Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 466,

704 S. College Street, Scott City, Kansas, Monday, May 12, 2025

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met in regular session on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room, 704 S. College, Scott City, KS, with the following members present:

Julia Cheney, Yanet Contreras, Elizabeth Cox, Debbie Drohman, Mindi Edwards, Scott Noll, and Andy Trout.

Others present were Cheryl Kucharik, Courtney McEachern, Dr. Shawn Roberts, Aaron Dirks, Dustin Hughes, Corbin Janssen, Jamie Rumford, Superintendent and Suzanne Hess, Board Clerk.

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

Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Debbie Drohman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Comments from the Public

none

Board Representative Reports

Debbie Drohman reported on the High Plains Educational Cooperative meeting which included their calendar for 2025-2026 and staffing.

Julia Cheney reported on the Northwest Fort Hays Tech meeting with information shared about a college in KS suing a school district due to their change in graduation requirements which impacted the college; FHSU would like to start a powersports program.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Shawn Roberts, Scott City Elementary School Principal, shared the elementary school is currently in the middle of wrap up for this year and planning for next year. The second graders visited the middle school and Golden Rule Preschool visited the elementary school.

Dustin Hughes, Scott City Middle School Assistant Principal/Activity Director, informed the Board the middle school is wrapping things up, a track meet tomorrow, and on the last day of school Karen Pounds is hosting track for fifth and sixth graders.

Aaron Dirks, Scott Community High School Principal, shared that Corbin Janssen is 4A Regional Tennis Coach of the year and the high school is wrapping up things with seniors and scheduling.

Corbin Janssen, Scott City High School Assistant Principal/Activity Director provided information on successes in post season and the tennis meet this weekend received positive feedback from community.

Superintendent Rumford reported on the following:

- Teacher appreciation week was held last week;
- Post-secondary results for current seniors which were provided by counselors show that four year university is most common;
- Next month the board will review policy updates that may be impacted by legislation including fundraising, auditorium use request and also will set board meeting dates next year;
- The board will review the needs assessment process next month;
- State level legislation was funded so per pupil went up but cut out teacher education (professional development), mentoring stipends cut, and safe schools grant was cut;
- Federal level legislation has proposed cuts to professional development and some title programs;
- Reviewed school fees and considering small increase to curriculum fees;
- Parking lot lights behind events center need adjusted;
- People dumping tires, sod at woodchuck area.

Treasurer's Report, Bills Payable and Financials

Scott Noll made a motion to pay the bills as presented check numbers 73112 – 73203, Wire Transfers 70368 - 70379 in the amount of \$871.584.07. Debbie Drohman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Rumford reviewed the fund expense summary with general fund at 20.25%. This percentage is lower than years past but the required transfers have been completed earlier this year rather than in June.

Consent Agenda

Mindi Edwards made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Debbie Drohman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items approved were:

A. Approval of Previous Minutes April 14, 2025

Consideration of Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

None pulled

Jana Irvin joined at 8:11 p.m.

Board Matters

A. 2025-2026 School Year Building Handbook Approval

The attendance policy has been revised and consistent with each building plus other minor changes. Debbie Drohman made a motion to approve the 25-26 Building Handbooks. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed 6-1. Julia Cheney voted nay.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non-Elected Personnel

Julia Cheney 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 after a ten (10) minute break with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 8:55 p.m. Superintendent Rumford, Jana Irvin, Dustin Hughes, Dr. Shawn Roberts, Aaron Dirks and Corbin Janssen were included in the session. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Jana Irvin, Dustin Hughes, Dr. Shawn Roberts left at 8:30 p.m. Corbin Janssen, Aaron Dirks left at 8:37 p.m. Superintendent Rumford exited Executive Session at 8:46 p.m.

The meeting resumed in open session at 8:55 p.m.

Approve Resignations and Hires

Elizabeth Cox made a motion to approve the hires/resignations as listed below. Debbie Drohman seconded the motion and it passed 5-2. Julia Cheney and Mindi Edwards voted nay.

<u>Hires:</u> Shelby Feely – SCHS Volleyball Coach

Ali Cline - SCHS Girls Assistant Tennis Coach

Scott Wagner - Forensics Sponsor

Lisa Powelson – SCHS Boys Tennis Coach Shannon York – SCHS Assistant Cross Country

Retirements: Jesse Berning – Art Teacher

Resignations: Kristina Roberts – Junior Class Sponsor

Valarie Whipple – Junior Class Sponsor Melanie Aguilera – Junior Class Sponsor Shandi Westergard – SCHS Asst. Tennis Coach

Mark Graffia - Food Service

Julia Cheney made a motion to approve a three (3) year contract for Superintendent Jamie Rumford. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Negotiations

Julie Cheney made a motion that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations, pursuant to the employer-employee exception under KOMA for twenty (20) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 9:18 p.m. Superintendent Rumford was included in the session. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed in open session at 9:18 p.m.

Open Discussion

The board discussed eighth grade promotion and graduation events, the new activity bus, a private entity requested usage of district bus but not allowed, and board member filings are due by June 1st, 2025.

Adjournment

Yanet Contreras made a motion to adjourn. Elizabeth Cox seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Board President