

Minutes

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

August 12, 2024

Betsy Edwards, School Board President, called the Regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 pm at the Education Center located at 822 N. Marshall, Chapman, KS.

**Other Board Members Present: Dana Obermeyer, Jennifer Elliott, Brenda Edleston, Adam Elliott and Jessica Murphy
(Kelly Kuntz was absent)**

**Also Present: Kevin Suther – Superintendent, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk
Clint Merritt, Kate Thornton, Stacy Smiley, Mary Wright, Ashley Stearns,
Kara Wilkins and Laurie Rutherford**

Brenda Edleston made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Jennifer Elliott seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Jessica Murphy made the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Dana Obermeyer seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

- 3.01 Approve the Minutes from the Regular July 15th, 2024 BOE Meeting
- 3.02 Financial Reports: Treasurer, Food Service, Petty Cash
- 3.03 Payment of Bills
- 3.04 Public Participation

OLD BUSINESS:

RNR & Budget Hearing

Superintendent Suther reminded the Board that the RNR Hearing was published in the newspaper and will take place at 7:30am in which each board member must vote individually during the hearing. The budget hearing will start at 7:40am. Finally, the special board meeting will begin at 7:50am for voting on the 2024-25 budget and the LOB resolution. The location will take place at the Education Center at 822 N. Marshall.

Working Genius

All the board members agreed they could be available for a work session on September 30, 2024. The topic would revolve around the Working Genius Assessment on how to work as a team using each other's strengths. This will

be led by a Working Genius trainer who is also a current school board member in Kansas. A meal will be served at 6:00 pm and the meeting will be from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

A' La Carte

A list of items were presented for food and drinks that students can purchase that are not included in the regular meal. Jennifer Tiller, OPPA! Director, chooses multiple items from the large list to have available each week. Superintendent Suther told the Board that all these items have to be purchased with cash so students do not charge their accounts and then parents are not aware.

Jennifer Elliott made the motion to approve the A' La Carte list and prices. Adam Elliott seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Capital Outlay Purchase

Superintendent Suther explained to the Board that the High School Business Department is in need of (25) new iMac computers as the ones they are currently using will not run all the programs that are needed to be used for class. This is a purchase of over \$20,000 that came from the State Contract with Apple for the bid process. CHS can still use the computers in Mrs. DeArmond's classroom and they will move over to the other computer room for the beginning Business & Finance classes. The cost for these computers is \$25,722.00.

Adam Elliott made the motion to purchase the (25) iMac computers from the Apple state bid as listed. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Donations

The donation comes from a program that was made available through the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office and the Kansas Department of Transportation in an effort to increase seat belt use among children in Kansas. KTSRO offered a \$150 speaker reimbursement opportunity for schools and community organizations who complete "Booster to Belts". Resource Officer, Brandon Depew, teaches the Lead program at each outlying elementary school and incorporates this safety campaign. He decided to donate each check back to the schools as follows:

DCCA, Inc. donated \$150.00 to Enterprise Elementary (Referencing Brandon Depew)

DCCA, Inc. donated \$150.00 to Rural Center Elementary (Referencing Brandon Depew)

DCCA, Inc. donated \$150.00 to Blue Ridge Elementary (Referencing Brandon Depew)

Dana Obermeyer made the motion to accept the (3) donations. Jessica Murphy seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Facilities Update

Superintendent Suther put together a facility update with a Powerpoint of pictures showing projects that have taken place in the district over the summer for the Board to see. The projects included were new carpet at Chapman Elementary in Mrs. Rock's Title room, the new roof at Blue Ridge Elementary along with skylights, and new epoxy on the floors and wall around the sink and water fountain areas at Chapman Elementary. Additionally there was new concrete work done in a couple of areas at Enterprise Elementary in the front and back plus the District parking lot where the bookmobile enters the warehouse. Finally, several areas were painted in the District which included the stage at Chapman High School and hallways, bathrooms and classrooms throughout the district. A special thanks goes out to the football/weights students for volunteering to help spread mulch at the playground areas for all the outlying elementary schools and then mats were put under the swings to prevent that area from being dug out making it harder for younger students to reach.

Back-to-School In-Service

Mr. Suther and Mrs. Smiley gave an overview of this week's Teacher In-Service activities. This involved new teachers training and a tour of the District buildings on Friday, August 9th and the Back to School Picnic that evening. Training for all teachers takes place from August 12th through the 14th that features a speaker from the Siblings Improv Company.

LETRS Training

Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling

Stacy Smiley talked about how at least 27 teachers have made a professional development commitment over 2 years to learn about the science of reading, which will not only help them individually but will pass that information on to their colleagues during PLC time. There is a new certification requirement passed that all K-5 teachers and administrators must be trained or will have to pass a praxis test in the

Science of Reading to get a designation on their teaching license by 2028. The other training Mrs. Smiley talked about is the dyslexia requirements for educators, which involves a six hour training that includes all elementary teachers and ELA teachers in the district that must be kept on file.

New Administrators Laurie Rutherford & Kara Wilkins expanded on their first year with LETRS training and also expanded on their new roles in Enterprise and Rural Center for the 2024-25 school year.

Enrollment Report

The overall enrollment numbers were shared for each grade level in the district plus the class sizes for each teacher at the elementary level. These numbers can change as we start school and up to the official count day which is September 20th. Right now, our projected K-12 enrollment is 1,082. Currently, the lowest numbers are in kindergarten and the first grade level while the largest numbers are at the High School with a range of 60 to 114.

KASB Voting Delegate

The KASB National Convention this year is November 15th & 16th in Wichita. After some discussion, Brenda Edleston said she would be willing to be the voting delegate if Betsy Edwards was willing to attend the conference in person. Others were encouraged to attend if possible and can still register. Adam Elliott made the motion that Brenda Edleston be the voting delegate this year for USD 473. Jennifer Elliott seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Board Visitations to Attendance Centers

Superintendent Suther suggested a couple of dates for the Board of Education school building tours and the following was agreed upon for dates and times:

Wednesday, October 23rd to tour all three outlying elementary schools from 8am to 10:30am involving Rural Center, Enterprise and Blue Ridge.

Wednesday, November 13th to tour all three in town schools from 8am to 10:30am for CHS, CMS, and CES.

Personnel

Jennifer Elliott made the motion to approve all the personnel items given to the Board. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Resignations:

Chandra Kidd - Chapman High School Secretary

Transfers:

Sarah Miller - Transfer from the Blue Ridge Teacher's Aide/Art to Chapman High School Secretary

New Hires:

Heather Moore-Burns - Chapman Elementary Custodian

Lorinda Battishill - Chapman Elementary Lunchroom Aide/Supervision

Carissa Adamson - Chapman Elementary Lunchroom Aide/Supervision

Tim Gottschalk - Chapman Middle School Assistant Football Coach

Adjournment

Brenda Edleston made the motion to adjourn. Jessica Murphy seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned - 7:49 pm

Betsy Edwards, School Board President

Michele Sutter, Board Clerk