Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 466, 704 S. College Street, Scott City, Kansas, Monday, February 13, 2023, 7:00 PM.

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room, 704 S. College, Scott City, KS, with the following members present:

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

Others present were Jamie Rumford, Superintendent; Aaron Dirks, Cheryl Kucharik, Courtney McEachern, Matt Bayer, Dustin Hughes, Jana Irvin, Jeremy Turner, Adam Kadavy, Aaron Koehn, Brittney Lauber, Leticia Amezcua, Will Carlson, Danica Spangler, Mandi Hickey, Liz Kopfmann, 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

Lynnette Robinson made a motion to adopt the amended agenda adding in resolution and tabling the transportation surplus. Jon Berning seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **Board Matters**

# A. Financial Audit Report

Aaron Koehn, VonFeldt, Bauer & VonFeldt, Chtd., provided the Board with a copy of the financial audit. Mr. Koehn briefed the Board on the results of the financial audit for the year end of June 30, 2022.

Aaron Koehn left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Yanet Contreras joined the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

## Comments from the Public

Liz Kopfmann read a prepared statement regarding parent and staff concerns and provided documents to the Board.

## **Board Representative Reports**

Julia Cheney attended the High Plains Educational Coop (HPEC) but did not have any updates.

Julia Cheney shared there is continued review of the consolidation affiliation of the three colleges including Northwest Kansas Technical College (Northwest Tech).

### **Administrative Reports**

Jeremy Turner, Director of Transportation, informed the Board of his progress as a new director. He provided information on several projects in his department.

Jana Irvin, Scott City Middle School Principal, shared there is discussion of hosting a 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math competition.

Dustin Hughes, Scott City Middle School Assistant Principal/Activity Director, briefed the Board that winter sports end next week. SCMS hosted 30 teams at the basketball tournament recently.

Matt Bayer, Scott City High School Principal, shared with the Board that parent teacher conferences are upcoming. Mr. Bayer and Mr. Hughes attended a recruiting fair at Fort Hays State University (FHSU).

Aaron Dirks, Scott City High School Assistant Principal/Activity Director, briefed the Board of the boys wrestling team winning GWAC for the 6<sup>th</sup> year and the girls wrestling were champions for their first time with 3 girls qualifying for state.

Superintendent Rumford discussed the following with the Board:

- Provided an overview of the Accountability Report. This report can be accessed on the district website under District Information.
- Shared information on the current proposed legislation impacting public education if approved.
- English Language Arts (ELA) adoption meetings have occurred and will present more information to the Board in March.
- Provided an update on field turf project with pledges committed at \$1.36M. March 6 is deadline to move forward or not in order to have fields ready for August 2023.
- There have been two education advisor meetings with the public and USD466 will host a chamber coffee in March.
- District office is continuing in the implementation of the financial/payroll software for Skyward going live in April.

### Treasurer's Report, Bills Payable and Bond Financials

The Board reviewed the list of warrants. There was a request to move check 44244 to the correct bank account, discussion on the water bill regarding the leak impact, and Northend Disposal increased the rate by 5%.

Jon Berning made a motion to pay the bills as presented check numbers 44133 - 44244 in the amount of \$1,183,858.24. Andrew Trout seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. There were no transfers presented.

Aaron Dirks left at 8:25 p.m. Aaron Birks returned at 8:27 pm

# **Consent Agenda**

Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the change of removing the pledge of allegiance listing on January 30, 2023 meeting. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items approved were:

- A. Approval of Previous Minutes
- B. Resolution in Support of Public Education

# Consideration of Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

No items were pulled from the consent agenda.

# **Board Matters (continued)**

# A. Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) Audit Report

Mr. Rumford provided an overview of the audit. The district was down 2 kids, CTE weightings and transportation had improved. Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the KSDE Audit Report. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## B. Calendar 2023-2024 Approval

The Board held discussion on the proposed calendar with the later start in August and the later end in May and if that impacted any graduation plans alongside any qualifications for state tennis. The Board did not make a motion to approve, requested the teacher committee review further and come before the Board again in March.

# C. Student Furniture Purchase Approval

Mr. Rumford informed the Board there was \$200,000 available in bond and interest to cover this request for \$78,000 at the Scott City Middle School. Andrew Trout made a motion to approve the Student Furniture Purchase for \$78,000. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed for 10 minutes at 8:50 p.m.

Adam Kadavy, Jeremy Turner, Courtney McEachern, Cheryl Kucharik, and Brittney Lauber left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

#### Call Meeting to Resume

President Scott Noll called the meeting to resume at 9:00 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 9:45 p.m. Superintendent Rumford, Matt Bayer, Aaron Dirks, Dustin Hughes and Jana Irvin were included in the session. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed in open session at 9:45 p.m.

## **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 30 (30) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 10:16 p.m.

Superintendent Rumford, Matt Bayer, Aaron Dirks, 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 and Jana Irvin left the meeting at 9:58pm.

The meeting resumed in open session at 10:16 p.m.

### **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 fifteen (15) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 10:32 p.m. Superintendent Rumford was included in the session. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **Approve Resignations and Hires**

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

Hires: Kayla Colbert – SCMS Paraprofessional

Resignations: Emelie Ellis – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Toni Wessel – Concessions Assistant Patricia Luna Arellano - Custodian

## **Approval of Principal Contracts**

Lynnette Robinson made a motion to approve the principals' contracts for 2 years. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 6-1. Julia Cheney voted Nay.

Leticia Amezcua, Will Carlson, Danica Spangler, Mandi Hickey, Liz Kopfmann left the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

The meeting was recessed for 5 minutes at 10:35 p.m.

The meeting resumed in open session at 10:40 p.m.

### **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 fifteen (15) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 10:55 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 10:55 p.m.

# **Open Discussion by Board**

Discussion was held on the cool filling possibility for the field turf with a cost of \$50,000. Leadership for Tomorrow is available for Board of Education and Superintendents. Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) has rolled out a training platform, KASB+.

# Adjournment

Steve Kucharik made a motion to adjourn. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Board President