

Minutes

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

October 9, 2023

Betsy Edwards, School Board Vice-President, called the Regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:03 pm at the Education Center located at 822 N. Marshall, Chapman, KS.

Other Members Present: Jerry Wright, Kelly Kuntz and Todd Frieze (Brenda Edleston, Mike Rutz and Brian Rock were absent)

**Also Present: Kevin Suther - Superintendent, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk
Afton Diehl, Mary Wright, Kate Thornton, Stacy Smiley, Cheri Simpson, Jessica Cochran, Taylor Maxwell, Axie Shrack, Savannah Smiley, Nicole Shrack, Clint Merritt and Ashley Stearns (guests introduced themselves)**

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

Jerry Wright made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

3.01 Approve the Minutes from the Regular September 11th, 2023 BOE Meeting
3.02 Financial Reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash
3.03 Payment of Bills
3.04 Public Participation

RURAL CENTER ELEMENTARY PRESENTS TO THE BOARD:

Jessica Cochran introduced two third graders Savannah Smiley and Axie Shrack to the Board and explained they were there to talk about Science. The students had been working on a trapeze experiment and wanted to share about it. It was formed using rulers, pencils, binder clips and pennies. They explained how they made their trapeze and demonstrated the experiment. Their goal was to see if they would cross like a regular trapeze which could be altered by the length and weight added. The Board thanked them for sharing.

DATA REVIEW AND K-1 GRADE CARD:

Stacy Smiley, MTSS coordinator, presented an update to the Board. She led off with some exciting news about our District. The Kansas MTSS Facebook page featured the district on their social media post talking about how USD 473 students and staff were using evidence based strategies to make a difference.



Kansas MTSS and Alignment

September 6 at 10:13 AM · 🌐

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This month's shout out school is Chapman Middle and High. They have implemented a strong building-wide strategy for two years, using student data and teacher fidelity checks to measure impact. This fall, they have decided as a staff to take the partner reading strategy to the next level by layering on more explicit vocabulary instruction at the beginning and finishing with the evidence-based summarizing strategy, Get the Gist! Effect size for vocabulary instruction is .62, as is summarizing. Collective teacher efficacy, however, which is exactly what this staff is demonstrating, has an effect size of 1.36! By layering these practices, students at Chapman Middle and High will have more access to content coursework than ever before! Congrats on your intentional pursuit of excellence for all kids! [#usd473](#)

Mrs. Smiley also shared a lot of additional data highlighting the successes from last year to the beginning of this fall semester.

aReading

- 2022-23 Highlights
- 2nd & 3rd: had 8 and 11% increases fall-spring
- 7th: 5% increase from fall to spring
- 10th: 5% increase from fall to spring
- 11th: maintained 80% from fall to spring
- 2023 Fall Highlights
- Highest DISTRICT % with 68% at/above
- 6th: highest % ever with 80% this fall
- 3rd: highest % ever with 75% this fall
- 12th: highest % ever with 85% this fall

earlyReading & Fluency

- K-1st
- K: Growth of 13% on alphabetic principle, fall-spring last year
- 1st: Growth of 11% on decoding, fall-spring last year
- Overall earlyReading, K-1st % is still near 50%
- Accurate to become Fluent
- 91% of our current 3rd-5th graders are accurate, fall 23
- 96% of our 4th and 5th graders are accurate, fall 23
- 100% of our 5th graders were accurate, spring 23

aMath

- 6th: aMath highest ever at 69% this fall
- 9th: aMath highest ever at 63% this fall
- 10th: grew 5% from fall to spring last year
- 11th: grew 6% from fall to spring last year

Math State Assessment

- 56% of 3rd grade students scored a 3 or 4
- 50% of 10th grade math students scored a 3 or 4

Reading State Assessment

- 42% of 4th grade students scored a 3 or 4
- 45% of 5th grade students scored a 3 or 4
- 38% of 10th grade students scored a 3 or 4

Science State Assessment

- 55% of 5th grade students scored a 3 or 4
- 62% of 11th grade students scored a 3 or 4

Taylor Maxwell presented on the K/1 Grade card. She showed what the new grade card format looks like now that it has been incorporated on Powerschool for parents to have access to it. The teachers prioritized the most important state standards needed before moving on to the next grade level. Students will be given the following marks to show they are progressing towards mastery with a B for beginning (needs more time and support), D for Developing (showing growth in this area), and M for Meets Standards (successful on a consistent basis). Finally, Ms. Maxwell showed an assessment developed that the students perform with the teacher to show their understanding for each standard.

OLD BUSINESS:**OUT-OF-DISTRICT ENROLLMENT POLICY:**

Superintendent Suther talked to the Board about updated details on revising our JBC Resident Enrollment policy and also creating a new JBCC Non-Resident Enrollment Policy, which deals with the new requirements passed into law by the legislatures. The adjustments discussed involved the student in good standing portion involving attendance, behavior and academics. The public hearing will be posted twice in consecutive weeks in the October 25th & November 2nd Dickinson County News-Times paper. A separate board meeting for the hearing will take place at 6:30 pm on November 13th before our regular BOE meeting starts at 7:00 pm. The new JBCC KASB Policy will be voted on at the December 11th BOE meeting.

ON-LINE FINANCIAL PAYMENT SYSTEM:

Superintendent Suther asked the Board to consider approval for a new on-line financial payment system that he introduced last month.

Superintendent Suther shared with the Board information on a new online payment system the district would like to incorporate this year. This system works with PowerSchool and Skyward both, which are our student and financial on-line data bases. We have not had a fully functioning on-line payment system and parents or guardians rarely carrying checks or cash. The system being proposed for use is called eFunds. Many districts are currently using eFunds, including many districts in the NCKL. Advantages were explained on how it can make the payment by parents easier and help secretaries with the financial documentation. The plan would be to start with lunch and school fees while exploring in the future other possible uses. The recommendation would be to start at the beginning of a month on November 1st. Parents would have to pay a fee for using the online system which varies depending on if someone pays by ACH, credit card or debit card.

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to approve the new on-line financial payment system e-Funds. Todd Frieze seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:**SCHEDULING REPORT AS STATED IN ARTICLE XI SCHEDULING OF THE NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT:**

Superintendent Suther shared with the Board the class schedules at CMS & CHS which includes teachers and number of students plus the elementary enrollment numbers by teacher for all (4) buildings. Finally, the overall comparison numbers were given for last year and this year on count day which is September 20th. This is an information tool to show the trends by grade level and overall for the district when it comes to future decisions for staffing and budget.

(Todd Frieze stepped out at 8:12 pm)

(Todd Frieze returned to the meeting at 8:13 pm)

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION:

Superintendent Suther attached the blank evaluation tool in BoardDocs for each board member to have plus Mr. Suther's self-evaluation completed. Each board member will fill out an individual evaluation form to return at the November 13th BOE meeting where they will go into Executive Session to discuss. The final step will be for the board to go into Executive Session with Superintendent Suther at the December 11th BOE meeting to discuss together.

DONATIONS:

A donation was given to USD 473 from the Nancy Hunt Memorial. Nancy was a valued employee of our Blue Ridge Kitchen staff and her memorial will be used at that building. Jerry Wright made a motion to accept the donation. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

PERSONNEL:

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to approve the personnel items presented to the Board. Todd Frieze seconded the motion; motion approved 4-0.

Resignations:

Connie Mitchell - Chapman Middle School Secretary

New Hires:

Ed Brown - Elementary Behavior Aide

Nanette Lamb - Chapman Middle School Scholars' Bowl Sponsor

Allie Chestnut - Chapman Middle School NHS Sponsor

Brett Koster - Chapman Middle School Boy's Basketball Assistant Coach

ADJOURNMENT:

Jerry Wright made the motion to adjourn. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned - 8:17 pm

Betsy Edwards; School Board Vice-President

Michele L. Sutter; Board Clerk