

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 113
Board of Education office
1619 South Old HWY 75
Sabetha Kansas 66534

Preparing Kids, Shaping the Future

Agenda Special BOE Meeting, Monday, November 2, 2020 4:00 PM
To be held at BOE office, 1619 S. Old Highway 75, Sabetha KS

Board President Ed Reznicek (via zoom) called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., and announced that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of a Transition to Remote Learning for Sabetha Elementary School because of ongoing COVID concerns. Board members present in person were Kent Saylor and Jim Scoby. Board members attending by ZOOM were Leslie Scoby, Kathy Lippert, and Ann Shaughnessy. Also attending by ZOOM were Mr. Jayson Tynon, Mr. Rick Schnacker, Mr. David Glynn, Mr. Matt Garber, Mrs. Sara Toedman. Superintendent Todd Evans and Board Clerk Deb Damman attended in person, along with those listed on the attached sign-in sheet. The meeting was broadcast live on YouTube.

Mr. Reznicek conducted a roll call to allow Board Members to verbally waive the written notice required under the provision of K.S.A 72-1138, with Yes for approval of the waiver, and No for disapproval. The following votes were cast:

Leslie Scoby – yes
Kathy Lippert – yes
Ann Shaughnessy – yes
Ed Reznicek – yes
Kent Saylor – yes
Jim Scoby – yes

Nemaha County Health Officer Jane Sunderland joined the meeting by ZOOM at 4:05 p.m.

Mrs. Toedman provided an update on SES student and staff quarantines and positivity rates. On the day of the meeting, 18 staff were absent and 83 students were learning remotely.

Jane Sunderland, Nemaha County Health Officer, provided an update on communication with Kansas Department of Health & Environment regarding the Sabetha Elementary School. She reported that KDHE strongly recommended remote learning for the elementary school.

Mrs. Toedman, Mr. Evans, and Mrs. Sunderland answered questions from the Board regarding student absences and employee coverage. The Board discussed factors related to the health and safety of students, and the risk of not having appropriate number of staff necessary. Mr. Evans and Mrs. Toedman recommended that 5th graders continue remote learning on Tuesday since they had already started remote learning. The remaining elementary classes would start on Wednesday to allow a day for prep, to allow for IPAD pick-up, and meal planning.

Motion was made by Kent Saylor, seconded by Ann Shaughnessy, to transition the Sabetha Elementary School to remote learning through Friday, November 13. Motion passed 5-1, with Jim Scoby voting no.

At 4:51 p.m., motion was made by Leslie Scoby, seconded by Jim Scoby, to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.

Board President

Board Clerk