

**Unofficial Minutes**  
**USD 417 Board of Education**  
**6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting**  
**October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Prairie Heights Elementary School**  
**801 Center, Alta Vista, Kansas 66834**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by USD 417 BOE Vice President Jamie Johnson.

**Members Present:** Kelsey Hartman, Jay Troxell, Patty Talley, Don Alderman, and Jamie Johnson.

**Members Absent:** Terry Powell and TinaRae Scott

**Others Present:** Superintendent Tyson Eslinger, Amber Weeks, Tasha Green, Valerie Gehrler, Angela Harris, Kelcy Bremer, Cynthia Schrader, Cheryl Monihen, Aaron Monihen, John Talley, Lori Pollock, Jan Sciacca, Jay Doornbos, Matt Fox, Kathy Lillich, Morgan Lillich, Kathy Lamberson, CeCe Monihen, Darrel Kohlman, Phil Crismore, Damion Murphy, Kelly Coryell, Aubrey Talley, Reed Romme, Brad Macoubrie, Hayden Massie, Charlotte Switzer, Izzy Monihen, and Charlie Lillich

**Approval of Agenda**

Addition to the Consent Agenda under Employment: Ashley Rivers – Substitute Teacher

**Kelsey Hartman (Don Alderman) moved to approve the Agenda as amended and presented.**

**Motion passed 5 – 0.**

**Student Spotlight**—PHES 6th grade students presented on Social Studies with their World History projects and Science projects on the water cycle system. The students then concluded with a xylophone/drum musical performance.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Addition to the Consent Agenda under Employment: Ashley Rivers – Substitute Teacher

**Jay Troxell (Patty Talley) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended and presented.**

**Motion passed 5 – 0.**

**Director Reports:**

- Facilities Director Tom VanValkenburg – report provided in the packet, and the board had no questions
- Transportation Director/Mechanic Matt Weaver – report provided in the packet, and the board had no questions
- Health Nurse Dana Reddick – report provided in the packet, and the board had no questions
- Food Service Director Becky Shearer - report provided in the packet, and the board had no questions

**Administrative Reports:**

- Council Grove Elementary Principal Kelcy Bremer – report provided in the packet, and the board had no questions
- Prairie Heights Elementary Principal Angela Harris – report provided in the packet, and the board had no questions
- Council Grove Junior Senior High School Principal Jay Doornbos – report provided in the packet, and the board had no questions
- Council Grove Junior Senior High School Activities Director Matt Fox – Haylie Grant qualified for State Golf today, report provided in the packet, and the board had no questions

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- Director of Student Learning Valerie Gehrler – Reminded the board that this will be her last BOE meeting for a couple of months, report provided in the packet, and the board had no questions
- Superintendent – Tyson Eslinger
  - Election reminder: educate yourself. There are some big races. Get out and vote
  - Trimester vs. Semester: We need to get the process going if we want to examine our current trimester system. The board responded by wanting to learn the pros and cons. Mr. Doornbos will form a committee to study this. Building the new schedule and transitioning will take a full year.
  - CGJSHS recognized as All-Star High School Status
  - Financial Update - A 3-year cost comparison shows utility/fuel costs to show the inflation trend.
  - K12itc arrived Friday and started with hardware replacement. The next step is device migration.
  - USD 417 was awarded three Kansas Can Stars: a Copper in Academically Prepared for Postsecondary (State Assessments), a Silver in Graduation Rate, and a Copper in Postsecondary Effectiveness.
  - BoardBook is getting set up. The goal is to have it ready to use at the November meeting. It's a work in progress. Amber watched a three-hour webinar last week.

**Board Members Reports:**

- No reports or additions by board members

**Discussion Items**

District Roof Presenters

Damian Murphy with Murphy's Seamless Roofing and Kelly Coryell with Coryell Roofing and Construction presented two different roofing systems, including the installation and warranty. Darrel Kohlman with DCS, who previously did a facilities assessment for the district two years ago, discussed that DCS is a project manager. DCS would assemble RFPs, collect the bids, bill the contractors, and oversee the roof replacement process.

Discuss Policies: JBH Release of a Student During the Day, JCAB Searches of Property, JCABB Searches of Students, JCAC Interrogation and Investigations

The Student policies presented were: JBH Release of a Student During the Day, JCAB Searches of Property, JCABB Searches of Students, JCAC Interrogation and Investigations. These policies will be added to the November meeting for approval.

Legislative Topics Update

Superintendent Eslinger updated the board on the KASB legislative updates. Draft copies are available; the delegate assembly will vote on them at the KASB convention in November.

JAG-K (Jobs for America's Graduates-Kansas)

Superintendent Eslinger presented on the JAG-K program, an organization that prepares students for successful futures. The goal is to help students facing various barriers to success overcome those barriers, graduate from high school, and get on a successful career path. The administration will continue learning more about the program before making a final recommendation.

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Building Tour of PHES Building

The board took a tour of the PHES building led by PHES Principal Angela Harris.

Action Items

FBLA Fall Conference

**Kelsey Hartman (Patty Talley) moved to approve the FBLA students and sponsor to attend the FBLA Fall Conference in Oklahoma City from November 15<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**Motion passed 5 – 0.**

FFA Horse Judging and National Convention

**Kelsey Hartman (Don Alderman) moved to approve the FFA students' and sponsor's attendance at the FFA Horse Judging competition at the Saddle and Sirloin Club in Kansas City, MO, on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN, from October 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**Motion passed 5 – 0.**

Executive Session – Personnel

**Jamie Johnson (Jay Troxell) moved to go into a 15-minute Executive Session in order to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with the board, Superintendent Tyson Eslinger, and Matt Fox. The open meeting will resume in the gymnasium at 8:08 P.M.**

**Motion Passed 5 – 0.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:53 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:08 PM

**Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into an additional 15-minute Executive Session in order to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with the board, Superintendent Tyson Eslinger, and Matt Fox. The open meeting will resume in the gymnasium at 8:26 P.M.**

**Motion Passed 5 – 0.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:11 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:26 PM

Supplemental Approvals

**Jay Troxell (Kelsey Hartman) moved to approve Milo Butler for the following supplemental position of Head High School Girls Wrestling Coach at the 12% supplemental rate.**

**Motion passed 5 – 0.**

**Jay Troxell (Kelsey Hartman) moved to reopen negotiations to discuss the following supplemental positions: Assistant Scholars Bowl Coach, Head Esports Coach, and ESports Assistant Coach.**

**Motion passed 5 – 0.**

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**Executive Session – Personnel for Superintendent Evaluation**

**Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman)** moved to go into a 15-minute Executive Session in order to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to the superintendent evaluation exception under KOMA with the board and the ability to call Superintendent Tyson Eslinger and Amber Weeks if needed. The open meeting will resume in the gymnasium at 8:47 P.M.

Superintendent Tyson Eslinger was invited into the executive session at 8:39 P.M.

**Motion Passed 5 – 0.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:32 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:47 PM

**Good News Shared by Board of Education Members**

- Don Alderman said that K12 will be a big deal. He is really excited about having something consistent with less problems.
- Jay Troxell has spoken with a few families that have moved to Council Grove. He asked how things were going. The common theme was they felt welcome and were treated with kindness.
- Kelsey Hartman gave a shout out to Amber for capturing the coolest pictures in the moment. She has also received positive feedback on the CGES videos on social media, as well as the dads at the door at CGES.
- Patty Talley – attended the Senior Night for Parents and Seniors. She was originally stressed about this and noted that Jill Day had everything put together well. She said that Jill did a great job and had resources available for the seniors and their families. She was pleased with how the event went.
- Jamie Johnson mentioned the homecoming festivities were a blast. The football game had great energy. She is most excited about the book fair this week. Please support.

**Adjournment:**

Next Regular Meeting – November 11th, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

**Vice President Jamie Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:52 P.M.**

APPROVED:

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Amber Weeks, USD 417 Board Clerk

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Jamie Johnson, Vice President, BOE