

**Unofficial Minutes**  
**USD 417 Board of Education**  
**6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting**  
**September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**USD 417 District Office**  
**17 Wood Street, Council Grove, Kansas 66846**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M. by USD 417 BOE Vice President Jamie Johnson.

**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, Tasha Green, Valerie Gehrler, Dana Reddick, Matt Weaver, Angela Harris, Kelcy Bremer, and Jan Sciacca.

**Approval of Agenda**

Agenda Amended: Consent Agenda Employment Item #1. Change to Employment of Nancy Kempher – CGES Aide/Interventionist and addition of Resignations Item #4. Daisy Seward – PHES ASP Director/Aide.

**TinaRae Scott (Patty Talley) moved to approve the Agenda as amended and as presented.**

**Motion passed 6 – 0.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**Motion passed 6 – 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
- Technology Director Dustin Webber - 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 – report provided in the packet, and the board had no questions
- Director of Student Learning Valerie Gehrler – report provided in the packet, and the board had no questions

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- Superintendent – Tyson Eslinger
  - We are appealing EMC’s claim for roofs because we believe we have significantly more damage. An engineer will be here tomorrow; they will write an individual report. We discussed the current deductibles of the district buildings. We are working on a plan to address our HVAC and roofs.
  - Reviewed the District Financial dashboard. The documents allow the board to review the budget month to month.
  - Our technology director resigned. ISG cannot provide the services needed for our district at this time.
  - Review of what services K12itc can provide. They can manage the network and install new hardware/equipment that they update every five years. Live chat is available, they can remote into staff computers to support, and they do backups every 24 hours. This frees up our tech department to be hands-on.

**Don Alderman (Jay Troxell) moved to proceed with the K12itc contract as presented, with an annual total of \$131,695.80 and a one-time setup cost of \$27,656.13.**

**Motion passed 6-0.**

**Board Members Reports:**

- Jamie Johnson – Superintendent Eslinger’s evaluation is upcoming. Amber will send the superintendent evaluation tool to include Superintendent Eslinger’s goals.

**Discussion Items**

Discuss Policies of JBCB, JBCC, JBD, JBE and GAOA

The policies presented are: Student Policies: JBCB Foster Care Students, JBCC Enrollment of Nonresident Students, JBD Absences and Excuses, JBE Truancy, and GAOA Workers Compensation. These policies will be added to the October meeting for approval.

Spray Foam Roofs

Jay Troxell explained spray foam roofs and polyester fabric roofing systems as alternatives to rubber roofs. Superintendent Eslinger will contact companies for a presentation.

Parking Design at CGES

The updated design for the parking at CGES was discussed. Superintendent Eslinger will proceed with obtaining a cost for the project.

Review Building Needs Assessment and State Assessments

Discussion was held, and information was provided about the building needs assessment and state assessment results. The BOE evaluated both, and both have been used to approve the budget.

Review Work Session Documents

Superintendent Eslinger reviewed the Work Session Documents from August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with Dr. Britton Hart. Amber will send a poll to the BOE for their top 3 goals.

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BoardBook Proposal

Superintendent Eslinger discussed the proposal for a digital meeting platform from BoardBook.

TinaRae Scott recused herself from the meeting at 7:44 P.M.

**Don Alderman (Jay Troxell) moved to proceed with purchasing BoardBook at the KASB member price of \$6,000 per year.**

**Motion passed 5-0.**

TinaRae Scott returned at 7:46 P.M.

Supplemental Discussion

The board reviewed recommendations for additional coaching positions, including Head High School Girls' Wrestling coach, Head and Assistant Esports coach, and Assistant Scholar's Bowl coach.

Action Items

Approve Fleet Management Contract with Enterprise

**TinaRae Scott (Patty Talley) moved to approve the contract for Fleet Management with Enterprise.**

**Motion passed 6 – 0.**

Approve Budget

Both the Building Needs Assessment and State Assessments were provided to the board of education, were evaluated by the board, and used in the budget approval process.

**TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman) moved to approve the 2024-2025 Budget as published.**

**Motion passed 6 – 0.**

2024-2025 Other Pay

**Jay Troxell (TinaRae Scott) moved to approve 2024-2025 Other Pay.**

**Motion passed 6 – 0.**

Approve Job Descriptions: Director of Food Service, Director of Transportation, Director of Facilities/Grounds, Director of Technology, Director of Health Services, HS/JH Building Principal, HS/JH Assistant Building Principal/AD, Elementary Building Principal, Assistant Elementary Building Principal

**Jay Troxell (Patty Talley) moved to approve the job descriptions for Director of Food Service, Director of Transportation, Director of Facilities/Grounds, Director of Technology, Director of Health Services, HS/JH Building Principal, HS/JH Assistant Building Principal/AD, Elementary Building Principal, Assistant Elementary Building Principal.**

**Motion passed 6 – 0.**

Approve Student Transportation Reimbursement

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**Kelsey Hartman (Jay Troxell) moved to approve the student transportation reimbursement as presented.**

**Motion passed 6 – 0.**

Accept Rural Educator Development 2024 Grant

**TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman) moved to accept the \$50,000 Rural Education Development 2024 Grant.**

**Motion passed 6 – 0.**

Board of Education Meeting Location Change

**Kelsey Hartman (Patty Talley) moved to approve the meeting location change of the Regular BOE Meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to Prairie Heights Elementary School.**

**Motion passed 6– 0.**

Approve MyEducationData Platform Contract

**Don Alderman (Patty Talley) moved to approve the contract with MyEducationData for 2024-2025 in the amount of \$23,000.**

**Motion passed 6 – 0.**

Approve the Implementation Contract with Cultivate Education

**TinaRae Scott (Don Alderman) moved to approve the implementation contract with Cultivate Education in the amount of \$6,320.**

**Motion passed 6 – 0.**

**Executive Session – Personnel**

**TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman) 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 8:37 P.M.**

**Motion Passed 6– 0.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:27 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:37 PM

**TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into an additional 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 8:48 P.M.**

**Motion Passed 6– 0.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:38 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:48 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**

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with the board and Superintendent Tyson Eslinger. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:54 P.M.

**Motion Passed 6– 0.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:49 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:54 PM

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

- TinaRae Scott informed us that the State Fair kicked off this weekend. 4-H and FFA kids were attending, and several teachers and parents walked through and congratulated the kids. It was a great opportunity for those students. This year, the largest number of livestock ever entered and the largest number in attendance ever in the opening weekend of the state fair. Great opportunity!
- Don Alderman was watching girls golf practice and couldn't believe how many girls golfers were going out this season. When his daughter participated, fielding a full team was almost a challenge. This gives them an opportunity and opens the door for them.
- Jay Troxell recently ate lunch with one of his children. This year, there has been marked improvement in the school lunch, which costs \$4.25 for adults. The kids have more time to eat. He reports good vibes.
- Kelsey Hartman gave a shout-out to Mrs. Booker for going above and beyond.
- Patty Talley went to the football game Friday night. It was awesome to see how full our stands were at the game.
- Jamie Johnson is excited about the numbers for fall activities. She saw names of students she didn't recognize going out for activities. The Crop Drop program is great for using local produce to provide healthy opportunities for our kids.

**Adjournment:**

Next Regular Meeting – October 14th, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at Prairie Heights Elementary School

**Vice President Jamie Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:03 P.M.**

APPROVED:

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Amber Weeks, USD 417 Board Clerk

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Jamie Johnson, Vice President, BOE