



Unofficial Minutes

USD 417 BOE Regular Meeting
Monday, November 11, 2024 - 6:00 PM
District Office Board Room
17 Wood Street
Council Grove, KS 66846

Call to Order

The Regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by USD 417 President Terry Powell.

Members Present: Terry Powell, Jamie Johnson, Jay Troxell, Don Alderman, TinaRae Scott, Patty Talley (Zoom, left the meeting at 6:29 P.M.)

Members Absent: Kelsey Hartman

Others Present: Tyson Eslinger, Amber Weeks, Matt Weaver, Tom VanValkenburg, Kim Coover, Brooke Lococo, Finn Gant (Student Body Representative), Dana Reddick, Jan Sciacca, Hollyn Zeigler, Jocelyn Skaggs, and Danica Adams

Additions/Approval of Agenda

Action(s): Agenda amended to include Action Item: Approve Robotics Trip. I make a motion to approve the agenda as amended and presented. This motion, made by TinaRae Scott and seconded by Jamie Johnson, Carried.

Voting Detail: Don Alderman: Yea, Jamie Johnson: Yea, Jay Troxell: Yea, Kelsey Hartman: Absent, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Student Spotlight - CGJSHS HOSA-Future Health Professionals

The CGJSHS HOSA-Future Health Professionals students and sponsor presented their recent and upcoming activities, which include Bravesfest, exploring healthcare careers field trip, a health fair, the fall conference at KSU, speakers, CPR/First Aide, a blood drive, pinkout events, HOSA week, and the hygiene hut.

Consent Agenda

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by TinaRae Scott and seconded by Jamie Johnson, Carried.

Voting Detail: Don Alderman: Yea, Jamie Johnson: Yea, Jay Troxell: Yea, Kelsey Hartman: Absent, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Director Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time.

Director of Facilities/Grounds - Tom VanValkenburg

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had a question about the roofs after the recent rains. Tom provided an update regarding the status of CGES and CGJSHS roof leaks.

Director of Transportation - Matt Weaver

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Director of Health Services - Dana Reddick



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The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Director of Food Service - Becky Shearer

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Administrative Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time.

Council Grove Elementary Principal - Kelcy Bremer

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Prairie Heights Elementary Principal - Angela Harris

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Council Grove Junior Senior High School Principal - Jay Doornbos

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Council Grove Junior Senior High School Activities Director - Matt Fox

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Superintendent - Tyson Eslinger

- Will reach out to EMC regarding the reinspection of the roofs
- Discussed the need to reconvene a Health Insurance Committee - will need two board member volunteers. Please let Amber know if you are interested.
- The K12 Conversion happened this weekend. Overall, the problems were worked through today. Colton and our staff now have K12 support. We will shut down the USD 417 technology ticket system and switch to K12's Albert ticket system.
- Redbud Designs is working on designs for the wall decorations in the boardroom.
- American Education Week is next week, November 18th- 22nd
- Welcomed Finn Gant, our Student Body representative, this school year.

Board Member Items

No reports or additions by board members

Discussion Items

Discuss Policies: JCDA Student Conduct, JCDA Tobacco-Free School Grounds for Students, JCDB Dress Code, JCDBB Weapons

Discussion: Superintendent Eslinger presented the following student policies: JCDA Student Conduct, JCDA Tobacco-Free School Grounds for Students, JCDB Dress Code, and JCDBB Weapons. These policies will be added to the December meeting for approval.

Board of Education Self-Evaluation



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Discussion: The results of the recent Board of Education Self-Evaluation were discussed. The November 2024 board self-evaluation was compared to the June 2024 self-evaluation.

Drug Testing Employee Policy

Discussion: Superintendent Tyson Eslinger led a discussion regarding a Drug-Testing Employee Policy when an injury occurs on the job. The GAOE Workers' Compensation policy was also reviewed. The district will start requiring drug and alcohol testing as standard practice for automobile accidents.

Board of Education Facilities Discussion

Discussion: Superintendent Eslinger reviewed a working Long Range Capital Outlay plan. He plans on reviewing this working document monthly.

Action Items

Approval of 504 Procedures

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the 504 Procedures as presented. This motion, made by TinaRae Scott and seconded by Jamie Johnson, Carried.

Voting Detail: Don Alderman: Yea, Jamie Johnson: Yea, Jay Troxell: Yea, Kelsey Hartman: Absent, Patty Talley: Absent, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Approval of ParentSquare Contract

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the ParentSquare contract for the one-time upfront cost of \$4,125 and the annual cost of \$5,942.24. This motion, made by Jamie Johnson and seconded by TinaRae Scott, Carried.

Voting Detail: Don Alderman: Yea, Jamie Johnson: Yea, Jay Troxell: Yea, Kelsey Hartman: Absent, Patty Talley: Absent, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

RFP for Certificate of Deposit

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the RFP for the Certificate of Deposit at 4.1% for 12 months from Emprise Bank for Certificate K in the value of \$139,324.20. This motion, made by Jay Troxell and seconded by Don Alderman, Carried.

Voting Detail: Don Alderman: Yea, Jamie Johnson: Yea, Jay Troxell: Yea, Kelsey Hartman: Absent, Patty Talley: Absent, Terry Powell: Abstain (With Conflict), TinaRae Scott: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Discussion: President Terry Powell recused himself from the meeting at 6:55 p.m. and returned to it at 6:58 p.m. due to a work conflict.

Approve Robotics Trip

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the trip to Colorado Springs from December 6th to 8th for the Robotics Regional Competition. This motion, made by Jamie Johnson and seconded by



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TinaRae Scott, Carried.

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Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Good News by Board of Education Members

Discussion:

TinaRae Scott recently represented the state on the Council of Urban Boards of Education.

She said it's really important to have a student liaison and to continue having one be the voice of the students. She thanked Finn.

Don Alderman congratulated the football team on doing as well as they ever had. He noted the recent rotary visit and the importance of the board being available and transparent. Jay Troxell is a veteran who said that Veterans Day hits home and that it means a lot to him that our community and schools celebrate this great holiday.

Patty Talley is extremely proud to be a part of a district that pays tribute to and recognizes our local Veterans and active duty men and women of this nation with our Veterans Day program at PHES! It's wonderful to know that we are ensuring that we teach our children to honor them today and every day! (per email from Patty and read by Terry Powell)

Jamie Johnson is excited about the CGES Kids of Character Awards. Academics is cool, but being a good human is pretty awesome!

Terry Powell congratulated the Robotics kids. He said the Robotics Game Day is a crazy, wild day. He was able to witness Game Day in person last year.

Adjournment

President Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Next Regular BOE Meeting - December 9th, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

Amber Weeks, USD 417 Board Clerk

Terry Powell, President, BOE