

Minutes

**Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Board Goals #1 - Facilities and Safety & Out-of-District Policy JBCC
Unified School District No. 473, Chapman, KS**

October 30, 2023

Brenda Edleston, School Board President, called the *Special* meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:00 pm at the Education Center located at 822 N. Marshall, Chapman, KS.

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

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

Afton Diehl, Cheri Simpson, Stacy Smiley, Kate Thornton, Clint Merritt, Kyle Cook, Rick Hall, Ashley Stearns and Mary Wright

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

This was a work session for the Board to discuss our Facilities and Safety along with the new Non-Resident Policy that the Board will be voting on at the December 11th Board of Education meeting. The Board has chosen to have work sessions in order to revisit the three goals they set for USD 473. They are as follows:

- 1. Facilities & Safety**
- 2. Social Emotional & Culture**
- 3. Instruction & Professional Development**

Those in attendance sat four to a table with a mixture of board members, administrators and directors. Superintendent Suther started by explaining the process of looking at 8 different components which included: site, envelope, interior, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, communications, and fire alarm. He had them go through a hand-out of past completed projects over the last three years that have taken place in the district so they could familiarize themselves with what has been done. Each area was categorized by date, what component it covered, and cost.

He then had them review possible future projects and asked them to add to the list if they have any they think needed to be considered. There was quite a bit of discussion regarding the following areas but not limited to: HVAC controls, interior furnishings, athletic facilities, and how to work with the city on shared spaces. There was a strong interest by multiple board members to look into developing an overall facilities assessment by a company or individual businesses to find out the condition of our equipment, assess the end of life, cost and a rating scale of current condition.

Updated Out-of-District Policy, JBCC

Superintendent Suther explained that we posted the hearing information in the paper for their October 25th and November 1st publications to notify patrons of the November 13th hearing that will take place at 6:30 pm at the Board office. It was decided best to wait until December for the final vote for the policy as new adjustments just came out by KASB and interpretation continues to be discussed.

Mr. Suther asked each Principal to share what kind of numbers they are thinking of for their buildings when it comes to overall attendance and at each grade level. The district will continue to talk up to the deadline date of May 1st for what the max capacity will be. Some of the considerations to think about as the discussion took place was the size of rooms at different buildings, what numbers are best at the lower and upper grade school ages, and how many students we predict will enroll of new in-district students which must attend. This can increase the number above the capacity if our district starts too high with the non-district capacity numbers in June.

The time expired for the meeting.

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

Meeting Adjourned - 8:00 pm

Brenda Edleston; Board President

Michele Sutter; Clerk of the Board