

Minutes

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

June 10, 2024

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.

Other Board Members Present: Dana Obermeyer, Betsy Edwards, Kelly Kuntz and Jennifer Elliott

Also Present: Kevin Suther – Superintendent, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk Sheldon Jones, Kyle Cook, Clint Merritt, Kara Wilkins, Adam Elliott, Mark Skidmore, Steve Simpson, Laurie Rutherford and Judd Liebau

Jennifer Elliott made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Jennifer Elliott seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

- 3.01 Approve the Minutes from the Regular May 20th BOE Meeting
- 3.02 Financial Reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash
- 3.03 Payment of Bills
- 3.04 Public Participation

School Updates

Clint Merritt was in attendance to provide a Spring Sports update. The tennis and golf coaches were unable to attend but an update was given on the state participants for each by Mr. Merritt. Ian Wooldridge competed at the state level in Boys Tennis and had a very successful senior year. Danny Jackson and Tucker Stroda competed at the state level in golf and are both seniors. Danny Jackson is a 2nd time state qualifier while this is Tucker Stroda's first appearance.

Kyle Cook, head softball coach, gave an overview of their season. This is Mr. Cook's 2nd year as head coach. He had 22 girls out this season with only 1 senior. The JV record was 8-6 which they improved from last year's 2-16. The Varsity went 14-10 which was an improvement from last year's 8-12. The Varsity finished 3rd in the NCKL behind Wamego and Abilene. Chapman lead the league in doubles and triples hits. They also lead the league in strike-outs. The varsity team ended their season beating Abilene in the 1st round at

Regionals. They went on to lose to Scott City in the Regional Championship game.

Judd Liebau, head baseball coach, also gave an overview of their season. They finished the regular season 12-10. He said they gave away a couple of games and they also had a very hard schedule. This included the 4A state winner Rock Creek and 3rd place finisher Abilene plus a team who only had one loss on the season, Clay Center. But, he said at the end of the day the kids are getting better and he is excited that every one of his players are involved in some type of baseball this summer. Coach Liebau had 3 All-League players this year. Aven Fisher had a .492 batting average plus now holds the school record with home runs at 6 while only being a sophomore. He was the first player for Chapman to be recognized for an All State Team. Ray Whitehair who is a senior had a .350 batting average and stole 20+ bases this year. Cooper Lewis made All League Honorable Mention who came on strong at the end of the season hitting over .400. The future is looking bright with 18 returners and all of them making a commitment to play summer baseball.

Steve Simpson, head boys and girls high school track, spoke about their very successful season. He said the team started with 84 kids and that number only dropped to 78 by the end of the season. Both teams took first in Chapman's home meet of the season, which is the first competition. For the first time in school history, both boys and girls were NCKL champions this year. In Regionals, the boys placed first as a team and the girls were runner-up. Track and Field had several school record breakers this year. Gage Picking broke the 100 M, Tanith Elliott the discus record, Ian Suther the javelin record, Hailey Litzinger the long jump, and Drew Elliott broke three records 800m, 1600m, and 3200m. The final performance at the State Track meet included a lot of podium medals with the girls finishing in 7th and the boys 9th. Coach said every year he gives out tootsie pops to anyone who PR's. This year he gave out the most he has ever done in his career which was over 500!

(There was no OLD business)

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Update Approval

(Prior hearing was at 6:50pm)

Jennifer Elliott made the motion that after republishing the amended budget and having the budget hearing, I move to amend the 2023-24 budget for the At Risk K-12 Fund to the full authority. Dana Obermeyer seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

KASB Policy Updates

The June Policy updates have been released, there are several. Many of

them are needed to meet new legislation that passes each spring both at the State and Federal Levels which this year does involve areas like Cardiac Emergency Response Plans, Title IX changes, Sex Discrimination, SB 387 (Disposal of Buildings, Virtual School Activity participation) and SB 287 for distribution of opioid treatment with Narcan.

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to approve the updated June KASB policies for the 2024-25 school year. Jennifer Elliott seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Breakfast and Lunch Fees and Enrollment Fees

USD 473 just approved a 5-year contract renewal with Opaa at the April 8, 2024 Board Meeting. KSDE requires an annual 10 cent increase due to inflation. Superintendent Suther is recommending a 10 cent increase on the breakfast costs and a 15 cent increase on the lunch costs due to the raise in prices for food. He also recommends keeping the enrollment fees as is, which is \$75 for K-5 and \$100 for 6-12. There is also a \$25 sports fee if a student decides to participate.

Jennifer Elliott made the motion that we approve the breakfast and lunch fees and also the enrollment fees for the 2024-25 school year as presented. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

24-25 fees:

Elementary:

Breakfast \$2.40

Lunch. \$3.30

Middle School:

Breakfast \$2.50

Lunch \$3.40

High School:

Breakfast \$2.60

Lunch \$3.50

Adult:

Breakfast \$3.00

Lunch \$5.00

Enrollment fees are remaining the same.

Elementary - \$75

CMS & CHS - \$100 plus \$25 Sports Fee

Set Year End Board Meeting

Superintendent Suther recommends that the final meeting for the 2023-24 fiscal year be Friday, June 28th at 7:30 am at the Education Center. The

Agenda will include the final payment of bills, end of year transfers and any personnel changes that may come about.

Betsy Edwards made the motion that the year end Board of Education meeting be set for Friday, June 28th at 7:30 am at the Education Center. Jennifer Elliott seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

District Insurance Renewal for the 2024-25 School Year

Mark Skidmore with Iron Insurance representing KICS and Sheldon Jones from Copeland Insurance were in attendance. Mr. Skidmore gave an overview of what KICS Insurance is and what they offer. This included explanation of how the Pool Loss Fund works and how the ownership is by the actual schools who each have a vote on what changes are made.

Sheldon Jones explained that the security we receive from EMC Insurance, along with the financial risk, far outweighs the risks of being in a pool that is only 10 years old. Superintendent Suther attached in BoardDocs for the board members to review all the information ahead of time about both options that were offered. This included quotes for the breakdown of our commercial property insurance along with the other areas like general liability, linebacker, crime inland marine, business auto, cyber, pollution and crisis protection.

The commercial property offered by agent Sheldon Jones comes directly from EMC and the Cyber is from Traveler's insurance. Two options were given with Plan A which was up to a \$75,000 deductible or Plan B which is based off of 1% per building. Mr. Suther said the 1% is obviously a large amount if that plan was chosen for some of the buildings based off a percentage. Agent Jones also received a quote from another company besides EMC which was Insurance Company Starr that came in at double the cost overall for property and the Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Company for auto which was 4 times the current amount.

Superintendent Suther received a separate proposal from the KICS Pool insurance that has approximately 100 school districts together. They have around 60 requests this year and plan on picking up 25 to 50 most likely. The wind & hail deductible is \$150,000 per occurrence while all other deductibles are at \$50,000.

It was good to see that both choices were close in premiums and deductible choices. After analyzing the cost, deductibles, service and stability, Superintendent Suther's recommendation will be to stay with EMC and our agent Sheldon Jones. If USD 473 was a school district who had run down buildings and areas like roofs or equipment defects, we

would most likely not have multiple options to choose from when it comes to insurance. They both are good options and are needed with a limited market for schools in the area of commercial property insurance.

Betsy Edwards made the motion to renew the insurance choosing package A with Copeland Insurance Agency administered by agent, Sheldon Jones for the 2024-25 school year. Kelly Kuntz seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Personnel

Resignations:

Erin Bell - Enterprise & Blue Ridge Physical Education Teacher

Adam Wooldridge - Chapman High School Boys' Tennis Coach

Jordan Rose - IT assistant

Brett Koster - Chapman Middle School Boys Assistant Basketball Coach & Chapman High School Head Golf Coach

Brian Sweet - Chapman Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach

New Hires:

Rachel Duer - Enterprise & Blue Ridge Physical Education Teacher and Chapman High School Assistant Softball Coach

Ethan Tomerlin - Chapman Middle School Assistant Football Coach

Jason Stoffer - Chapman High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Brian Sweet - Chapman High School Head Boys Tennis Coach

Steven Hunt - Chapman High School Head Golf Coach

Chelsey Armbruster - Chapman High School Assistant Wrestling Coach

Mike Spohn - Chapman High School Assistant Baseball Coach

Garreth Hoffman - Chapman Middle School Assistant Track Coach

Jennifer Elliot made the motion to approve all personnel changes as presented. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Board Member Officer Elections

Superintendent Suther and Board President Brenda Edleston wanted to remind the Board that at the July 15th Board of Education meeting, the first action item is electing a President and a Vice-President. They encouraged everyone to be thinking about serving in one of those capacities for our District.

NEW Board Member Selection

Adam Elliott was in attendance and was interviewed for Mike Rutz's open position as Board Member District 3, Position 6 serving the final 2 years of his term. Mr. Elliott introduced himself to the Board of Education and

told about his family and his background, including being a past Board Member when he lived Ashland, KS. Multiple interview questions were answered by Mr. Elliott in open session to get to know him better.

Betsy Edwards made the motion to elect Adam Elliott to become a USD 473 Board Member to complete the next two years term for the open seat of District 3, Position 6. Dana Obermeyer seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0. Mr. Elliott's first Board Meeting will be Friday, June 28th at 7:30 am at the Education Center.

Motion to Adjourn

Betsy Edwards made the motion to adjourn. Dana Obermeyer seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Brenda Edleston, School Board President

Michele Sutter, Board Clerk