

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 113
Board of Education office
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Preparing Kids, Shaping the Future

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Monday February 8, 2021 6:00 PM
Held at the Sabetha Middle School Commons

President Ed Reznicek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Reznicek welcomed the public and announced that they would have a chance to speak during the meeting. Board members present were Mr. Reznicek, Leslie Scoby, Jim Scoby, Kent Saylor, and Stan Keim. Board member Kathy Lippert attended by ZOOM. Also present were Superintendent Todd Evans, Board Clerk Deb Damman, and others listed on the attached sign-in sheet. The meeting was broadcast on Youtube for the public.

Mr Reznicek announced the amendments to the agenda: Item 2.A.I. Consent Agenda Item B. – Approve payment of February bills for the amount of \$127,696.99. Item 2.A.I. Consent Agenda Item D - Resignations – add Claire Renyer SES (teaching only). Item 4 – Add an Executive session prior to Agenda Item 4.

Motion was made by Jim Scoby, seconded by Leslie Scoby, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Leslie Scoby, seconded by Jim Scoby, to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve minutes from the January 11, 2021 regular Board meeting
- B. Approve payment of February bills for the amount of \$127,679.99
- C. Approve January Payroll for the amount of \$732,010.39
- D. Resignations: Wilma Tyler, SES; Kristina Castillo, SHS; Claire Renyer SES (teaching only)
- E. Contracts:
- F. Personal Day requests: Christa Schuette, SES; Sheryl Plattner, SES
- G. Approve KASB Recommended Policy Updates

Board member Ann Shaughnessy joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

President Reznicek announced that the Board would hear from members of the public. Each of the speakers was allowed five minutes. Jonathan Robinson, Ben Glace, Tim Rowland, Chris Kroll, Karrington Robinson, Ryan Burdick, and Andy Bestwick spoke against the mandatory mask mandate. Brett Lukert, Brook Brubeck, Ashley Niehues, and Courtney Raush spoke in favor of the mandatory mask mandate.

Leslie Scoby provided an update for the USD 113 Foundation and noted that they are looking for persons to serve on the USD 113 Foundation Board.

Kathy Lippert provided a Legislative update.

Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Jennifer Gatz provided information regarding the KESA Accreditation Review. Mrs. Gatz informed the Board that the Building Leadership Team (BLT) and District Leadership Team (DLT) are working to complete all of the reports to share with the Outside Visitation Team (OVT).

Superintendent Mr. Todd Evans informed the Board that Ms. Castillo has resigned as Driver's Ed teacher. Mr. Evans is looking at an online Driver Education Endorsement Program for new instructors.

Mr. Evans shared that Sabetha & Wetmore had spotless kitchen inspections recently, and congratulated staff. Mr. Evans also shared the YTD information, and informed the Board that Sabetha Elementary School had been nominated to join the National Blue Ribbon Schools.

Motion was made by Kent Saylor, seconded by Leslie Scoby, to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters for the allowed purpose of discussion of personnel matters at 7:13 p.m. and to return to regular session at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

At 7:28 p.m., motion was made by Jim Scoby, seconded by Kent Saylor, to return to regular session. Motion carried 7-0.

Kathy Lippert left the meeting after the Board returned to regular session.

Mr. Evans reviewed county and city mask mandates for the district, the current county quarantine protocol, and the current Practical Mask Policy for USD 113. He also noted that KSHAA requires participant limits and masking. Mr. Evans shared results of a masking survey sent to parents, and a survey sent to staff. He also noted that vaccinations are expected to be available for school staff in early to mid-March, and the second shots would be three or four weeks later.

Mr. Reznicek asked School Administrators to provide comments if they wished. Principals Mrs. Toedman and Mr. Glynn spoke in favor of mask mandates. Mr. Evans noted that KASB, KDOE, Attorney Martin Mischler, the County Health Department, and Dr. Tramp with the Gating Committee, and Sabetha doctors strongly recommend masks, and he asked the Board to keep kids in school and protect staff by continuing to mandate masks.

Each Board member was provided an opportunity to speak on the subject of masks.

Mr. Evans reviewed the USD 113 Practical Mask plan that was passed in August.

Kathy Lippert re-joined the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Motion was made by Leslie Scoby, seconded by Kent Saylor to continue the USD 113 Practical Mask Policy through Spring Break and on March 22, at which time the word "required" will be changed to "recommended", and the March 8 board meeting will be used to re-evaluate vaccinations and number of cases. After additional discussion, the motion carried 7-0. The Board noted that the policy will be changed unless the Board votes otherwise.

Kathy Lippert left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Mr. Evans provided a Facility improvement update from CIVIUM and noted that CIVIUM will meet with the Facilities committee prior to the next board meeting.

Motion was made by Kent Saylor, seconded by Jim Scoby, to begin procedures to hire a Construction Manager At Risk for Capital Improvement Projects. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Jim Scoby, seconded by Leslie Scoby, to extend contracts for Principals and Assistant Superintendent for one year through FY 2023. Motion carried 6-0. Executive Session Agenda Item 7.A.I. was not needed and no action was taken.

Motion was made by Leslie Scoby, seconded by Ann Shaughnessy, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing teacher negotiations under the KOMA personnel exception at 9:02 return at 9:07 with Mr. Evans. Carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Leslie Scoby at 9:07, seconded by Ann Shaughnessy, to return to regular session. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Ann Shaughnessy, seconded by Leslie Scoby, to appoint Stan Keim, Leslie Scoby, and Ed Reznicek to the negotiations team. Motion carried 6-0.

Executive Session Agenda Item 11.A.I. was not needed and no action was taken.

Motion was made by Jim Scoby, seconded by Kent Saylor, to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. President Reznicek adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Board President

Board Clerk