

Minutes

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

July 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, Betsy Edwards, Jerry Wright & Mike Rutz
(Todd Frieze and Kelly Kuntz were absent)**

**Also Present: Kevin Suther - Superintendent, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk
Kyle Cook, Clint Merritt, Kate Thornton & Jason Krantz (*guests introduced themselves*)**

Jerry Wright made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Jerry Wright made the motion to cease the nominations. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Mike Rutz made the motion to have Brenda Edleston remain as the Board President. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Brenda Edleston made the motion to cease the nominations. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Brenda Edleston made the motion to appoint Betsy Edwards as the Board Vice-President. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

(Betsy Edwards and Brian Rock switched places at the table.)

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

4.01 Approve the Minutes from the Regular June 12th & Special June 27th BOE Meetings

4.02 Financial Reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash

4.03 Payment of Bills

4.04 Public Participation

4.05 July 1 Appointments

4.06 Designation of Bank Depositories

4.07 Designation of Official Newspaper for Legal Publications

4.08 July Resolutions

4.09 Appointment of Authorized Representatives

4.10 Reimbursement for Mileage

4.11 1,116 Hour Calendar

OUT-OF-DISTRICT REQUESTS:

Jerry Wright made the motion to approve the list (#2) of out-of-district requests that were presented to the Board. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

IN-DISTRICT TRANSFERS:

Brian Rock made the motion to approve the list (#2) of in-district transfer requests that were presented to the Board. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0. Superintendent Suther reminded the Board this meant no USD 473 transportation is provided to or from school for these students. Also, this year we are drafting a letter for the Preschool students that the parents/guardians will have to sign stating they understand they will need to attend their correct attendance center once they begin kindergarten.

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jason Krantz, representing the Chapman VFW Post 10509, was in attendance to outline the National VFW Voices of Democracy (High School 9th - 12th grades) and the Patriot Pen (Middle School 6th - 8th grades) scholarship program and how it relates to Chapman and the state of Kansas. The goal is to inform as many individuals as possible to receive the greatest number of entries for this program.

This year's theme is "What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?" The student entry deadline is October 31, 2023.

NOTE: *The Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize is a \$35,000 award.*

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jason at (719) 640-7034

DONATIONS:

The Community Foundation of Dickinson County donated \$300.00 to the Enterprise After-School-Program. Mike Rutz made the motion to accept the donation and Jerry Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

NEW BUS:

According to Superintendent Suther, the state purchasing site has a 77 passenger bus that is available for purchase now. It is a new bus. Randy Heller is requesting

this purchase to update the fleet and create more efficiency with routes with the larger bus. Brian Rock made the motion to purchase this bus; Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

TRACK PROJECT - PHASE 2:

Mike Rutz made the motion to approve the track proposal presented from Hellas Construction who is on the Greenbush Cooperative Purchasing vendor list for the following upgrades:

- (4) Long/Triple Jump rubberized runways and pits**
- Multiple Shot Put Rings & limestone landing surface**
- (2) Discus Rings & surrounding cages**
- (1) Javelin rubberized runway**

***** SCOPE OF WORK PER PROPOSAL DATED JULY 7, 2023 *****

Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE (RNR):

Superintendent Suther explained to the Board that we must let the County Clerk know by July 20th if we plan on exceeding the RNR. He is asking the Board to give their approval so he may notify the Clerk that we could be exceeding it so she can send out her letter to the tax payers in our District. The mill levy will remain very similar over the last three years but the property taxes are increasing by the county and a larger student count increases the general fund which effects the LOB.

Superintendent Suther proposed to have the hearing on Monday, August 21st, 2023 @ 7:30 am with the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing first with a vote followed by the Budget Hearing and a vote at the Education Center, 822 N Marshall, Chapman. Brenda Edleston made the motion to have the hearings this day and Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

PROPANE BIDS:

The Board received (2) bids this year for the propane at Rural Center Elementary. Currently, Propane Central has the account. Both Propane Central and K&R Propane bids came in at \$1.59/gallon. K & R Propane has had the account in the past and has tanks directly across from the school. Brian Rock made the motion to give the 2023-24 account to K&R Propane. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

(Betsy Edwards left the room at 8:10 pm. She returned at 8:11 pm)

SMOKY HILL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE BOARD:

Each year, we are required to elect a member from our Board to serve. Brian Rock has been on for (8) years. He volunteered to stay on through December since his term is up in January. Since we are getting (3) new Board members, one of them may want to be on this Board so we will wait until the January Board meeting to make a change. Betsy Edwards made the motion that Brian continue serving through the end of December 2023. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

KASB GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS NETWORK REPRESENTATIVE:

Brenda Edleston is currently representing USD 473 as a liason between the district and KASB. Mike Rutz felt like Betsy Edwards would be a good representative with her legal background. Mike made the motion to appoint Betsy Edwards as our liason. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AGREEMENT FROM CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION FOR 2023-2024; WEE LADS & LASSES PRESCHOOL AGREEMENT:

Superintendent Suther explained this is a continuation from our Special Education Cooperative for our Preschool agreement. This includes a combination of IEP students who are 3 and 4 years old along with mentor students. Betsy Edwards made the motion to approve the MOU. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

KASB ANNUAL CONVENTION:

The convention is November 10th - 12th this year. The sessions on the 10th focus on new Board members. If you'd like to attend, please let Board Clerk Michele Sutter know. Superintendent Suther will reach out to the possible future Board nominees about attending.

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC:

Superintendent Suther announced the picnic is back again and will be in the City Park on Friday, August 11th beginning at 6 pm. USD 473 will provide all the food. This is for ALL EMPLOYEES, including our 305 family. Please bring a lawn chair. This year's theme is "ALL TOGETHER". There will also be swimming available through the city pool that evening.

PERSONNEL:

Jerry Wright made the motion to accept the new hires as presented. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

*Chapman High School Secretary - Brandi Owens
Blue Ridge Teacher/Art Aide - Sarah Miller*

Chapman Middle School Asst. Football Coach - John Moon

Mike Rutz made the motion to adjourn. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned - 8:24 pm

Brenda Edleston; School Board President

Michele L. Sutter; Board Clerk