Minutes

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

November 13, 2023

Brenda Edleston, School Board President, called the *Special* meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 pm at the Education Center located at 822 N. Marshall, Chapman, KS.

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

Also Present: Kevin Suther - Superintendent and Michele Sutter - Board Clerk

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The start of the Public Hearing Regarding Enrollment of Nonresident Students Policy - JBCC was called to order at 6:30pm.

Superintendent Suther went over the proposed JBCC Policy. This was a public hearing that was advertised for two weeks prior in the Dickinson County News-Times and the USD 473 website; however, there were no patrons in attendance. This is a Kansas law coming from legislation and a final vote will take place at the December Board Meeting. The Board has already approved the JCB Policy, which is for resident student enrollment. JBCC is a policy directly involving non-resident students.

Before May 1st of each year, the Superintendent will present recommendation due to grade level capacity for K-8 and overall attendance plus programs at the 9-12 level. Administrators at each building are currently working on putting together an official list of who is currently attending USD 473 as a non-resident student and our trends the last few years with requests being made. This will be provided to the board to analyze the data occurring in our district so capacity numbers can be set this spring.

The number of open seats, on or before June 1st, will be publicly published on the USD 473 District website. During the month of June, the District will accept non-resident applications. If the number of applicants is greater than the number of seats open, the District will then use a confidential lottery process so notification can take place on or before July 15th of each year. Before the lottery takes place all the priority considerations will be taken into account to fill the open seats. If a student is not accepted, the District will let the parents or guardians know why by written notice.

After the initial request by non-resident students in June of 2024 and the lottery process takes place, students will remain in the district without an annual approval process unless the student is no longer in good standing according to the policy guidelines.

This is the only hearing the Board is required to take place but in the future the policy can be reexamined to make changes.

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

Meeting Adjourned - 6:59 pm

Brenda Edleston; Board President

Michele L. Sutter; Clerk of the Board