

**UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 113**

**Board of Education office  
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**Preparing Kids, Shaping the Future**

**Minutes of the Special BOE Meeting, Monday, August 17, 2020 6:00 PM  
Held at Sabetha Middle School Auditorium, 751 Bluejay Blvd., Sabetha, KS**

President Ed Reznicek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Jim Scoby, Kent Saylor, Kathy Lippert, Leslie Scoby, Dr. Jeff DeMint, and Ann Shaughnessy. Also present were Superintendent Todd Evans, Board Clerk Deb Damman, and others listed on the attached sign-in sheet. Mr. Reznicek announced that this was a Special Meeting with a specific and narrow agenda and there would be no comments from the public.

Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Leslie Scoby, to enter into executive session for the purpose of consultation with the USD 1134 Board attorney, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, with Mr. Evans and Mr. Mischler, with regular session resuming at 6:35. Motion carried 7-0.

At 6:35, motion was made by Dr. Jeff DeMint, seconded by Kathy Lippert, to return to regular session. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Gregg Wenger was present and answered questions from the Board regarding the July 27 Return to School Guidelines letter that was sent to School Board Members and Administrators from eight practicing physicians of Nemaha County and the Nemaha County public health officer.

Mr. Evans announced that the purpose of the meeting was to share additional information that was not available or not presented at the August 10 meeting, and also to receive legal advice from our attorney. He shared updates to the KSDE Navigating Change document which now includes Kansas Schools Gating Criteria.

Mrs. Jenifer Gatz presented the Kansas Schools Gating Criteria, which uses multiple measures to determine On-Site, Hybrid, or Remote learning, and includes gating criteria for School Activities, Spectators, Visitors, and Playgrounds. Mrs. Gatz covered the All District Remote Learning Guidelines for Students, Teachers, and Parents. Mrs. Gatz answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Evans provided school opening plans for neighboring schools Kansas and Nebraska.

Each Board Member and Mr. Evans was given the opportunity to provide a statement regarding masks and the USD 113 Return-to-School Plan. Mr. Evans presented and recommended a USD 113 Practical Mask Plan to the Board.

The Board asked questions and discussed the USD 113 Practical Mask Plan. Motion was made by Ann Shaughnessy, seconded by Leslie Scoby, to approve the USD 113 Practical Mask Plan and include it on Page 5 in the Return to School Plan. Motion carried 6-0, with Jim Scoby dissenting.

The Board discussed other changes to the Return to School Plan. At the Board's request, each school Principal informed the Board of their school's planned policy on taking temperatures of students and teachers. Jim Scoby recommended taking temperatures of all staff and children.

Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Leslie Scoby, to establish a gating criteria committee to make recommendations to the board. The gating committee is to review where we are on gating measurers/data. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Leslie Scoby, seconded by Kent Saylor, to appoint Kathy Lippert and Ann Shaughnessy to the Gating Committee. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Kent Saylor to accept the resignation of Beverly Niehues per the negotiated agreement. Kent Saylor expressed appreciation for Mrs. Niehues years of service. Motion carried 6-1, with Jim Scoby dissenting.

At 8:44 p.m., motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Jim Scoby, to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

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Board President

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Board Clerk

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