

**USD 417 Board of Education  
6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting  
August 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 Terry Powell.

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

**Others Present:** Superintendent Tyson Eslinger, Amber Weeks, Matt Weaver, Tasha Green, Angela Harris, Valerie Gehrer, and Jan Sciacca (Zoom).

**Approval of Agenda**

**TinaRae Scott (Jamie Johnson) moved to approve the Agenda as presented.**

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

**TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

**Director Reports:**

- District Health Nurse Dana Reddick – report provided in the packet, and the board had no questions
- Transportation Director/Mechanic Matt Weaver – present at the meeting and had nothing to report

**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 – report provided in the packet, and the board had no questions
- Curriculum and Instructional Director Valerie Gehrer – report provided in the packet, and the board had no questions
- Superintendent – Tyson Eslinger
  - The district's current enrollment is 763 as of today, compared to the end of last year when we were in the 740-745 range.
  - Looking into My Education Data Platform with the team tomorrow, it provides parents and teachers information and explains test data scores.
  - KESA 2.0: We will meet here next month with a KSDE representative and then in Hutchison with three other school districts in November.
  - Met with DCS today regarding the roofs and was given rough numbers. Currently working with Tim Tyner Insurance and EMC on the roof hail damage.
  - Financials: FHSEC has assessed us with an 18.5% increase. Our district will receive an increase in SPED funding in February which will help to offset the cost.

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**Discussion Items**

**Policy Review of JA, JB, JBC, and JBCA**

Superintendent Eslinger discussed our monthly policy review process of reviewing 3-4 policies. The policies presented are Student Policies: JA Goals and Objectives, JB Attendance Records, JBC Enrollment, and JBCA Homeless Students. These policies will be added to the September meeting for approval.

**Building Needs Assessment & State Assessment Scores**

Superintendent Eslinger, Valerie Gehrler, and Angela Harris reviewed the 2023-2024 school building needs assessments for 2024-2025 budget considerations and state assessment data scores from 2023. We plan to discuss this during the work session with Dr. Hart next week.

**Mission and Core Value Statements**

The board of education discussed its mission and core value statements. We will discuss this during the work session with Dr. Hart next week to reflect the current statement. The board would like the boardroom redecorated and this hanging up to remind the board of its focus.

**Strategic Plan**

The Strategic Plan finalized in April of 2023 was reviewed.

**Update of 2024-2025 Budget**

Superintendent Eslinger updated the board regarding the 2024-2025 budget. It should be under the revenue-neutral rate this year. The Budget and RNR hearings are scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Executive Session – Negotiations**

**TinaRae Scott (Don Alderman)** moved to go into a 20-minute Executive Session in order to discuss the latest proposal for negotiations from the teachers 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 7:09 P.M.

**Motion Passed 7 – 0.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:49 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:09 PM

The board took a 5-minute recess until 7:15 P.M.

**TinaRae Scott (Jamie Johnson)** moved to go into an additional 10-minute Executive Session in order to discuss the latest proposal for negotiations from the teachers 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 7:26 P.M.

**Motion Passed 7 – 0.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:16 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:26 PM

**Action Items**

**Building Blocks Lease**

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**Jamie Johnson (Patty Talley) moved to renew the Building Blocks Community Child Care lease agreement.**

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Approve Purchase of Bus

The bid from Midwest Bus Sales, Inc., which is on the state bid list, was reviewed.

**TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman) moved to approve the purchase of a 2024 Minotour Non-CDL 14-passenger bus from Midwest Bus Sales, Inc in the amount of \$103,864.**

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Terry Powell recused himself due to a work conflict from the meeting at 7:31 P.M.

RFP for Certificate of Deposit

The 2 bids from Farmers and Drovers Bank and Emprise Bank were reviewed. Citizens State Bank did not submit a bid.

**TinaRae Scott (Don Alderman) moved to approve the purchase of a Certificate of Deposit with Farmers and Drovers Bank for \$211,840.34 at the rate of 5% for 12 months.**

**Motion passed 6 – 0.**

Terry Powell returned to the meeting at 7:34 P.M.

Ratification of the 2024-2025/2025-2026 USD 417 Negotiated Agreement

Tabled

2024-2025 Classified Staff Raise

**Kelsey Hartman (Jay Troxell) moved to approve a 3% raise for classified staff for FY24-25.**

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Executive Session – Personnel

**TinaRae Scott (Jamie Johnson) moved to go into a 10-minute Executive Session in order to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with the board and Superintendent Tyson Eslinger. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:48 P.M.**

**Motion Passed 7– 0.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:38 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:48 PM

**TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into an additional 5-minute Executive Session in order to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with the board and Superintendent Tyson Eslinger. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:55 P.M.**

**Motion Passed 7– 0.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:50 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:55 PM

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2024-2025 Administrators Raise

**TinaRae Scott (Jay Troxell) moved to approve the 3% salary increases for administrators for FY 24-25, as presented.**

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Approve Job Descriptions

**Jamie Johnson (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve job descriptions for Board Clerk/Data Coordinator, Administrative Assistant/Accounts Receivable, Director of Student Learning, and Business Manager/Accounts Payable.**

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Accept Safe and Secure Schools Grant

**Jamie Johnson (TinaRae Scott) moved to accept the FY25 Safe and Secure Schools Grant for \$10,996.**

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Accept MHIT (Mental Health Intervention Team) Grant

**TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman) moved to accept the MHIT (Mental Health Intervention Team) Grant for \$66,010.**

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Accept 2024-2025 IDM (Infectious Disease Management) Grant

**Kelsey Hartman (Patty Talley) moved to accept the IDM (Infectious Disease Management) Grant for \$59,683.73.**

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Appoint Voting Delegate for the 2024 Delegate Assembly

**Terry Powel (TinaRae Scott) moved to appoint Jamie Johnson as Voting Delegate for the 2024 Delegate Assembly.**

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Board of Education Meeting Location Change

Superintendent Eslinger will discuss with administrators when it is a good time to hold a regular board meeting at each building. Location changes for board meetings will be included as action items at the September meeting.

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

- TinaRae Scott stated it is a phenomenal opportunity for students and staff to attend back-to-school night, see the changes in the buildings over the summer, and get the public in the door.
- Don Alderman heard from a mom who expressed how excited her child was to enroll in classes for college credits.

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- Jay Troxell said it is cool to see how the ag shop has been renovated to the point it has now become, with new floors, lockers, and welders. Kids can get jobs right out of school with that skill set.
- Kelsey Hartman is proud of the schools and tennis courts update and has heard how hard everyone has worked over the summer.
- Patty Talley truly appreciates Mr. Eslinger's message sent out today on Facebook and his communication. She thanked Mr. Eslinger.
- Jamie Johnson noted the excitement at new teacher orientation and excitement for this year. Changes have been made, and people are looking forward to them. More people were in attendance at the CGES PTO/PAC meeting recently.
- Terry Powell appreciates the custodial and maintenance staff. The facilities look good and sets the tone for the upcoming school year. He thanked Mr. Eslinger for coming up to Alta Vista and handing out water at Old Settlers Day.

**Adjournment:**


Next Regular Meeting – September 9th, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**President Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.**

APPROVED:

9/12/24  


Amber Weeks, USD 417 Board Clerk

  
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Terry Powell, President, BOE