

Minutes

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

April 17, 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: President Brenda Edleston, Vice-President Brian Rock, Jerry Wright, Betsy Edwards, Mike Rutz and Kelly Kuntz (Todd Frieze was absent)

Also Present: Kevin Suther - Superintendent, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk Cheri Simpson, Jennifer Tiller, Jordan Rose, Clint Merritt, Afton Diehl and Kate Thornton (guests introduced themselves)

Mike Rutz made the motion to adopt the agenda. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

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

*3.01 Approve the Minutes from the Regular March 20, 2023 BOE Meeting and also the Special Meeting on April 4, 2023
3.02 Financial Reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash
3.03 Payment of Bills
3.04 Public Participation*

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS:

Superintendent Suther gave a site council update which featured Jessica Murphy representing Rural Center Elementary and Lindsey Snider representing Chapman Middle School. He loaded examples into BoardDocs for the Board to review for each building's agendas. It's a wonderful opportunity for parents, teachers, business owners, students, and administrators to work together.

Superintendent Suther spoke about a few Capital Outlay projects to ask for approval to upgrade the outlying elementary building's sound systems in the gym/stage. They are all under the \$20,000 umbrella, but he felt it important they know about the updates and be part of the decision. The installation of the updated sound system would not be ready for their spring programs but will start in the summer so they could be ready to go by the beginning of the year in August. Mike Rutz made the motion to approve these upgrades. Jerry Wright seconded the

motion; motion carried 6-0.

Brian Rock made the motion to approve the list given to the Board from Superintendent Suther as surplus. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Jerry Wright made the motion to approve the list of 77 graduates presented to the Board for May graduation, pending all requirements for USD 473 and the Kansas State Board of Education have been met. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

After some discussion, the Board decided that Mike Rutz and Kelly Kuntz would be the two Board Representatives handing out diplomas at graduation, which is May 14th at 2:30 pm in the district gym. It was also agreed upon that Betsy Edwards and Brenda Edleston would be the two Board Representatives to hand out Middle School promotion certificates to the 8th graders on May 15th at 7:00 pm also in the district gym.

Brenda Edleston gave the Board information about the upcoming KASB Summer Institute July 19-21 in Salina. One of the example topics was Budgets, Buses and Buildings. Brenda will be attending during the day and will try to attend all the break-out sessions she can. Season Passes aren't accepted at this event so if you are interested in attending, let the board clerk know and Mrs. Sutter will register you plus coordinate the billing.

Mike Rutz made the motion to renew the KASB Legal Assistant Fund Contract for 2023-24, as well as the Membership Renewal and Season Pass, which includes the KASB Plus for 2023-24. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Brenda Edleston 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, Superintendent Suther is invited into the session and Clint Merritt is to be on stand-by, and the open meeting will resume in the Board room at 7:35 pm. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

(The Board returned to open session at 7:35 pm)

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(Clint Merritt joined the session at 7:44 pm)
(The Board returned to open session at 7:50 pm)

Betsy Edwards made the motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for (20) minutes in order to discuss personnel items pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, Superintendent Suther is invited into the session and

Clint Merritt remains in the session, and the open meeting will resume in the Board room at 8:10 pm. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

(The Board returned to open session at 8:10 pm)

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(The Board returned to open session at 8:25 pm)

Jerry Wright made the motion to approve all personnel items given to the Board. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Resignations:

Courtney Morgan - Part-Time District Office Custodian

Sarah Brown - CHS Football & Basketball Cheer Sponsor

Harrison Lamb - CHS Forensics Sponsor

Transfer:

Rebecca Thomas - CHS wrestling sponsor to CHS Football & Basketball Cheer Sponsor

Katie Bunning - CHS dance sponsor to Wrestling Cheer Sponsor

New Hires:

Michelle Roberts - Chapman Elementary Teacher (1st Grade)

Robin Schlesener - Chapman Elementary Teacher (3rd Grade)

Madison Davis - Chapman High School Dance Sponsor

Savannah Gorman - Chapman High School Forensics Sponsor

Brian Rock made the motion to adjourn. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm

Brenda Edleston; School Board President

Michele L. Sutter; Board Clerk