

# Minutes

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

**May 8, 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, Betsy Edwards, Mike Rutz, Kelly Kuntz and Todd Frieze (Jerry Wright was absent)**

**Also Present: Kevin Suther - Superintendent, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk Cheri Simpson, Jennifer Tiller, Jordan Rose, Clint Merritt, Afton Diehl, Mary Wright, Jake Rutledge, Josie Strauss, Jed Moody, Sonya Anders, Lawson Jones, Emmy Gfeller, Kate Thornton, Amy Briggs and Hayley Briggs (guests introduced themselves)**

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

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

- 3.01 Approve the Minutes from the Regular April 17, 2023 BOE Meeting & also the Special Meeting/Work Session #2 on April 24, 2023*
- 3.02 Financial Reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash*
- 3.03 Payment of Bills*
- 3.04 Public Participation*

### **SCHOOL UPDATES:**

#### **FCCLA:**

**Sonya Anders, FCCLA Sponsor, along with student Hayley Briggs, shared with the Board an update about FCCLA and her recent honors.**

**Hayley received GOLD at the state competition and is going on to compete at Nationals in July in Denver, Colorado with her project, "Stronger Families: Stronger Children's Literacy Skills." Mrs. Anders explained to the Board that the competition is tough and a huge deal to make it to state, let alone win it. She is very proud of Hayley. She said there are past winners that have also gone on to Nationals, but not many. This is a very big honor.**

**They provided the Board with a break-down of the cost for the trip to Nationals for**

**Hayley as well as Mrs. Anders. Superintendent Suther recommended to the Board the District pay towards the total for hotel and parking an amount of \$728.00. Mrs. Anders will request those funds on a Purchase Order to the District and Michele Sutter will issue a check at the June 12th Board Meeting for her expenses.**

**FFA:**

**Jake Rutledge, Josie Strauss, Jed Moody, Lawson Jones and Emmy Gfeller gave an FFA update and shared about their recent honors.**

**This year they had 175 members and 68 new green hand members, which is huge. Emmy Gfeller talked about how they all appreciate their teachers, Jacob Rutledge and Jim Weller and all they do for the students in the FFA program.**

**Lawson Jones talked about their CDE (Career Development Events) and LDE (Leadership Development Events) in which 9 district championships were won. The Ag mechanics team won state and will compete at the National Level next October. The team consisted of Sam Peck, Travis Leasure, Sam Kuntz & Lawson Jones.**

**Josie Strauss spoke about their LDE qualifiers. They had 5 state proficiency finalists. Students had to win their district level to qualify them for state. This automatically puts them in the TOP 3 in the state for their area of concentration.**

**Jed Moody spoke about the Washington Leadership Conference - 5 members were sent. He also gave a brief run through of all the events FFA was a part of this past year. One example is the greenhouse plant sales that just ended. They had 3,588 plugs and they ALL sold within 1 week! Also, they just had their annual chicken bbq in which 1,437 community members were served.**

**THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Superintendent Suther gave a review on the Buildings Need Assessment to help guide the building of the 2023-24 budget. He gave the Board a lot of information broken down by building for areas like facilities, curriculum, and student numbers.**

**The "473 State Assessment Review for Budget Considerations Summary" included:**

- (A) Identify the barriers that must be overcome for each student to achieve grade level proficiency on assessments.**
- (B) Identify the budget actions that should be taken to address and remove those barriers.**
- (C) Identify the amount of time the board estimates it will take for each student to achieve grade level proficiency on the state assessments if the budget actions would be implemented.**

**Also by law, we are required to post the Needs Assessments and State Assessment**

**Review on the school website along with keeping it on file at the Education Center. He explained that we really focused this year on standards and are moving toward an updated standards based grade card by the Fall of 2024 for 2nd through 5th Grade. He talked about college and career ready standards on the State Assessments is a 3 or 4; however, a 2 is still very successful and showing growth at all levels is the ultimate goal.**

### **KESA REVIEW:**

**Superintendent Suther spoke about what we go through in order to get district certification, which happens every 5 years. We are currently in year 5. He said the Accreditation Review Council said we covered every category at the assuredly level which is the highest mark on the rubric with no need for any corrections. The final step is approval at the Kansas State Board of Education meeting in June. He said KESA has driven us to look at our goals and how to improve with a systematic approach.**

*(Todd Frieze left the meeting at 7:37 pm. He came back in at 7:40 pm)*

**We are at the end of the 5 year contract with Opaa!. We sent out an RFP (Request for Proposal) and Opaa! was the only one who submitted a bid. Superintendent Suther is recommending the Board approve this contract for another 5 years and although this contract is higher, the prices are locked in for 5 years. He also reminded them that KSDE makes sure the contract meets the requirements and they have to sign off.**

**Betsy Edwards made the motion to remain with Opaa! as our food service provider for another 5 year contract. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.**

**Superintendent Suther talked about the digital sign at CMS that has been broken for some time. It is not repairable. He went through Greenbush for a Cooperative Purchasing Vendor that could replace it. He is recommending we have Daktronics, Inc. supply the new sign and Schurle Signs to do the installation. The cost would be \$22,141.00 plus the installation cost. Since the amount is over the \$20,000 threshold, the Board needs to approve the purchase. Brian Rock made the motion to purchase a full color CMS digital sign. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.**

### **PERSONNEL:**

**Todd Frieze made the motion to approve all the personnel changes that were presented to the Board. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.**

### **Resignation/Terminations:**

Brenda Brown - School Nurse

Heidi Diercks - Science Teacher, AFG Sponsor, Scholars' Bowl Coach

Rylee Schlesener - CES Pre-School Teacher

**New Hires:**

Lauren Moon - CHS Science Teacher, AFG Sponsor, Scholars' Bowl Coach

Sawyer Havenstein - CHS Assistant Football Coach

**Betsy Edwards made the motion to adjourn. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm.**

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**Brenda Edleston; School Board President**

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**Michele L. Sutter; Board Clerk**