

Minutes
(pending BOE approval)

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

June 13, 2022

Brenda Edleston, School Board President, called the Regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 pm.

Board Members Present: Brian Rock, Vice President, Kelly Kuntz, Mike Rutz, Jerry Wright and Betsy Edwards. Todd Frieze was absent.

Also Present: Superintendent Kevin Suther, Michele Sutter, Board Clerk, Kyle Cook, Technology Director, Kate Thornton, High School Principal, Clint Merritt, High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Mary Wright, Middle School Principal, Kristin Portelli, Parents as Teachers and Sheldon Jones, Copeland Insurance

Brenda Edleston made the motion to modify the Consent Agenda to remove the Out of District piece and move it to right after School Presentations. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to adopt the *amended* Agenda. Jerry Wright seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Brian Rock made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

- 3.01 Approve the Minutes from the Regular May 9th BOE Meeting & also the Board Retreat/Work Session from June 1, 2022
- 3.02 Financial Reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash
- 3.03 Payment of Bills
- 3.04 In-District Transfer Requests
- 3.05 Public Participation

School Presentations:

Clint Merritt gave an update on spring sports. Unfortunately no kids were able to be present because they are involved in summer sports and activities.

He talked about Danny Jackson, who was a 4A State Golf Qualifier and all of his accomplishments this year. Clint read a write-up about Danny that Coach Brett Koster provided. Some highlights were that Danny medaled 8 out of his 9 tournaments, he finished 6th in the NCKL and he was in the top 10 @ Regionals, which secured his spot at State. Danny is only a Sophomore and has made huge strides since his Freshman year Clint said.

Our girls track team placed 2nd at Regionals and we had several individual qualifiers, along with a couple relay teams. This included the Girls 4 x 100 relay and the Boys 4 x 800 relay teams. Elyssa Frieze was the 3200 M State Champion & 2nd place 1600 M placer. Maya Kirkpatrick placed 4th in Triple Jump and 8th in 300 M Hurdles. Sophia Cavanaugh placed 4th in the high jump. The girls were able to finish in the top 10 at State.

For our baseball team, they dropped the final game at Regionals to Clay Center so their season was over. The softball team improved quite a bit from last year by winning an additional 7 games and that is always good to see.

Ian Wooldridge missed going to State by one match in boys Tennis. He did have a great season though and was the NCKL Single's Champion.

MS WRESTLING

Clint talked about Middle School wrestling. He told how our MS girls must wrestle with the boys. Sadly, MS wrestling takes place the same time as MS girls basketball so girls have to make a choice between the sports. If they choose basketball, they have no athletics from December through March until track season begins. Clint is wanting the Board to consider adding a MS wrestling season for girls only, to take place during the January & February months. He told how Abilene began doing that last year and Clay Center is approved to begin theirs for the 22-23 school year. If the Board would approve, we would need to hire a coach and he said there is interest out there. Superintendent Suther explained this is being brought to the Board to think over for now and we would possibly talk about it at the July meeting. This would allow our MS girls to be able to do both basketball and wrestling. Abilene, Clay Center and Chapman have the most girls wrestle in our league.

Out-of District Requests:

Brenda explained that this was pulled off the Consent Agenda so that the Board could have a conversation about it. School Law is changing on this subject effective the 2024-25 school year and we need to start talking about the changes now. We are also at capacity for our upcoming 7th, 9th and 11th graders. Superintendent Suther said he'd like to put information directly on the OOD forms letting parents know those 3 grade levels are currently not accepting any more OOD students so the parents can be informed. Brian Rock made the motion to accept the OOD students that were presented on a list to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Superintendent Suther went over all that is currently taken place with the future HVAC plans and now we are breaking it down to what we want to do each year. An energy service company will help to coordinate installation, bids, and help train local workers to run the systems. Jerry Wright made the motion to select Trane as Chapman USD 473's Energy Services Company in accordance with statute KSA 75-37,125. Mike Rutz seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parents as Teachers Presentation

Kristin Portelli gave an overview and an update of our Parents as Teachers Program. She currently has 23 kids in the program and she does home visits. She screens the children when they first enter the program and then again on their birthday. She said they do lots of fine and gross motor skills in order to get them ready for Kindergarten. She has play group once or twice a month in the back part of her office. Anyone 0-K can come even if they are not in the program.

Insurance

Sheldon Jones was present to answer any questions the Board had regarding our District Renewal Package. He and Superintendent Suther worked very closely together to present the most affordable package that could be offered. Sheldon appreciated all the work Superintendent Suther did on this project and also thanked Brenda Edleston and Brian Rock for their help. He stated it was the smoothest renewal he's had with our District. Mike Rutz made the motion to approve the 2022-23 District insurance renewal as presented. Brian Rock seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Board Focus Areas:

Superintendent Suther explained that the Board met for a Work Session on June 1st with our Directors and Administrators. The activities at the work session led up to what was considered the most important focus for '22-23 and into the future. Out of 10 topics, everyone gave their top 3 and why. Mr. Suther gave the Board an excel spreadsheet on the results. He also broke down the Directors and Administrators opinions. The top 3 for the Board are:

1. Social Emotional/Culture

- 2. Instruction/Professional Development
- 3. Facilities/Safety

Superintendent Suther shared a goal for each focus category to help create action plans in the future when making decisions. The board will utilize 3 Work Sessions for the upcoming school year for an hour before the Regular Board meeting on each of those priorities listed above.

Board Self-Evaluation:

Brenda has it compiled but isn't quite finished with it. She will have it calculated for the Board to review very soon.

Handbooks

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to approve the student, certified and classified handbooks for the 2022-23 school year. Jerry Wright seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Meals & Enrollment Fees

Mike Rutz made the motion to approve the breakfast, lunch and enrollment fees for the 2022-23 school year. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Elementary:

Breakfast \$2.10
Lunch \$2.95

Middle School:

Breakfast \$2.20
Lunch \$3.05

High School:

Breakfast \$2.30
Lunch \$3.15

Adult:

Breakfast \$2.60
Lunch \$4.65

Enrollment fees are remaining the same.

KASB Policy Updates

Brian Rock made the motion to approve the June 2022 KASB Policy updates. Jerry Wright seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Surplus

Jerry Wright made the motion to have Van G be declared a surplus item. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

End of Year Meeting

Brenda Edleston made the motion to set the Year End BOE Meeting to Tuesday, June 28th at 7:30 am at the Education Center. Jerry Wright seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Personnel

Brian Rock made the motion to approve all Personnel items presented to the Board. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Resignations:

1. Christine Collins - CES Title Aide
2. Stephanie Holloway - Enterprise, Blue Ridge, Rural Center Counselor

Transfers:

1. Katie Wieters - CES Student Support Coordinator

New Assignments:

1. Savannah Gorman (who is currently the CHS English Teacher) will be adding to her duties the following:

-Assistant Musical Director
-Assistant Spring Play Director
-Student Council Sponsor

2. Shasta Acheson - SADD co-Sponsor (with Kayla Kinser)

New Hires:

1. Ben Boelling - Bus Barn Mechanic

Jerry Wright made the motion to adjourn. Mike Rutz seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned - 8:29 pm

Brenda Edleston, Board President

Michele Sutter, Board Clerk

***** PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 28TH AT 7:30 AM AND THE JULY MEETING IS JULY 18TH *****