

Minutes

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

November 13, 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: Brenda Edleston, President, Betsy Edwards, Vice-President, Jerry Wright, Kelly Kuntz, Todd Frieze, Mike Rutz and Brian Rock

Also Present: Kevin Suther - Superintendent, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk Cindy Zumbrunn, Afton Diehl, Cheri Simpson, Chelsea Luffman, Harlow Luffman, Arlen Luffman, Baylee Jones, Tallahassee Shatto, Dana Obermeyer, Clint Merritt, Jennifer Elliott, Jessica Murphy, Elyssa Frieze, Susan Frieze, Christal Ade, Hunter Taphorn, Drew Elliott, Dakota Nisbeth, Kaden Hintz, Jacquelyn Dautel, Mary Wright, Kate Thornton, Ashley Stearns, Craig Klukas, Dereck Klukas, Seth Crouse, Clara Gfeller, Jamie Bonnema and Avery Baer (*guests introduced themselves*)

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

Todd Frieze made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

*- Approve the minutes from the Regular October 9th, 2023 BOE Meeting and also the Special October 30th, 2023 Work Session #1
- Financial Reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash
- Payment of Bills
- Public Participation*

ENTERPRISE ELEMENTARY PRESENTS TO THE BOARD:

Jacquelyn Dautel presented on the "little library" that she and her husband Keith Foth made for the school. Every year the reading program does a fund raiser and Mrs. Dautel was trying to think of something they could do that helped both the school and community. She decided to build a wood framed library that is weather proof, inviting, interesting, multi-shelved and has good visibility to draw students and community members in. She wanted to showcase her room motto directly on the front, "WORK HARD, PLAY HARD, READ EVERY DAY." Mrs. Dautel added to the library by having a bench connected for up to three adults to sit at the same time. She brought with her three students who talked about why they love the little library. Harlow and Arlen Luffman and Tallahassee Shatto all said what their favorite books are to read and shared that the little library is open anytime. The library books are for all ages and they aren't required to be returned. The space is open all the time and the school's surveillance camera keeps a close eye on that area. Everyone should feel free to take a

book or give a book. The stock of library books are checked every week to make sure it remains full with chapter books, picture books, and many more varieties. Pictures were shared with the Board of all stages of the project and her vision. This project filled a need for both the school and community to promote reading.

FALL STATE ATHLETIC QUALIFIERS:

Cross Country:

Head Cross Country Coach Cindy Zumbrunn brought six male state qualifiers with her to talk about their season. They are Drew Elliott, Dereck Klukas, Hunter Taphorn, Dakota Nisbeth, Kaden Hintz and Seth Crouse. Ms. Zumbrunn talked about all levels from the middle school runners through varsity for the girls and boys teams. The middle school team made huge improvements and she is hoping to continue to grow the numbers. The JV boys won multiple meets throughout the year and received a perfect score many times with having all six finish at the top. She mentioned that cross country is about lowering their own times and making personal records which was accomplished by every member in the program.

She is extremely proud of all of her runners but wanted the Board to know how hard these six kids have worked all season and even before the season got started. They made it a mission to run all winter and summer. They didn't wait until August to start running for the first time which paid off this year in their results. The runners pushed each other as a pack and made each other better in the long run. The varsity boys' team received several 1st place finishes while winning Regionals which hasn't happened for decades. Two runners finished in the top 10 individually at state with Drew Elliott 4th and Dereck Klukas 8th while the boys team finished 4th out of 12 teams at state.

Coach Zumbrunn thanked the school board, the administration, the booster club, the parents and simply everyone who has supported them. In return, the boys gave a big thanks to their coaches for believing in them. There is very high hopes for the future with most of the team returning.

Girls Tennis:

Head Girls Tennis Coach Christal Ade brought three of the state qualifiers with her as the other two were currently participating in practice for the school musical play. They are Elyssa Frieze, Avery Baer and Clara Gfeller.

Elyssa spoke first and said she began her tennis lessons in 1st grade and that she owes everything about her success to Chapman. She went to state all four years as the #1 singles player. As a Freshman, she placed 5th, as a Sophomore 3rd, as a Junior 2nd and as a Senior state champion. Avery talked about transitioning from a singles player to being part of a doubles team with Tannith Elliott this year which took some time to adjust but resulted in a 10th place state finish. Clara was so close last year to making state and made it a mission to qualify this year which became a reality with partner Zoey Saum. Each of the last three years, the number of state qualifiers has increased for the girls program.

Coach Ade said this year they had 21 girls on the team and they had to utilize both sets of courts at the school and city. She said they are really building something special with their program like they had back when her oldest daughter was on the squad and that team had so much success with all six qualifying for state. Losing Elyssa Frieze and Tannith Elliot who are both seniors will be a big loss but over half of the team will be returning so the future looks bright for the program.

It was a great team effort by finishing as runner up at Regionals.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

(Kelly Kuntz stepped out at 7:41 pm; he came back in at 7:47 pm)

Kansans Can Star Awards:

Superintendent Suther shared a lot of data with the board involving the Kansas Can Star Awards and how our district qualifies for each. This included three areas that rely completely on statistical data while the other one, Kindergarten Readiness, is an application to fill out. There are four areas USD 473 was recognized for in 2022-23:

- 1. Academically Prepared - Copper: This is based off of state assessment scores for ELA, Math and Science.**
- 2. Post Secondary Success - Copper: When a student graduates from CHS, they must finish their freshman year and re-enroll for their sophomore year or receive an industry recognized certification.**
- 3. Kindergarten Readiness - Copper: This is based off of many factors involved with the 3 and 4 year old pre-K programs like curriculum, testing, family style lunch, etc..**
- 4. High School Graduation - Gold: This is based off of the high percentage of students completing high school with a diploma and a low number of drop outs.**

There are 32 4A schools. After analyzing the data of all the similar size schools throughout the state of Kansas, our sophomore students who took the state assessments in the spring of 2023 were #1 in math, #1 in science, and #4 in ELA. As far as the league comparison, CHS has the highest score of every school in the NCKL in all three categories.

KASB Convention Overview:

Two of the USD 473 new school board members, Jennifer Elliott and Jessica Murphy, attended the Friday "Board Membership Boot Camp." Superintendent Suther and Board President Brenda Edleston also attended the convention, both attending several break-out sessions. They both shared their recap of the convention and Superintendent Suther shared how good the Friday night speaker was. He said it inspired him to order his book. Some of the sessions attended by both included board evaluations, bond campaigns, working genius assessment, advanced budgeting, and many more.

Surplus:

USD 473 has two buses that can no longer be used and one that has been used for storage deliveries but no longer needed with the use of an enclosed trailer. Two of the 18 passenger buses have reached the 25 year limit that the state of Kansas mandates that they can no longer be used as part of the fleet. Superintendent Suther is requesting permission from the Board to list them on Purple Wave for auction in the near future. Brian Rock made a motion to designate all three buses as surplus. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

PERSONNEL:

Brian Rock made the motion to approve all the personnel changes. Todd Frieze seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Resignations:

Lindsey Olson - Chapman Elementary Library Aide (2nd Semester)

Retirements:

Brenda Lemon - District Librarian

New Hires:

Kimble Martin - CHS Assistant Basketball Coach

Vanessa Canfield - CMS Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brian Rock made a motion for the Board to go into executive session for 30 minutes in order to discuss personnel items pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the Board room at 8:35. Todd Frieze seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 8:35 pm.

Brenda Edleston made a motion for the Board to go into executive session for 10 minutes in order to discuss personnel items pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the Board room at 8:45. Jerry Wright seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 8:45 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Todd Frieze made the motion to adjourn. Brian Rock seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned - 8:47 pm

Brenda Edleston; Board President

Michele L. Sutter; Board Clerk