

# Minutes

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

**January 15, 2024 (Rescheduled from January 8th due to weather)**

**Brenda Edleston, School Board President, called the Regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom.**

**Board Members Present: Brenda Edleston, President, Betsy Edwards, Vice-President, Kelly Kuntz, Mike Rutz, Dana Obermeyer, Jessica Murphy and Jennifer Elliott.**

**Also Present: Kevin Suther - Superintendent, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk**

**Kate Thornton, CHS Principal, Stacy Smiley, MTSS Coordinator and Annie Opat, CMS English Teacher**

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**Brenda Edleston welcomed our (3) new Board of Education members to their first meeting and shared we were glad they chose to serve the USD 473 District.**

**Superintendent Suther explained that we will need to remove item 4.01 since no one from Blue Ridge Elementary would be able to be present.**

**Kelly Kuntz made the motion to remove item 4.01 "Blue Ridge Presents to the Board" and accept the rest of the agenda as stated. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.**

**Jennifer Elliott made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Mike Rutz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.**

3.01 Approve the minutes from Regular December 11th, 2023 meeting

3.02 Financial reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash

3.03 Payment of Bills

3.04 Public Participation

### **SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **ELA SECONDARY CURRICULUM ADOPTION UPDATE**

**Stacy Smiley, MTSS Coordinator and Annie Opat, CMS English Teacher, gave an update to the Board on what has taken place since August and**

shared they are planning to make a final recommendation at the February 12th meeting for adoption. The curriculum will be for students from 6th-12th grade for a core adoption. The current curriculum is almost 10 years old.

The adoption committee consists of all 6th-12th ELA teachers, a special education representative, reading specialist, MTSS coordinator and administrators. This process began in August and has consisted of monthly meetings to analyze evidenced based curriculums based of the following but not limited to: Ed reports, analyzing samples, contacting schools who use the materials, and much more.

As of January 2024, the committee has narrowed the choices to two. Those are:

- Into Literature
- Study Sync

The team will be voting on their choice at the end of January after hearing directly from the company presentations. The final recommendation will be ready for a vote at the Board of Education meeting in February.

Superintendent Suther shared that we are very fortunate that we have ESSER III funds set aside for this purchase. Those funds must be spent out by September of 2024 and have already been pre-approved by the Kansas State Board of Education. The timeline will allow for representatives from the curriculum company to provide training at the April 8th, 2024 In-Service Day.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **CALENDAR ADOPTION FOR 2024-25**

Kate Thornton, calendar committee chair, shared with the Board that after presenting the (2) calendar options to the certified teachers, the top calendar choice for the 2024-25 school year was Option 2. This calendar moves the parent/teacher conferences down to the final week in October while allowing for the day off to take place on Friday, November 1st, which happens to be the day after Halloween. Mrs. Thornton shared that 69 certified teachers voted and of those, 76% voted for Option 2. Betsy Edwards made the motion to approve the Option 2 calendar for the 2024-25 school year. Jennifer Elliott seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

### **APPOINT BOARD MEMBER TO THE SMOKY HILL SERVICE CENTER BOARD**

Since Brian Rock went off the Board of Education starting in January 2024, he is no longer able to represent USD 473 on the Smoky Hill

**Executive Board. So, it is necessary to appoint a new representative. This is a 5 year commitment by USD 473 to be part of the Smoky Hill Learning Center but is re-visited annually for who the board representative will continue to be.**

**Betsy Edwards nominated Kelly Kuntz to serve on the Smoky Hill Executive Board representing USD 473. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.**

**Superintendent Suther will be reaching out to the Smoky Hill Coordinator to come and speak in the spring at one of the USD 473 board meetings to give an updated overview of services offered, which ones are currently being utilized, and how it benefits the district.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **DONATIONS**

**Jennifer Elliott made a motion to approve all donations that were given to the Board. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.**

The Ladies of Junior League gave (7) \$50 gift cards to Chapman Food Mart.

St. Michael's Altar Society gave \$300 to CES to send home food over break for kids in need.

We also received an additional \$100 from the Nancy Hunt Memorial to be used in Food Service to help on accounts with balances.

Band Instruments donated by a Mr. Johnson and contact was Heather Burns. (List given to the Board)

#### **DATE FOR ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

**The resolution to establish election of school board officers resolution. K.S.A. 72-1133 requires boards of education to elect the board president and vice-president at the first meeting on or after the second Monday in January of each year or at a later meeting date during the calendar year if so determined by the board at the first meeting. Action must be taken in January or at a later meeting date during the calendar year to establish when it will elect its president and vice-president.**

**USD 473 Board of Education has normally chosen to move the election for the President and Vice President to July as the 1st order of business since we have NEW members just starting at the January meeting. This allows new members to become adjusted to the board procedures and be able to make a more informed decision on who should be nominated for the officer positions.**

**Betsy Edwards made the motion to pass the "Resolution to Establish**

**Election of School Board Officers" at the July 15, 2024 meeting. Jessica Murphy seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.**

**APPOINT THREE BOE MEMBERS TO THE NEGOTIATION'S TEAM FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Superintendent Suther explained that there is training required by KASB to be done annually if nominated to the negotiations team. They have multiple options of how this training can take place which includes in person or online. This must be completed before the 1st Negotiation's meeting which takes place in the Spring.**

**Brenda Edleston made the motion to appoint Brenda Edleston, Kelly Kuntz and Jessica Murphy to the team. Dana Obermeyer seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.**

**PERSONNEL**

**Jennifer Elliott made the motion to approve all personnel changes that were presented to the Board. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.**

**Resignations:**

- 1. Renee Jury - Rural Center Wee Clovers Pre-K Teacher**
- 2. Steve Simpson - Chapman Middle School Physical Education Teacher**

**Retirements:**

- 1. Susan Harris - Blue Ridge Kindergarten Teacher**
- 2. Cheri Simpson - Rural Center Lead Teacher, Title, and ESOL coordinator**

**New Hires:**

- 1. Annabelle Eaton - Enterprise Teacher's Aide/Art**
- 2. Corey Jones - Chapman Middle School Part Time Evening Custodian**

**WORKING GENIUS ASSESSMENT**

**Both Brenda Edleston and Superintendent Suther shared information about an assessment they learned while attending the KASB Convention in November. Basically there are (6) types of personality traits to help understand how a team can work together and benefit from each other's strengths. The plan would be to have each board member take the working genius assessment and have follow up at the next work session.**

"The 6 types of Working Genius is a new model that helps people discover their natural gifts and thrive in their work and life. When people are able to better understand the types of work that bring them more energy and fulfillment and avoid work that leads to frustration and failure, they can be more self-

aware, more productive and more successful."

The Genius of **Wonder (W)**

The natural gift of pondering the possibility of greater potential and opportunity in a given situation. People with this

genius are constantly curious and on the lookout for what could be improved.

The Genius of **Invention (I)**

The natural gift of creating original and novel ideas and solutions. People who have it love to generate new ideas and

solutions to problems and are comfortable coming up with something out of nothing.

The Genius of **Discernment (D)**

The natural gift of intuitively and instinctively evaluating ideas and situations. People with this type of genius have a

natural ability when it comes to evaluating or assessing a given idea or situation and providing guidance.

The Genius of **Galvanizing (G)**

The natural gift of rallying, inspiring and organizing others to take action. People who have it enjoy bringing energy and

movement to an idea or decision.

The Genius of **Enablement (E)**

The natural gift of providing encouragement and assistance for an idea or project. People with this type of genius are

quick to respond to the needs of others by offering their cooperation and help with a project, program or effort.

The Genius of **Tenacity (T)**

The natural gift of pushing projects or tasks to completion to achieve results. People who have this genius push for

required standards of excellence and live to see the impact of their work

Source: workinggenius.com

## **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION**

**Superintendent Suther thanked our hard working Board for all they do for the students of USD 473. It takes time, research and a caring heart for kids as a board member while also welcoming our NEW Board members to the team:**

**Dana Obermeyer - District 2, Position 2**

**Jessica Murphy - District 3, Position 3**

**Jennifer Elliott - At Large**

**We do have certificates for all of members and we will hand them out at our February meeting when we are together again.**

**Thank you USD 473 Board of Education for always doing, "*What is best for all Kids!*"**

**\*\*\* REMINDER THAT SCHOOL BOARD PICTURES ARE AT THE FEBRUARY 12TH MEETING \*\*\***

**Betsy Edwards made the motion to adjourn. Jennifer Elliott seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.**

**Meeting adjourned - 8:08 pm**

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**Brenda Edleston; Board President**

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**Michele Sutter; Board Clerk**