

Minutes

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

October 10, 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, Mike Rutz, Betsy Edwards and Jerry Wright (Todd Frieze and Kelly Kuntz were absent)

Also Present: Kevin Suther - Superintendent, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk, Kyle Cook - District Technology Director, Cheri Simpson, Rebecca Dudley, Jennifer Tiller, Kara Wilkins, Kelsey DeFer, Ashley Stearns, Stacy Smiley, Jamie, Angela & Sterling Bonnema, Mary Wright, Kate Thornton, Bari Stalder, Jamey Dalke, Rita Hinck, Campbell Stoffer, Rebecca Stoffer and Tara Tiernan

Jerry Wright made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Brian Rock made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda:

3.01 Approve the Minutes from the Regular September 12th BOE Meeting & also the Board's Work Session from September 28th, 2022

3.02 Financial Reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash

3.03 Payment of Bills

3.04 Public Participation

SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

Cheri Simpson talked to the Board about the 2022 "American Farmers Grow Communities" award that Rural Center received this year. Rural Center Secretary, Patti Anderes, had applied for this grant a few times over the years and this year they won. Patti requested the grant money to be used toward STEM activities at their school. A variety of materials have been purchased including incubators, grow lights, wire shelving, etc. They also purchased STEM activities which included water erosion, seeds and pollination and sound waves and vibrations, just to name a few. The Preschoolers were also given materials that were appropriate for their age which included flower gardening sets.

Sterling Bonnema, who is a 5th grader at Rural Center, spoke about the snap circuits that were purchased. He demonstrated his by playing the "Happy Birthday" song. He also demonstrated how he could make it play without having to keep his thumb on it and explained how he was able to figure that out by changing parts on the circuit board. Enough of these snap circuits were purchased so an entire class could be using them at one time in small groups. Sterling told the Board that his class recently earned a reward and out of all the things they were given to choose from, they requested time with these circuit boards.

ELA Curriculum update:

Stacy Smiley gave a quick update to the Board on how the new curriculum for reading is going. She invited a couple of teachers and students to share about the Open Court curriculum.

First up was Kara Wilkins and she and her students were here to demonstrate GREEN bands. They demonstrated "blending". In their day, once they are done with this part of their learning they move on to their decodable readers, which reinforces phonics and the vocabulary words.

Next up was Ashley Stearns and her students were here to demonstrate open syllables and closed syllables and word analyses. They also showed the board dictation of sentences.

CharacterStrong Curriculum update:

Stacy Smiley gave an update about this SEL program explaining that it is Pre-K through 12th grade. In August, they had their first training with CharacterStrong. At the October In-Service, they had Pre-K - 12th alignment conversations. A short video from one of the founders of CharacterStrong explained the concept behind the program. The curriculum is based off of 9 character Traits that fall under the three categories of be kind, be strong

and be well. The games, activities and discussions take place mainly during morning meeting for the elementary schools and advisory for the secondary schools with reinforcement from the counselors and social workers.

Bari Stalder presented on the Secondary overview. She went through what is taking place during the Advisory time at CMS. Mrs. Stalder said there is lots of interaction, low prep time for teachers and helps to build relationships with the students. She stated, "This has been a very positive and exciting experience."

FAFSA Award Recognition:

Kate Thornton and Jamey Dalke spoke about the award that CHS won this year from FAFSA. They explained that 65% of last year's Seniors completed the FAFSA which was the largest increase in 4A recognized by the Kansas State Board of Education. They have a goal to beat that number this year. They will be pulling all the Seniors into the auditorium and they will actually start the FAFSA with them. Some steps are very overwhelming for students so this plan may help with that. Mrs. Dalke spoke about how she talks to them about the scholarships that are available for them. All of the scholarships can be accessed at the chapmanirish.net website. She also explained how fortunate our students and alumni are that we have the Irish Foundation Scholarship opportunity. It's a very simple process to apply for. It is for our HS Seniors, as well as all Chapman High School alumni. She also communicates by using the 2023 Google Classroom and Powerschool Announcements so students can keep track of upcoming college days or other important dates.

Naloxone Policy:

Nurse Tara Tiernan asked the Board to adopt a new policy for administering Narcan. Greenbush provided a great deal of information to us regarding the development of the policy that other schools are using. The policy helps to give direction for procedures, symptoms and documentation. It is a nasal spray that is kept locked up in the Nurse's office located at CMS & CHS. Jerry Wright made the motion to approve this policy as written and Brian Rock seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Scheduling Report:

Superintendent Suther presented information to the Board regarding our September 20th count day. Our numbers are up more than we anticipated so we may need to republish our budget after the KSDE audit occurs this year. Mr. Suther gave them the classroom breakdown for grades 1st - 5th grade. The High School line schedule was given with student numbers for each class and the CTE class numbers are going up. He also gave the board a break-down by core teachers along with electives for the Middle School. He explained how the PreK was approved this year for USD 473 as an official KSDE preschool program so we are now able to count them as .5 for funding for the 1st time if considered at-risk by the criteria.

Surplus Items:

We had several items presented to the Board to be declared for surplus and they are:

1. Band instruments - These are instruments that can no longer be repaired.
2. Basketball uniforms - HS boys uniforms - We would like to dispose of or offer them to students since some seem to like to wear old uniforms to our games.
3. Used books from our 2021-22 HS Book Club sales. We will receive half of the money back that we paid for them from another school who will be starting their own building book club.

Betsy Edwards made the motion to approve the list of surplus items and Jerry Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Donation:

Enterprise Elementary received a patron donation of \$500.00 and was told to use it where there is a need. Mike Rutz made the motion to accept this donation. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Capital Outlay Purchase:

Superintendent Suther requested the Board approve a purchase from McClellan Sound for \$25,000.00 for an outdoor system for the football field and the track and field area behind the stadium. McClellan is on the state bid list and they have designed a proposal for us. They do require a down-payment of 40% to begin the purchase. If the Board approves, we hope this new system would be in place for the 1st home track meet. Brian Rock made a motion to approve this purchase. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Personnel:

Mike Rutz made the motion to approve all personnel items that were presented. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Resignations:

Brenda Lemon - CHS Scholars' Bowl Coach

New Hires:

Linda Cosio - Evening CES and District Gym Custodian

Lindi Fernlund, Enterprise Secretary

Betsy Edwards made the motion to adjourn. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned - 8:41 pm

Brenda Edleston, Board President

Michele Sutter, Board Clerk