

Minutes

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

March 20, 2023

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

**Board Members Present: Vice-President Brian Rock, Jerry Wright, Betsy Edwards, Mike Rutz and Todd Frieze
(Kelly Kuntz entered at 7:17 pm)**

Also Present: Kevin Suther - Superintendent, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk Elizabeth Brooks, Zach Lucas, Kyle Cook, Kate Thornton, Cheri Simpson, Mary Wright, Michael Wahlmeier, Dwyne Riegel, Stacy Smiley, Shelly Picking, Gage Picking, Maya Kirkpatrick, Clint Merritt, Drew Gruver, Sue Frieze, Afton Diehl, Elyssa Frieze, Keira Jones, Allison Abeldt, Brayden Lexow, Ava Locke (guests introduced themselves)

Mike Rutz made the motion to adopt the agenda. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Mike Rutz made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda

- 3.01 Approve the Minutes from the Regular February 13th, 2023 BOE Meeting and also the Special February 27th, 2023 BOE Meeting
- 3.02 Financial Reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash
- 3.03 Payment of Bills
- 3.04 Public Participation

SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

Sports Honors:

Winter Sports (HS Boys & Girls Basketball and Boys & Girls Wrestling)

Michael Walmeier introduced some girls he brought from the basketball team. He thanked the Board and the Administration for their support. The captains were Maya Kirkpatrick, Grace Merritt and Alyssa Frieze. Alyssa spoke of several accomplishments the team had this year and also thanked the Board for their support. Their slogan this year was #Stronger and they got stronger having a winning record of 13-9. She shared their BEST win was defeating Clay Center in

the Sub-State Game since Clay Center had beat them in the postseason in the past. She also talked about the GREAT FANS they had that night. There are 3 seniors on the team this year that will be moving on.

Drew Gruver is the boys varsity basketball coach and he also thanked the Board for their support, as well as the opportunity to visit about their season. There was a lone senior this year, Darren Klukas, and unfortunately at the last minute he was unable to attend the meeting and was very disappointed about it. Drew shared that Darren had 4 years of commitment to the program and was a complete joy to coach. He always worked super hard in everything he did.

Gage Picking, who is a junior, was in attendance. Drew said Gage was a gym rat and was also the hardest working guy out there getting better at basketball. He put in a lot of time last summer working to get better. Gage doubled his stats from 2 years ago. He is a great teammate and he raises the other player's game. Coach Gruver said he was happy to get to coach him again next year.

Drew shared the stats from JV and Varsity levels and said all but 1 player will be coming back next year. He said they look to get better next year and that first step is to believe in themselves.

Zach Lucas is the HS boys and girls wrestling coach. He brought with him Braeden Lexow and Mena Mann. Braeden placed 4th in state this year wrapping up his wrestling career and Mena qualified for state but did not place. The boys were 1st Team All-State Academic with 11 athletes. Two other girl wrestlers qualified for state which were Taya Rowley and Alyssa Calovich who became the first State Champion for girls in CHS history. Coach Lucas also thanked the Board for all the support they give the program.

ACADEMIC GROWTH UPDATE

Stacy Smiley gave the Board a mid year data review for the new reading curriculum (Open Court) and shared numbers on where USD 473 is currently at. This included mainly FastBridge data involving reading, math and social emotional.

MATH CURRICULUM ADOPTION

Stacy Smiley, Elizabeth Brooks, Dwyne Riegel and Sherri Brantley from TASN (via Zoom) shared with the Board about what our team has been working on all year with the K-8 math adoption. The team consists of a teacher from every grade level throughout the district along with administrators.

Currently, our elementary students are using Math Expressions from 2013 edition and our middle school students are using Big Ideas from 2014.

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to approve the new math curriculum adoption for K-8th grade for the upcoming school year (Envision). Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Suther gave the Board a break-down of the donations received since the last meeting.

\$5,000 from the Community Foundation of Dickinson County for the Enterprise After-School-Program.

\$3,000 from CHARG for the Baseball Program

\$539 from the United Methodist Church for Chapman Elementary (sent to Nurse Tiernan).

\$295.73 - Knights of Columbus (tootsie roll drive) for the Special Ed Teachers.

\$2000 - Class of 1967 Alumni to CHS

TOTAL - \$10,834.73

Betsy Edwards made the motion to accept the donations as presented. Jerry Wright seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Kyle Cook, IT Director, gave an overview of the e-Rate program and also the application we are filing this year. E-Rate helps us afford our internet connections. This year due to the number of our free/reduced students, we receive 70% reimbursement of services that qualify for this program. This year the Bus Barn's connection is out for bid. Next year will be year 3 of 3 for our in town connections as well as Enterprise Elementary. Blue Ridge and Rural Center have 2 years left after this year. These are all Category 1 services.

The Category 2 funding is for internal connections and we haven't used this funding since 2019. Unfortunately, Category 2 won't cover servers or computers, etc. Kyle said he and Superintendent Suther are sitting down and are coming up with a plan to use the Category 2 funds that we have qualified for which mainly focuses around purchases like internal switches and wiring.

Superintendent Suther told the Board that this year's Employee Recognition Dinner is Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30 in the CHS commons area. We honor employees who have been with USD 473 for 15 years, 25 years and any retirees. This year we will also honor the two employees who received the Board awarded "Outstanding Service to Students" and "Outstanding Service to the District" awards. Last year's dinner was well attended by our Board and he hopes this year's will be too.

Brian Rock made the motion to extend the following contracts by one year (2023-2024) for our Directors and Supervisors:

Andrea Koster - Human Resources Director

Kyle Cook - IT Director

Randy Heller - Transportation Director

Tara Tiernan - School Nurse

Rick Hall - Maintenance Director

Carla Mitchell - Head Custodian/Supervisor CHS

Additional Supervisors on a teacher contract with supplemental duties:

Cheri Simpson - Rural Center Lead Teacher

Stacy Smiley - MTSS & Title Coordinator

Brett Koster - Information Technology Director

Betsy Edwards seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Brenda Edleston made the motion to set the Board's next Work Session to discuss their #2 Goal - Social Emotional & Culture and also discuss the results of the Board's Self-Evaluation for Monday, April 24th at the Board Office from 5:30 to 8:00. There will be a meal at 5:30 and the Work Session will be from 6-8 pm. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Todd Frieze made the motion to approve the personnel changes that were presented. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Resignation/Terminations:

Diana June - Middle School ELA teacher

Katie Bunning - CHS Dance Sponsor

Matt Dalke - CMS Boys Basketball Coach

Transfer:

Wade Chamberlin - CMS Asst. Track Coach to CHS Asst. Track Coach

New Hires:

Rebecca Dudley - Enterprise Elementary Teacher

Shelby Banks - Chapman Elementary Pre-K Teacher

Tim Coles - CMS Assistant Track Coach

Brian Rock 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 9:25 pm. Superintendent Suther is invited into the session. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

(The Board returned to Open Session at 9:25 pm)

Brenda Edleston made the motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (10) 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 9:35 pm. Superintendent Suther is invited into the session. Todd Frieze seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

(The Board returned to Open Session at 9:35 pm)

Kelly Kuntz made the motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (25) 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 10:02 pm. Superintendent Suther is invited into the session. Mike Rutz seconded

the motion; motion carried 7-0.

(The Board returned to Open Session at 10:02 pm)

Betsy Edwards made the motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (5) 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 10:07 pm. Superintendent Suther is invited into the session. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

(The Board returned to Open Session at 10:07 pm)

Todd Frieze made the motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (5) 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 10:12 pm. Superintendent Suther is invited into the session. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

(The Board returned to Open Session at 10:12 pm)

Mike Rutz made the motion to adjourn. Todd Frieze seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned - 10:12 pm

Brenda Edleston; School Board President

Michele L. Sutter; Board Clerk