the start of the 2022-23 school year. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Stacy Smiley, Elizabeth Brooks and Diana June presented on the BSEL Curriculum (Behavior Social Emotion Learning). The curriculum is called Character Strong and was unanimously voted in favor of adopting by committee members of teachers, counselors and administrators. This curriculum will help with topics and interactive lessons while in morning meetings for the elementary and advisory for the secondary level. Mike Rutz made the motion to approve the BSEL curriculum for Pre-K thru 12th Grade starting with the 2022-23 school year. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Suther gave a KESA (Kansas Education Systems Accreditation) update to the Board. He shared it is a 5 year process and we are in year 4. Next year is our year to be accredited. An outside visiting team came for the annual tour and presentation in April to see the USD 473 progress in many areas but not limited to Kindergarten Readiness, Graduation Progress, Social Emotional, Academics, and Individual Plans of Study.

Kate Thornton gave the NCKL update for Athletic Director, Clint Merritt, as he had to perform several duties at the HS JV baseball game that came up. She shared that league admittance prices are going up. They have not increased since the 14-15 school year. In August, Mrs. Thornton and Mr. Merritt will both attend the League meeting to vote on the proposal. Additional information was shared by Superintendent Suther about the new KSHSAA private school success multiplier which was passed by the KSHSAA Board of Directors but has a few more steps before anything becomes official.

Brian Rock made the motion to accept the list of provided surplus items to be disposed of according to the wish of the Superintendent either through disposal or sale. This was a large list of old curriculum materials and also technology equipment no longer used. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to accept the \$100 donation from The Foot Locker to Chapman Elementary, to be used for their supplies. Todd Frieze seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Jerry Wright made the motion for the Board Retreat date to take place on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Todd Frieze seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. Both breakfast and lunch will be served.

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to approve the personnel items as presented. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Resignations:

1. Lyndsey Saunders - CMS History Teacher
2. Steve Simpson - CMS Football Coach

New Hires & Transfers:

1. Kiah Keller - CES Teacher
2. Savana Gorman - CHS English Teacher
3. Nick Woodbury - CHS Assistant Football Coach
4. Connie Mitchell - CMS Secretary
5. Tim Gottschalk - CMS Social Studies Teacher
6. Billy Golden - Head CMS Football Coach (TRANSFER)

(The Board took a 5 minute break)

Kelly Kuntz made the motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (15) 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 9:05 pm. Superintendent Suther was invited in to the session. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

(The Board returned to open session at 9:05 pm)

Mike Rutz made the motion to approve the 2022-23 Negotiated Package that was presented to the Board. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Brenda Edleston made the motion to go into Executive Session for (15) minutes in order to have a 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 9:23 pm. Angie Stallbaumer, KASB Legal, was invited into the session via telephone. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Brian Rock made the motion to adjourn. Todd Frieze seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned - 9:23 pm.

Brenda Edleston, Board President

Michele Sutter, Board Clerk