

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

Preparing Kids, Shaping the Future

Minutes of Regular Meeting, Monday December 14, 2020 6:00 PM
Held at the Sabetha High School new commons

Board President Ed Reznicek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Members present were Kathy Lippert, Kent Saylor, Jim Scoby, Leslie Scoby, Ann Shaughnessy, and Stan Keim. Also present were Superintendent Todd Evans, Board Clerk Deb Damman, and others listed on the attached sign-in sheet. The meeting was also available on YouTube.

Mr. Reznicek presented changes to the Agenda: Item 2. A.I. Consent Agenda Item D – add gift of \$25,000 from the Carson Foundation to the Wetmore Academic Center. Item 2 .A.I. Consent Agenda Item H – add Claire Renyer, Semester 2 SES Teacher. Add Item 10A. Authorize Mr. Evans the discretion to sign the initial agreement with Civium Architecture. Add Item 10B. A.I. Approve Lankford Enterprises to work on SHS Varsity Gym Floor.

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

Jim Scoby thanked Bob Carson for the generous donation for Wetmore and District. Kathy Lippert thanked Mary Sander for decades of work for the school district.

Motion was made by Kathy Lipert, seconded by Kent Saylor, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve minutes from the November 9, 2020 regular Board meeting
- B. Approve payment of December bills for the amount of \$278,008.75
- C. Approve November Payroll for the amount of \$784,932.08
- D. Accept \$4,500 worth of grants from Northeast Kansas Library System, a gift of \$25,000 from the Carson Foundation to the Wetmore Academic Center.
- E. Resignations: Mary Sander, District Accounts Payable;
- F. Termination: Kristene Davis, Sabetha Cook
- G. Contracts: Meggan Ring, Sabetha Cook; Claire Renyer, Semester 2 SES Teacher;
- H. Hire Kickhaefer & Buessing for FY 21 Audit,
- I. Personal Day requests:

Kathy Lippert reported that the Legislature will not be back in session until January.

Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Gatz updated the Board on the Math Curriculum Review, the USDA Distance Learning and Telemed (DLT) Grant for robotics, Family Engagement Surveys, and the ACT Graduation Class report.

Superintendent Todd Evans reported that one representative from each building and one administrator will review options for the FY2022 calendar. He also reported that he has reached out to KASB for information regarding the KASB Member Benefits program. Mr. Evans reported that the State BOE is encouraging consistent spring breaks in the future. He also informed the Board of capital outlay

purchases planned; a SHS/SMS Lift for use in the commons areas (\$9,400 estimate), and a scrubber for Axtell.

Mr. Evans shared Mill Rate History information, Legal Max information, and informed the Board that the district has received the \$146,135 for FY20 Bond & Interest.

Mr. Evans provided an update on COVID-related matters. Nemaha County has shortened quarantine time to 7 days with a negative test and no symptoms, and 10 days with no testing and no symptoms.

Mr. Matt Garber provided an update on KSHAA sports attendance policies. The Board asked Mr. Garber to find out what the repercussions would be if the policy is not followed. Kathy Lippert also asked Mr. Garber to ask what authority they are citing.

The Principal for each school in the district provided COVID mitigation updates, along with the count of staff and students that are currently quarantined working or learning remotely.

The Kickhaefer and Buessing FY20 Audit was presented to the Board for approval. Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Leslie Scoby, to approve the audit. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board discussed the Kickhaefer Viability document. Mr. Evans explained a \$4,805 change to Other Revenue allocated to Axtel for the After School Program. All three campuses met the viability standard, with Axtell in the negative. Kathy Lippert requested that the Viability document be put on the January agenda, along with processes, procedures, and statutes that are applicable regarding building closures. Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Kent Saylor, to approve the Kickhaefer viability document. Ann Shaughnessy asked that the Axtell Booster Club donations be reviewed prior to approving the Viability document. No action was taken on this item – it will be brought back for approval in the January meeting.

Kent Saylor provided financial information comparing last year's projections to actual expenditures, and showing projections for the current year.

Mr. David Glynn provided information to support hiring a third wrestling coach for Sabetha High School. There are currently 36 total wrestlers, including 5 girls. Motion was made by Leslie Scoby, seconded by Kathy Lippert, to hire a third wrestling coach for Sabetha High School. Motion carried 7-0.

The Kansas State Board of Education has approved up to 20 hours of instructional time to be used for Professional Development. Mrs. Gatz proposed that students have full days off on January 29 and February 26, with half of each day to be used for teacher in-service, and half for PLC. Mr. Evans informed the Board that he had checked with PHEA and they are not opposed to the proposal. Motion was made by Leslie Scoby, seconded by Kathy Lippert, to add Professional Development days as described by Mrs. Gatz. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim Scoby reported that the Facility Committee and Architects met the previous week. Mr. Scoby requested a copy of the final contract draft from the Architect with Martin Mishler's changes. Motion was made by Jim Scoby, seconded by Kathy Lippert, to authorize Mr. Evans to sign the initial agreement with Civium Architecture. Motion carried 7-0.

Board members toured the SHS Varsity gym to observe damage to the floor. Mr. Evans reported that Lankford Enterprises has a contract with the Greenbush Consortium and that multiple bids would not be

required if we use the Greenbush contract. Lankford's bid to repair the floor is \$44,200 with potential additional charges for waterbased seal/paint. Work could be done during the summer of 2021. Motion was made by Leslie Scoby, seconded by Kathy Lippert, to approve Lankford Enterprises to work on the SHS Varsity Gym floor. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Evans informed the Board that there are more early graduation requests and special students (requests to be part-time) than usual this year. Motion was made by Leslie Scoby, seconded by Kathy Lippert, to make Mr. Evans, with input of Principals, responsible for approving special student requests and early graduation requests. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Leslie Scoby, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters for the allowed purpose of discussion of non-elected personnel for 25 minutes beginning at 8:22 and returning at 8:47 with Mr. Evans and Mr. Schnacker. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Schnacker exited the executive session at 8:36 p.m.

At 8:47 p.m., motion was made by Leslie Scoby, seconded by Kathy Lippert, to return to regular session. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Kent Saylor, to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Board President

Board Clerk