

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Monday April 11, 2022 6:00 PM
Held at the Axtell Public School, 504 Pine School, Axtell, KS 66403

President Leslie Scoby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Kathy Lippert, Kent Saylor, Anissa Bloom, Jim Scoby, and Phillip Buessing. Stan Keim attended by phone. Also present were Superintendent Todd Evans and Board Clerk Deb Damman, along with others listed on the attached sign-in sheet. The meeting was broadcast on YouTube for the public.

President Scoby asked Superintendent Evans to announce the agenda changes:

Move Agenda Item 15.A.I. after agenda Item 1.

Consent Agenda Item H: Resignations: Add Holly Meyer, SES, and Sheryl Plattner, SES

Consent Agenda Item K: Personal Day Request: Add Briana Uphaus, AES; Megan Glick, SMS; Holly Meyer, SES; Brian Cole, SHS; Julie Howard, WAC

Add Consent Agenda Item P: Approve payment of \$55,810.77 from Capital Outlay to AHRS for remodel/renovation expenses

Add Consent Agenda Item Q: Approve payment of \$72,646.56 from the Lease Purchase for payment for new construction at SES

Leslie Scoby led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Scoby led the meeting with a prayer.

1. A.I. Adopt the agenda as prepared or amended.

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

15. A.I. Enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel as allowed under KOMA.

At 6:04, a motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Jim Scoby, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel as allowed under KOMA for 5 minutes, returning to regular session at 6:09. Motion carried 7-0.

At 6:09, motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Kent Saylor, to return to regular session.
Motion carried 7-0.

2. I.I. Public Comment, Administrative Reports, and other updates:

Sarah Shaughnessy, member of the public, spoke regarding the School Counselor position at Axtell. She asked the Board what plans they have to get a school counselor in the school next year, and expressed hope that the Board has plans to keep counselors in the schools.

Dale Buessing, member of the public, also told the Board that he hopes there is a counselor next year. He also let the Board know that the Axtell grocery store has been re-opened. He provided an update from the Axtell Booster Club.

Isaac Detweiler and Taylor Broxterman provided a Student Council update

Aspen Buessing and Lily McClellan presented a KAYS update.

Ashley Skalla provided updates for FFA and Ag Classes.

Kathy Lippert provided a legislative update and presented highlights to the Board. She announced that the Sandhill Plum bill has passed both the House and the Senate.

Axtell Principal Alana Seddon thanked the Eagle Car Wash, Eagle Boosters, and KAYS for the outdoor basketball goals. She also thanked others for seeding and getting the playground ready.

Sabetha Elementary School Principal Rusty Willis announced that the Sabetha 4th and 5th graders have learned a lot about the legislature, and will travel to Topeka on 4/12 to be there when the Governor signs the bill making the Sandhill plum the official state fruit.

Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Gatz announced that KSU recognized USD 113 as a Rural Education Center and has provided a REC banner. Mrs. Gatz also provided updates on Driver's Ed and KESA.

Superintendent Todd Evans asked the Board for permission to give away the older, tan chairs that are stored under the stage at SES. The Board agreed. Mr. Evans announced that Retirement celebrations are planned, and provided the year-to-date expenditure information.

3. A.I. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve minutes from the [March 14, 2022](#) regular board meeting
- B. Approve payment of April bills for the amount of \$329,895.31
- C. Approve March Payroll for the amount of \$759,781.55
- D. Accept an anonymous donation of [\\$100,000](#) to be used on the construction/remodel project.
- E. Accept a donation of [\\$1,875.00](#) from Jerry Grimm to Sabetha Elementary School
- F. Pulled from consent agenda for discussion
- G. Reaffirm [Return to School Plan](#)
- H. Resignations: Adam Maas, Asst. BBB at WHS at the end of 2022 season; Katie Topp, Sabetha Band at the end of FY 21/22; Kayla Thayer, Head WHS BBB; Kelsi Bloom, WHS Junior class & Concessions sponsor effective at the end of FY 21/22; Cassie Elliott, 5th grade at Axtell; Kelsi Bloom, ISS at Wetmore effective at the end of FY 21/22; Sarah Cormier, ISS at Wetmore effective at the end of FY 21/22; Holly Meyer, SES; Sheryl Plattner, SES
- I. Rescind previous resignation from Celi Merino
- J. Contracts: Ross Bruggeman, SHS Social Studies; Staci Claycamp, Asst. JH Track; Kelsi Bloom, WAC Elem.; Sarah Cormier, WAC ELA; Joseph Gruber, Semester 2, SHS Business; Trevin Edelman, SMS/SHS FACS; Mason Chanay, SHS Science; Joyce Stallbaumer, ISS at Wetmore;
- K. Personal Day Request: Julie Kuckelman, SES; Megan Glick, SMS LWOP; Heather Schremmer, SMS; Ashley Griffith, Axtell; Nicolas Richardson, SES; Phyllis Slipke, Wetmore; Alex McAfee, SMS; Jennifer Streett, SES; Briana Uphaus, AES; Megan Glick, SMS; Holly Meyer, SES; Brian Cole, SHS; Julie Howard, WAC

- L. [Approve additional track coach at AHS](#)
- M. Approve additional track coach at SMS
- N. [Approve request from Harmony Hills in Axtell for school bus & driver for April 23th](#)
- O. Approve payment of \$55,810.77 from Capital Outlay to AHRS for remodel/renovation expenses
- P. Approve payment of \$72,646.56 from the Lease Purchase for payment for new construction at SES

Jim Scoby requested that Item F of the Consent Agenda be pulled.

Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Anissa Bloom, to approve the Consent Agenda except for Item F as amended. Jim thanked Sheryl Plattner for her 42 years of service. Kathy Lippert thanked Katie Topp for her tremendous difference she has made in kids lives. Leslie Scoby thanked Holly Meyer for her service since 2006. She also thanked the anonymous donor, and Jerry Grimm donation. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda Item F: Approve [Math Textbooks K-5 \(SAVVAS\)](#)

Motion was made by Jim Scoby to send the book selection back to the committee. Motion was not seconded; motion failed.

After discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Kent Saylor, seconded by Phillip Buessing, to approve the purchase of the Savvas Math series for K-5. Motion carried 6-1, with Jim Scoby voting no.

4. A.I. Facility remodel project

Theodore Demonchaux, CIVIUM, provided an update on the SES project.

5. A.I. [Axtell Remodel](#)

Theodore Demonchaux provided an update on Axtell remodel/sprinkler system/fire escape. Sprinkler option \$226,620 vs. stairwell option \$256,571. Numbers provided are estimates, not bids.

Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Anissa Bloom, to select the sprinkler option. Motion carried 7-0.

6. A.I. [SES Dishwasher](#)

Theodore Demonchaux went over the SES kitchen estimate of \$37,420 for a center island, counter rework, and equipment.

Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Phillip Buessing, to approve the SES Dishwasher project. Motion carried 7-0.

7. A.I. SES - No Students on May 19, 2022 in order to prepare for remodel

Mr. Evans asked the Board to allow SES teachers a day without students to move and to prepare rooms for remodeling.

Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Stan Keim, to have no students on May 19, 2022 to allow teachers to prepare for remodel. Motion carried 7-0.

8. I.I. [Sabetha Sidewalk Project](#)

Marvin Kohlmeier announced that the City of Sabetha is supporting a safe school sidewalk project. The sidewalk would be moved further to the south on Oregon street from the school to the fitness center, greatly enhancing safety for children walking or riding bicycles to school and the aquatic center. Mr. Kohlmeier requested a strong letter of support from the Board to support the project.

Lillian Brownlee would like to turn the project into a historical and educational project. Social Science classes could help identify historical parts of the city.

Mr. Evans will provide letter of strong support for the sidewalk project.

9. A.I. Designate Saylor Insurance as the USD 113 Insurance Agent of Record for FY23

Board member Kent Saylor excused himself from the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Jim Scoby, to designate Saylor Insurance as the USD 113 Insurance Agent of Record for FY2023. Motion carried 6-0.

Kent Saylor returned to the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

10. A.I. Approve Sabetha High School seniors to help with Sabetha Project Clean-Up

Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Anissa Bloom, to approve Sabetha High School seniors to help with Sabetha Project Clean-Up. Motion carried 7-0.

11. I.I. Trap league (MB, Allow to use school name – not a school activity or club, Not KSHSAA, No transport or any other costs)

Mr. Evans provided information regarding a trap league that requires a school name to be used for the team. It would not be a school club or a school event. Mr. Evans asked Board to think about whether the team could use the school's name. A meeting is set up for next week with an individual interested in starting this group.

12. A.I. Authorize Mr. Evans to sell SES library Books

Mr. Evans provided information regarding library books that SES would like to sell.

Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Phillip Buessing, to approve the sale of library books as described. Motion carried 7-0.

13. A.I. Approve Axtell Summer Arts Program

Axtell Principal Seddon announced that the Marshall Co. commissioners have awarded the program \$25,000 because it will include drug & alcohol and bullying programs. It would be held May 31 – June 3 at Axtell.

Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Phillip Buessing, to approve the Axtell Summer Arts Program. Motion carried 7-0.

14. A.I. Enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student as allowed under KOMA.

At 8:08 p.m., a motion was made by Kathy Lippert for a 2 minute break, and then for executive session to discuss matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student as allowed under KOMA, for 5 minutes with Mr. Glynn and Mr. Evans, from 8:10 to 8:15. The motion was seconded by Phillip Buessing. Motion carried 7-0.

At 8:15 p.m., motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Anissa Bloom, to return to regular session. Motion carried 7-0.

15. A.I. Agenda Item was moved to follow Agenda Item 1.

16. A.I. Adjourn

At 8:16 p.m., motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Kent Saylor, to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

Board President

Board Clerk