

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 466, 704 S. College Street, Scott City, Kansas, Monday, February 14, 2022, 7:00 PM.

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The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met in regular session on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building Board Meeting Room, 704 S. College Street, Scott City, KS, with the following members present:

Scott Noll, Jon Berning, Lynnette Robinson, Yanet Contreras, Julia Cheney, and Stephen Kucharik.

Others present were Jamie Rumford, Superintendent; Shawn Roberts, Dustin Hughes, Jana Irvin, Matt Bayer, Aaron Dirks, Cheryl Kucharik, Patrick Sweet, and Deneen Wolfe, Board Clerk.

President Scott Noll called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

#### **Motion to Approve the Agenda**

Jon Berning made a motion to adopt the agenda. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **Board Representative Reports**

Nothing reported for High Plains Educational Coop. Julia Cheney had nothing new to report for NWT.

#### **Administrative Reports**

Shawn Roberts spoke to the board about applying for the SCORE grant that runs the afterschool and summer programs.

Jana Irvin informed the board that Mrs. Eikelberger will be taking 8 students to a robotic competition at Fort Hays in April.

Dustin Hughes reviewed the student activities with the board. Our district will host GWAC track on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Aaron Dirks shared that Hunter Hope was recognized as the 3A Asst. Coach of the year for pole vault. Our district is wrestling GWAC champions for the fifth year in a row and two girls qualified for regionals. Aaron also reviewed the numbers for spring sports.

Shane Faurot shared the results of the indoor air quality bids for the high school and elementary school with the board. Trane will be coming out on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February to look at other possibilities for improvements on the elementary school's HVAC system; he will share those findings at the March board meeting. The board asked Shane questions about the HVAC units and discussion was heard on them. Shane reviewed the improvements that have been made to the district over the past few years and future projects. He also talked about the challenges he faces with consistent staff absences. President Noll requested the district look into cutting handicap access into the curb at the high school auditorium entrance.

Superintendent Rumford reported on the following:

- LOB Percent Consideration – Jamie shared that our district could have received \$31,000 more in state aid if our LOB was at 33% instead of the state minimum of 31%. Our mil levy would have still stayed flat at 64 mils. KSDE recommends that we record 33% on our March report, even if the board does not pursue increasing to 33% at this time.
- House Bill for Parent Transparency Acts – Jamie reviewed some of the points surrounding the proposal of the bills. Lynnette Robinson raised some concerns over the lack of flexibility for classes that may be advanced or in need of additional review.

#### **Comments from the Public**

Patrick Sweet requested to address the board on a matter. Stephen Kucharik made a motion for the board to go into executive session for matters relating to non-elected personnel, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under

KOMA for ten (10) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 8:03p.m. Superintendent Rumford and Principals included in the session. Jon Berning seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 8:03p.m.

#### **Treasurer's Report, Bills Payable and Transfers**

The board reviewed the bills presented for payment. Lynnette Robinson inquired about the invoice to Best Western for last year's state track hotel rooms. Deneen Wolfe reached out to the district's auditors and was advised the expense be recorded against this year's budget with a notation that it was missed being encumbered last year. Jon Berning made a motion to pay the bills as presented – check numbers 42717 – 42817 in the amount of \$292,065.33. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Lynnette Robinson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Jon Berning seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items approved were;

- A. Approval of Previous Minutes from the January 17, 2022 board meeting
- B. Driver's Education Plan – Summer 2022

**Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda** - Nothing pulled.

#### **Board Matters**

- A. Calendar 22-23 Approval – Jamie recommended the approval of the district calendar for the 2022-23 school year as a result of teacher votes for the beginning and end dates and winter break. Jon Berning made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- B. Covid Plan Update – Jamie updated the board on the declining number of Covid cases in our schools. Jamie will look into the Covid testing grant in the fall.
- C. Staff Retention Bonus Approval – Discussion was heard on providing staff with a \$500 bonus now and again in August 2022 to returning staff. Lynnette Robinson made a motion to provide a \$500 bonus to staff that are currently employed with the district as of November 30, 2021 and a prorated amount to staff that started in December 2021 and January 2022; and provide another \$500 to returning staff in August 2022. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it passed with 5 votes in favor and 1 opposed (Jon Berning.)
- D. Transportation Purchases – Jamie presented the bids for the tools and equipment to furnish the new bus barn to the board with a recommendation the board approve the bid from Travis Fulton for the used tools and equipment. A lengthy discussion was heard on the different bids presented and the board reviewed the list of tools and equipment. Stephen Kucharik made a motion to approve the bid from Travis Fulton as presented. Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it passed with 5 votes in favor and 1 opposed (Jon Berning.)

Jamie presented the updated price information for the purchase of 4 expeditions for \$166,000.00. The previous prices on the state bid list expired 12/31/2021. Lynnette Robinson made a motion to purchase 4 (4X2) Ford expeditions in silver with the rear cloth seat option and 1 added tow package. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

*Meeting was recessed for 10 minutes.*

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non-Elected Personnel**

Yanet Contreras 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 9:52p.m. Superintendent Rumford and Principals included in the session. Jon Berning seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 9:52p.m.

*Shawn Roberts left the meeting at 9:30pm.*

*Dustin Hughes, Jana Irvin, Aaron Dirks and Matt Bayer left the meeting at 9:53pm.*

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 seventeen (17) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 10:10p.m. Superintendent Rumford and Deneen Wolfe included in the session Jon Berning seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 10:10p.m.

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 twenty (20) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 10:30p.m. Superintendent Rumford included in the session Stephen Kucharik seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 10:30p.m.

#### **Approval of Resignations and Hires**

Yanet Contreras made a motion to approve resignations and hires as listed:

Resignations: Emelie Ellis – MS Cheer Sponsor  
Abby Biermann – HS English

Hires: Joey Meyer – MS Head Track Coach  
Kay King – Custodian  
Courtney McEachern – District Treasurer

Julia Cheney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of Administrator Contracts**

Jon Berning made a motion to approve contracts for Matthew Bayer, Aaron Dirks, Jana Irvin, Dustin Hughes, and Dr. Shawn Roberts. Stephen Kucharik seconded the motion and it passed with 5 in favor and 1 opposed (Julia Cheney.)

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Negotiations**

Yanet Contreras 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 five (5) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 10:46 p.m. Superintendent Rumford was included in the session. Jon Berning seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting resumed in open session at 10:46p.m.

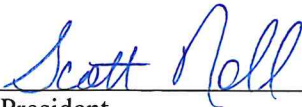
- A. Resolution to Grant Covid Days – Yanet Contreras made a motion to approve the Resolution to grant up to 10 days to staff during the 2022-23 school year. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **Open Discussion by Board**

Discussion was heard on hosting a Chamber coffee in the future.

#### **Adjournment**

Yanet Contreras made a motion to adjourn. Jon Berning seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

  
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Board President

  
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Board Clerk