

Minutes

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

August 14, 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.

Other Members Present: Vice-President Betsy Edwards, Brian Rock, Jerry Wright, Mike Rutz, Todd Frieze & Kelly Kuntz

**Also Present: Kevin Suther - Superintendent, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk
Kyle Cook, Cheri Simpson, Afton Diehl, Clint Merritt, Kate Thornton, Ashley Stearns, Stacy Smiley and Jamie Bonnema (guests introduced themselves)**

Mike Rutz made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Mike Rutz made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

- 3.01 Approve the Minutes from the Regular July 17th, 2023 BOE Meeting
- 3.02 Financial Reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash
- 3.03 Payment of Bills
- 3.04 Public Participation

OUT-OF-DISTRICT REQUESTS:

Jerry Wright made the motion to approve the list (#3) of out-of-district requests that were presented to the Board. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

IN-DISTRICT TRANSFERS:

Brian Rock made the motion to approve the list (#3) of in-district transfer requests that were presented to the Board. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

REMINDER: The RNR Hearing and Budget Meeting is next Monday, August 21st at 7:30 am at Central Office. This is an OPEN meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

FACILITY UPDATE:

Superintendent Suther shared with the Board several pictures of updates that have been made around the District. They included a new (29) passenger bus, a (29) passenger bus that will be here in the fall and a (77) passenger bus that will be delivered on August 15th. The new bus barn floor, their tire replenish stock, the CMS outside digital sign, which is 2-sided and in color, the new air conditioners at Blue Ridge, the new furnaces at Rural Center, the HVAC classroom controls, the CHS circle drive curb entry, the CHS & CMS bus parking curbing, the mulch that was delivered to all (3) playgrounds, the new sound systems at all outlying schools, Phase 2 of the District track project, the new IRISH wall mats in the District gym, the new Football & Track sound system, the new cameras at CHS/CMS/CES and the new washer and dryer addition at Enterprise Elementary as well as a new sink for the T-Works business at CHS.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL IN-SERVICES:

The NEW Teachers met at Chapman Middle School for their training and also took a tour together of the entire District on Friday, August 11th. The 1st Regular In-Service for the returning staff (and new) was Monday, August 14th at the High School with speaker Katie Kinder offering encouraging, uplifting and entertaining stories and training. In the afternoon, they did their BSEL work. Stacy Smiley gave the Board an update on where we are now with the curriculum. She said that on Tuesday morning, they will all be coming back together for discussion and will go through their goals on BSEL, My Learning Plan, etc. After the staff breakfast, a group picture will take place of all employees in the district with the new theme shirts for 23-24, "All Together" followed by new teacher introductions. Tuesday afternoon will be staff meetings in their buildings and CHS will host "Freshman First" at 1:30 pm.

Wednesday morning the secondary and elementary groups will be split up to get more specific training in their areas. This will include sessions like Denise Brown from TASN covering summarization, Kyle Cook showing a new monitoring software called Classwize, Kate Thornton about opportunities for students to respond, and Stacy Smiley talking about Open Court Explicit Routines and 2nd Year Goals. The afternoon is a teacher work day.

LETRS TRAINING:

***** Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling *****

Stacy Smiley talked about how 9 teachers and herself have made a professional development commitment over 2 years to learn about the science of reading which will not only help them individually but to pass that information on to their colleagues during PLC time. LETRS is partnered with TASN and Smoky Hill

Learning Center to provide the training which we volunteered to have a cohort at USD 473. It provides an in-depth understanding of topics like fluency, phonics, and decoding of words.

ENROLLMENT REPORT:

The overall enrollment numbers for each grade plus each elementary grade level numbers by teachers were given to the Board. Of course, this number can change when we start school and may continue to up to count day which is September 20th. As of today, our number of PreK through 12th in PowerSchool is 1,156, which seems to be on the rise and is higher than last year's enrollment.

BOARD VISITATIONS:

After some discussion, the Board decided to have Superintendent Suther schedule these visits during January and February so that the new members of the Board could be included. The plan will be to visit January 23rd to Enterprise, Rural Center and Blue Ridge from 8am to 10:30am and February 20th to Chapman Elementary, Chapman Middle and Chapman High from 8am to 10:30am.

FOOD SERVICE PRICING:

Superintendent Suther sent the Board information for approval of all the Ala Carte pricing for 2023-24. There is also a change to approve for Adult Breakfasts, raising it from \$2.80 to \$2.90. The reason for this is because reimbursement rates came out after our last Board meeting and this is one area we must meet the minimum rate. He also shared that Ala Carte items have to be purchased with cash. They cannot charge on their regular lunch account. Jerry Wright made the motion to increase the adult breakfasts by 10 cents. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

KASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY:

Brenda Edleston has served as our delegate but if anyone on the board was interested in this task they can let Brenda Edleston or Kevin Suther know. Here is some information that was loaded in BoardDocs for the Board. She shared she will be attending the conference this year, as well as Superintendent Kevin Suther and he will also reach out to new members to get involved with the conference.

**Delegate Assembly 2023
In conjunction with the
KASB Annual Convention
in Wichita, KS.**

**Delegates can be in-person or virtual.
In-person attendees will receive lunch.
All voting will be electronic.**

**All delegates will be sent the zoom meeting
link the day prior to Delegate Assembly**

SCHOOL BOARD LEGISLATIVE TOPICS:

Brenda Edleston opened the discussion about Compensating School Board Members which is part of the new House Budget Bill 113. It states, "The bill authorizes school districts to compensate members of local boards of education for the work and duties performed by such members."

This topic has come up in some KSDE and Greenbush meetings and currently only a few have discussed it at their board meetings and no one so far has paid board members. The board members expressed that a school should remain sacred from compensation and be a volunteer service while saving money in the budget to directly help students.

Superintendent Suther is still gathering wording and information for discussion at our September Board meeting about the policy we want to adopt for the new Nonresident enrollment procedures.

PERSONNEL:

Brian Rock made the motion to approve all new personnel hires. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

New Hires:

Jennifer Chekal - CMS Full Time Cook
Joetta Creach - RC Full Time Cook
Kim Shry - CHS Part Time Cook
Ainsley Zachry - CHS Part Time Cook
Daniel Klukas - CMS Part Time Dishwasher
Felicia Laumann - CES Part Time Lunch Scanner

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned - 7:59 pm

Brenda Edleston; School Board President

Michele L. Sutter; Board Clerk

