

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 113

Board of Education
1619 S. Old US Highway 75
Sabetha, KS 66534

Minutes of the December 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

Meeting was held at Board of Education Office, 1619 S. Old Hwy 75, Sabetha, KS

President Ed Reznicek called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Ed Reznicek, Dr. Jeff DeMint, Kathy Lippert, , Leslie Scoby, Ann Shaughnessy, Kent Saylor, and Jim Scoby were present; also present were Superintendent, Todd Evans and Board Clerk, Deb Damman and others who are listed on the attached sheet that becomes a part of these minutes.

Ed Reznicek presented the following changes to the agenda: Consent Agenda – Item D – Add: Resignation from Lorinda Strahm, SES. Agenda Item 9 – change from I.I. to A.I.

Dr. Jeff DeMint expressed his appreciation for Mrs. Strahm’s years of service to the district.

Motion by Dr. Jeff DeMint, seconded by Kathy Lippert, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve minutes from the [December 9, 2019](#) regular Board meeting
- B. Approve payment of December bills for the amount of \$278,608.17
- C. Approve November Payroll for the amount of \$754,388.67
- D. Resignations: Melissa Bradbury, SMS Asst. Track; Derrick Walker-Duncan, SMS Boys’ BB; Heidi Heiniger, Wetmore Science teacher; Lorinda Strahm, SES
- E. Contracts: Leighanne Farwell, Asst. Secretary at SES; Kellen Russell, SMS Boys’ BB; Mary Henry, SMS Asst. Secretary;
- F. Personal Day Requests Requiring BOE Approval: Alex McAfee, SMS

Robert Hansen from Hansen Designs Architect presented the Draft Sabetha Elementary School Facility Appraisal Report to the Board. The report included a completed School Facility Appraisal and focused on needed or required items for two criteria, Educational Adequacy and Environment for Education. Mr. Hansen presented the findings of the appraisal and presented recommendations for the Board to consider in order to resolve the inadequacies and extend the life of the building. Mr. Hansen also presented Proposed Building Improvements for Axtell Public School, and Wetmore Academic Center. Information regarding Sabetha High School was also discussed without any proposal. Jim Scoby, Leslie Scoby, and Kent Saylor volunteered as members of a Facility Committee to research options for facilities improvements and financing.

Motion by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Leslie Scoby, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

Student Council President Sofia Kuenzi updated the Board on recent Student Council activities.

Leslie Scoby updated the Board on the Give to Grow donations.

Kinsey Menold, Sammi Gutknecht, and Karrington Robinson reported on KAY Club participation and activities.

Jennifer Gatz provided information regarding the Kansans Can Star Recognition Program and Changes in State University Admissions requirements. She also provided an update on MTSS, New KSDE Dyslexia Policies, and provided information regarding the K-5 Language Arts Curriculum Review committee.

Superintendent Todd Evans shared a video of a KASB discussion with KSDE Commissioner Watson who was discussing the decline of rigor and grade inflation in Kansas. Mr. Evans also updated the Board on YTD expenses, historical mill levy information, and KASB 2019 KASB Publications Contest Awards earned by Mr. Evans and Mrs. Gatz. Mr. Evans informed the Board that the Astro Van was sold for \$175. Mr Evans shared Positive Photos from each school.

Jennifer Gatz presented 2020-2021 Course Changes. New courses for SHS will include Life Skills, Transition to College Algebra, AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, and AP United States Politics and Government.

Motion to support the Course Changes for 2020-21 was made by Kent Saylor and seconded by Dr. Jeff DeMint. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Evans provided the USD 113 Prairie Hills Audited Allocation of Expenditures per Building (Kickhaefer document), with additional information to clarify salary expenditure questions from the Board at the November meeting.

Motion to accept the Kickhaefer document was made by Leslie Scoby, seconded by Ann Shaughnessy. Motion carried 7-0.

The redesigned Standards of Solvency and Viability document was presented. Kathy Lippert moved to change the verbiage in 4.a.i. to “small campus deficits, for a limited period of time, are acceptable”. Motion was seconded by Dr. Jeff DeMint. Motion failed 3-4, with Kathy Lippert, Kent Saylor, and Leslie Scoby voting yes, and Ed Reznicek, Ann Shaughnessy, Dr. DeMint, and Jim Scoby opposed. Motion was made by Leslie Scoby to accept the redesigned document as presented. Motion was seconded by Kent Saylor. Motion carried 6-1 with Kathy Lippert opposed.

Motion was made by Dr. Jeff DeMint at 9:49 to enter into executive session until 9:59 to discuss non-elected personnel job performance pursuant to the KOMA exception relating to non-elected personnel. Motion was seconded by Leslie Scoby. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Dr. Jeff DeMint at 9:59 to return to regular session. Motion was seconded by Kathy Lippert. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Dr. Jeff DeMint to enter into executive session with Mr. Evans from 10:00 until 10:05 to discuss non-elected personnel performance pursuant to the KOMA exception relating to non-elected personnel. Motion was seconded by Kathy Lippert. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made at 10:05 by Dr. Jeff DeMint to resume the regular session. Motion was seconded by Leslie Scoby. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Dr. Jeff DeMint to enter into executive session from 10:06 to 10:11 to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the KOMA exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student. Motion was seconded by Leslie Scoby. Motion passed 7-0. Mr. Todd Evans and Mr. Schnacker attended the executive session.

Motion was made by Dr. Jeff DeMint at 10:12 to return to regular session. Motion was seconded by Kathy Lippert. Motion carried 7-0.

At 10:12, motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Jeff DeMint, seconded by Leslie Scoby. Motion carried 7-0.

Board President

Board Clerk