

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 466, 704 S. College Street, Scott City, Kansas, Monday, March 6, 2023, 7:00 PM.

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met in regular session on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room, 704 S. College, Scott City, KS, with the following members present:

Jon Berning, Julia Cheney, Steve Kucharik, Scott Noll, Lynnette Robinson and Andrew Trout.

Yanet Contreras was not present.

Others present were Jamie Rumford, Superintendent; Aaron Dirks, Cheryl Kucharik, Courtney McEachern, Matt Bayer, Dustin Hughes, Jana Irvin, Adam Kadavy, Jim Turner, Summer Ford, Marci Patton, Ashlyn Parks, Rod Haxton, Debbie Drohman, Faith Eikelberger, Jessica Berry and Suzanne Hess, Board Clerk.

President Scott Noll called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Jon Berning made a motion to adopt the amended agenda adding an approval for driver's education summer 2023 program under the consent agenda. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Comments from the Public

Marci Patton commented on an agenda item.

Board Representative Reports

Andy Trout shared that High Plains Educational Coop (HPEC) is working on negotiations with teachers, director evaluation and secondary admin.

Julia Cheney provided information that Kansas Board of Regents approved the affiliation of Fort Hays State University (FHSU), North Central Kansas Technical College (NCK Tech) and Northwest Kansas Technical College (NWTech).

Administrative Reports

Dr. Shawn Roberts, Scott City Elementary School Principal, informed the Board of an open house and family math night upcoming at SCES.

Jana Irvin, Scott City Middle School Principal, shared there was a teacher swap day last Thursday and the teachers appreciate seeing the perspectives of other teachers.

Dustin Hughes, Scott City Middle School Assistant Principal/Activity Director, briefed the Board of winter sports finishing and spring sports starting with 90 students signed up for track.

Matt Bayer, Scott City High School Principal, shared with the Board that one student won an award from the Wheatland Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Trip with a trip to Washington DC trip along with other students in area, and a student was selected as an alternate for a trip to Steamboat Springs, CO.

Aaron Dirks, Scott City High School Assistant Principal/Activity Director, briefed the Board of state wrestling finishing up, cheer tryouts, spring forward numbers, track, baseball participation has increased and will have c team games.

Superintendent Rumford discussed the following with the Board:

- K-12 legislation is pending with vouchers impacting money to public education.
- Special education funding should be funded at 92% by the state but it varies across the state in school districts with some at 77% funding and some at 130%.
- The school district will host a chamber coffee on March 10, 2023 and discuss topics in education.
- There will be a regular scheduled Board meeting on March 22, 2023 at the Scott City Middle School at noon.
- The Resilience Team has done a great job all year and helped work with kids and adults.

Treasurer's Report, Bills Payable and Bond Financials

The Board reviewed the list of warrants. There was discussion regarding a bus and if the maintenance was priced locally. There were 2 new credit cards due to 2 credit cards getting hacked and being cancelled.

Andrew Trout made a motion to pay the bills as presented check numbers 44245 - 44348 in the amount of \$667,353.40. Jon Berning seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jon Berning made a motion to approve transfers in the amount of \$868,000. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Lynnette Robinson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the change of adding Aaron Dirks return to meeting. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items approved were:

- A. Approval of Previous Minutes
- B. Approval of Driver's Education Summer 2023 Program

Consideration of Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

No items were pulled from the consent agenda.

Board Matters (continued)

- A. Capital Outlay Plan Review

Mr. Rumford provided an overview of potential projects such as roofs, HVAC, student furniture, intercom system at elementary school, sideline covers. There are projects that are done or almost done with basketball courts, replacing panels in fencing from wind damage, fence north of SCHS, water damage from December, and concrete curb in front of SCHS.

Matt Bayer left meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Matt Bayer returned at 7:40 p.m.

B. ELA Curriculum Recommendation

The Board held discussion and Mr. Rumford shared that Amplify is the choice of teachers. The Board discussed waiting to approve until after 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade teachers have chance to review. The Board did not make a motion to approve, requested review further and come before the Board again in March 22nd meeting.

Courtney McEachern left meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Courtney McEachern returned at 7:52 p.m.

C. Turf Project Recommendation

Mr. Rumford informed the Board district funds are not available for this and must come from donations. The donations have come in all but \$15,000 short of the \$1.425M. The Board must decide if they would like a placeholder with Mammoth to be on the calendar for fall 2023. There was discussion on status of donations, cooling field, and goal posts. Jon Berning made a motion to approve moving forward with the project and Terracon to get on the calendar. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

D. Calendar 2023-2024 Approval

Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the USD 466 District 2023-2024 Calendar. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it passed 5-1. Lynnette Robinson voted Nay.

E. Idle Fund Investment

Western State Bank had the highest bid at 4.38% for three months and matures on June 7th, 2023. Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the investment of \$300,000 with Western State Bank. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed for 10 minutes at 8:13 p.m.

Adam Kadavy, Courtney McEachern, Cheryl Kucharik, Jim Turner, Summer Ford, Marci Patton, Ashlyn Parks, Rod Haxton, Faith Eikelberger, Jessica Berry left the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non-Elected Personnel

Andrew Trout made a motion that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to non-elected personnel, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for forty-five (45) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 9:08 p.m. Superintendent Rumford, Matt Bayer, Aaron Dirks, Dustin Hughes, Jana Irvin, and Shawn Ro included in the session. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed in open session at 9:08 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non-Elected Personnel

Lynnette Robinson made a motion that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to non-elected personnel, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for thirty (30) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 9:40 p.m. Superintendent Rumford, Matt Bayer, Aaron Dirks, Dustin Hughes, Jana Irvin, and Shawn Roberts were included in the session. Jon Berning seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed in open session at 9:40 p.m.

Debbie Drohman left the meeting at 9:40.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non-Elected Personnel

Jon Berning made a motion that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to non-elected personnel, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 35 (30) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 10:15 p.m. Superintendent Rumford, Matt Bayer, Aaron Dirks, Shawn Roberts, Dustin Hughes and Jana Irvin were included in the session. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Matt Bayer, Aaron Dirks, Dustin Hughes, Shawn Roberts and Jana Irvin left the meeting at 10:15pm.

The meeting resumed in open session at 10:15 p.m.

Approve Resignations and Hires

Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the resignations/hires as listed below. Jon Berning seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Hires: Shelby Feely – SCMS Assistant Track
 Genesis Cuevas – Custodian
 Christina Janney – Food Service

Resignations: Suzette Price – SCHS Counselor
 Patricia Fouquet – Food Service

Approval of Teacher 23-24 Contracts

Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the returning 2023-2024 teachers' contracts for 1 year. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 5-1. Steven Kucharik voted Nay.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Negotiations

Jon Berning made a motion that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations, pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations exception under KOMA for ten (10) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at

10:25 p.m. Superintendent Rumford was included in the session. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


The meeting resumed in open session at 10:25 p.m.


Open Discussion by Board

Discussion was held on the upcoming Board of Education elections in Scott County with 4 of the 7 current seats up for reelection. One of the High School Shop classes is going to work on a Board of Education engraved table.

Adjournment

Jon Berning made a motion to adjourn. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.


Board President


Board Clerk

