

Unofficial Minutes
USD 417 Board of Education
6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
July 8th, 2024
USD 417 District Office
17 Wood Street, Council Grove, Kansas 66846

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by USD 417 BOE President TinaRae Scott.

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

Members Absent: Terry Powell

Others Present: Superintendent Tyson Eslinger, Amber Weeks, Mike Argabright, Matt Weaver, and Jan Sciacca (Zoom).

Approval of Agenda

Kelsey Hartman (Jamie Johnson) moved to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

Election of the USD 417 President of the Board of Education

Patty Talley (Don Alderman) nominated Terry Powell for USD 417 BOE President.

TinaRae Scott moved to cease all nominations and elect Terry Powell as USD 417 BOE President.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

Vice-President Jamie Johnson presided over the rest of the meeting.

Election of the USD 417 Vice-President of the Board of Education

TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman) nominated Jamie Johnson for USD 417 BOE Vice-President.

TinaRae Scott (Don Alderman) moved to cease all nominations and elect Jamie Johnson as USD 417 BOE Vice-President.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

Open Forum:

Mike Argabright spoke to the board.

Approval of Consent Agenda: TinaRae Scott (Jay Troxell) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

Administrative Reports:

1. Superintendent Tyson Eslinger
 - Legislative session closed with a special session in June and the RNR changed
 - Open Enrollment for students started today. On-site enrollment is July 26th.
 - New staff return on August 1st, all staff return on August 7th to start talent development
 - Transition day for students is August 14th, 1st day of school is August 15th
 - We had 5 nonresident applicants
 - Audit was completed, and budget planning will begin for the upcoming year
 - Building Needs Assessment discussions will begin in August

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- Thanked everyone for this opportunity and is excited to get started in the district
- Board Meeting Monday – will post videos to update the community starting in August
- Will have an additional session with Dr. Hart from the superintendent search to get scheduled
- KASB Convention in November – if interested, let Amber know this week

2. Other Directors – nothing new to report

Action Items

Notice of Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate

TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman) moved to authorize the district to notify the county clerk of the district’s intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate for FY2025, with a public hearing on the matter to be held on September 9th, 2024, at 5:45 P.M. at the District Office. The revenue neutral rate hearing will be held at 5:45 P.M. and the budget hearing will be held at 5:50 P.M.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

Local Option Budget Percentage Resolution

Jamie Johnson read the local option budget percentage resolution as presented.

TinaRae Scott (Patty Talley) moved to approve the local option budget percentage resolution as presented.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

Executive Session – Negotiations

TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into a 20-minute Executive Session in order to discuss the items in the negotiations letter pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with the board, Superintendent Tyson Eslinger, and Board Clerk Amber Weeks. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 6:46 P.M.

Motion Passed 6 – 0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:26 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:46 PM

TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into an additional 20-minute Executive Session in order to discuss the items in the negotiations letter pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with the board, Superintendent Tyson Eslinger, and Board Clerk Amber Weeks. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:08 P.M.

Motion Passed 6 – 0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:48 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:08 PM

TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into an additional 20-minute Executive Session in order to discuss the items in the negotiations letter pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with the board, Superintendent Tyson Eslinger, and Board Clerk Amber Weeks. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:32 P.M.

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Motion Passed 6 – 0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:12 PM
The Board returned to Open Session at 7:32 PM

Good News Shared by Board of Education Members

- Jamie Johnson – is excited for the Seussical Jr Musical is July 12th, 13th, and 14th at the CGJSHS Auditorium
- Jay Troxell – Council Grove is the easiest to work with. We have a nice auditorium with a good set-up, and they appreciate being able to use it for their dance business.
- Don Alderman – is excited about our new superintendent
- TinaRae Scott – several organizations from the district participated in national conferences this summer, kudos to those kids that represented USD 417. The Morris County fair and Tri-County fair are coming up and another way to support our kids.
- Patty Talley – a shooting sports competition was held in Wichita this June. It was great to see the number of students, and it was a fun day.

Adjournment:

Next Regular Meeting – August 12th, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Vice President Jamie Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:39 P.M.

APPROVED:

Amber Weeks, USD 417 Board Clerk

Jamie Johnson, Vice-President, BOE