

Minutes

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

August 8, 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

**Also Present: Kevin Suther - Superintendent, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk, Kyle Cook - District Tech Director
Cheri Simpson - Lead Teacher @ Rural Center, Mary Wright - CMS Principal, Clint Merritt - CHS Asst. Principal and 6-8 Athletic
Director, Afton Diehl - BR & ENT Elementaries Principal, Rita Hinck - CES Principal, Kate Thornton - CHS Principal, Tara Tiernan -
District Nurse and Zach Lucas - CHS Wrestling Head Coach**

(Todd Frieze in at 7:01 pm)

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to adopt the agenda. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

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

Consent Agenda

- 3.01 Approve the Minutes from the Regular July 18th BOE Meeting
- 3.02 Financial Reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash
- 3.03 Payment of Bills
- 3.04 Public Participation

Mike Rutz made the motion to approve the Out-of-District students that were provided to the Board. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Suther shared he was officially bringing MS girls wrestling to the Board for a vote after it was previously discussed to add to this year's schedule. Mr. Merritt explained that currently, our girls have to compete with boys and this would allow them to have their own season, once their basketball season ended. As it is now, middle school girls have to choose between basketball and wrestling and this would allow them to participate in both sports, just as the boys do, and help them to be better prepared for their High School career. Abilene adopted this schedule last year, Clay Center has added it for this year and Marysville is seeking their Board's approval as well. We could have (4) of the league schools enjoying the same rotation and their students benefiting this program. If the Board approves this, we would add this for the Jan/Feb time frame and the girls would do wrestling while the boys do basketball. Mr. Merritt also shared we would need to hire a coach for this change as well.

Betsy Edwards made the motion to add Middle School Girls Wrestling to our program this year. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Nurse Tara Tiernan and Superintendent Suther, alongside John Hultgren from the Dickinson County Health Department, put together this year's COVID guidelines.

USD 473 Chapman School COVID Guidelines Board Approved 8/8/2022

If a student/district staff personnel is deemed to be a positive case, it is recommended that the school follow the Isolation Guidelines.

Isolation Guidelines:

- Stay at home for a minimum of 5 days following the date of the onset of symptoms AND symptoms are resolving AND fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
- Upon return to any school property, positive student/district staff personnel **MUST** wear a mask until it satisfies 10 days following the date of the onset of symptoms.
- Students participating in school related activities:
 - Test to play: Return to school on day 6, students may test on days 6-10 and once negative may resume school related activities unmasked. Students must remain masked at school days 6-10.
 - Students who do not wish to test upon return to school on day 6 or students who do continue to test positive on days 6-10 can still condition but must remain masked. Students can not travel with the team.

Self-Quarantine Guidelines HOUSEHOLD Exposure:

- Modified Guidelines (Does CONSENT to COVID-19 Testing): Household close contact requires students to be tested upon notification of their last known exposure to a positive case and then every other day upon entering school for 7 consecutive school days following the LAST COVID positive household members' date of positive test. Household close contacts will wear a mask while at school or school events for 10 days following the last date of exposure.
- Non-Modified Guidelines (Does NOT CONSENT to COVID-19 Testing): Home quarantine for 5 days following last known household related exposure. Student/district staff can return to school (day 6) but should wear a mask for an additional 5 days at school. Students will not participate in school related activities until they have satisfied their 10 days from last known household exposure.

Self-quarantine Exemptions:

KDHE has stated that the below people are not expected to self-quarantine after exposure to a COVID-19 case. Individuals should monitor for symptoms and wear a mask around others for 10 days following last known exposure.

- Fully vaccinated individuals (within 5 months of receiving 2nd dose of Pfizer/Moderna vaccine or within 2 months of receiving 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine) or who have been appropriately boosted or individuals who have a documented COVID-19 positive test result within the last 90 days.

IF 10% of students & staff are positive in an individual building, masks will be implemented in that individual building for a minimum of 2 weeks.

Brenda Edleston made the motion to approve the 2022-23 COVID Protocol Guidelines, as discussed and modified. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Suther asked the Board if Wednesday, September 28th would work to get together for the year's 1st Work Session which will be discussing "Facilities & Safety". He said this meeting would be at least a couple of hours in length to discuss the Board's #1 Goal of the 2022-23 school year. We will serve a meal before this meeting.

Superintendent Suther and Tech Director Kyle Cook present to the Board our security camera situation. Most of our cameras that were installed over 12 years ago are no longer working. Their technology is out of date. This summer cameras were installed on all the outlying schools, inside and out. This proposal from INA Alert is only for the (3) in town schools and is server based vs. cloud based. Our IT employees would install the cameras hopefully starting in September. INA Alert is approved through the Greenbush Cooperative Purchasing in which USD 473 Chapman is a member and INA Alert is on the state bid list. We also received a KSDE Safety grant to help defer some of the cost of the new cameras.

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to approve this work. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Quite a bit of our enrollment has been completed so the Principals shared their numbers thus far with the Board. Our enrollment numbers are up and we have closed enrollment for NEW students to our District in 7th, 9th and 11th grades due to high numbers.

Superintendent Suther discussed Board Visitation options with the Board. The Board is to get some dates to Mr. Suther for possible days and times by grouping schools together instead of visiting all six schools on separate days. The decision was to have two half days scheduled with the outlying school buildings for a date in October and all the Chapman schools for a date in November.

Brian Rock made the 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 and the open meeting will resume in the Board room at 8:45 pm. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

(The Board returned to Open Session at 8:45 pm)

Jerry Wright made the motion to approve all Personnel items that were presented to the Board. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Transfers:

1. Matt Dalke - Transfer from CMS Assistant Girls Basketball to CMS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
2. Rose Rowley - Transfer from CES Part Time Teacher's Aide to CES Full Time PreSchool Teacher's Aide

New Hires:

1. Dawn Sholtz - Student Services Coordinator at Blue Ridge, Enterprise and Rural Center Elementary
2. Christal Ade - CMS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
3. Kyle Cook - CMS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
4. Amy Boelling - CHS Full Time Kitchen Staff
5. Chad Hite - Blue Ridge Custodian

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to adjourn. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned - 8:48 pm.

Brenda Edleston, Board President

Michele Sutter, Board Clerk

