



OFFICIAL MINUTES
ROYAL VALLEY USD #337
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, February 13, 2023

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 337, Jackson County, Kansas, was held on **Monday, February 13, 2023** at the District Office, 101 W. Main, Mayetta, KS 66509, at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Cindy Broxterman: Present
Ann Kelly: Present
Kelli Lambrecht: Present
Joe Mitchell: Present
Boone Smith: Present
Pat Tuck: Present
Adele Wahwassuck: Present

Others present were **Aaric Davis - Superintendent, Noah Slay - Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mark Haefke - Technology Director, Neale Sutton - Transportation Director, Cassie Geis - RVHS Principal, Sherri Schulte - Board Clerk, and Ali Holcomb - Holton Recorder.**

MINUTES

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

1.1. Roll Call

1.2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Action(s):

Move to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

2. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Action(s):

Move to approve consent items as presented. This motion, made by Cindy Broxterman and seconded by Pat Tuck, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

2.1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Discussion:

Minutes from the January 23, 2023, regular Board meeting were approved.

2.2. Approval of Treasurer's Report

2.3. Approval of Warrants

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

3.1. Public Comment

Discussion:

There were no public comments.

4. **BOARD TOPICS**

4.1. Board Discussion Items for Future Consideration

Discussion:

Mr. Smith requested an update on the RVES playground.

4.2. Legislative Update

Discussion:

Mr. Davis provided an update on education topics in the Kansas Legislature as well as information on how to contact our area legislators.

4.3. Discuss the Possibility of Republishing the Budget

Discussion:

Mr. Davis discussed the possibility of republishing the 2022-23 budget due to an increase in the General Fund Budget Authority. Republishing the budget would not have any impact on the current mill levy rates.

5. **RECEIVE REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

5.1. Hear Technology Update Report

Discussion:

Mr. Haefke updated the Board on technology issues, including cyber training for the staff, replacing teacher MacBooks, and purchasing new computers for the AV Lab. Discussion followed.

5.2. Receive Transportation/Vehicle Status Report

Discussion:

Mr Sutton provided information regarding the transportation department, including the status of our vehicle fleet, bus driver training, the need for integrated child seats, and an EPA grant to help with the purchase of a new bus. Discussion followed.

5.3. Hear Report on Staffing for the 2023-24 School Year

Discussion:

Mr. Slay and Mr. Davis gave an update on teaching positions for the 2023-24 school year.

5.4. Review Updated District Report Card/Accountability Report

Discussion:

Mr. Davis reviewed the building report cards and accountability information released by the Kansas Department of Education. Discussion followed.

5.5. Review Second Trimester SEL Data

Discussion:

Mr. Slay presented the most recent SEL data from the second trimester. Discussion followed.

5.6. Receive Report on Construction Progress, Lease Purchase, and Capital Outlay Funds

Discussion:

Mr. Davis gave a report to the Board on the progress of the construction at the high

school, lease purchase spending, capital outlay funds, possible new projects, and potential property acquisition. Discussion followed.

6. **OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS**

6.1. Consider Approval of 5-8 Science Curriculum

Discussion:

The Board discussed and approved the new science curriculum for grades 5-8 from OpenSciEd.

Action(s):

Move to adopt the OpenSciEd curriculum resources for grades 5-8. This motion, made by Cindy Broxterman and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6.2. Consider Approval for the Purchase of a School Bus

Discussion:

The Board discussed and approved the purchase of a new school bus from Midwest Transit. The district has been awarded a KDHE EPA grant that will go towards this purchase.

Action(s):

Move to approve the purchase of one (1) school bus from Midwest Transit in the amount of \$131,344. This motion, made by Pat Tuck and seconded by Cindy Broxterman, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6.3. Consider Approval of Surplus Property

Discussion:

The Board discussed and approved marking outgoing teacher MacBook Air computers as surplus property and to give teachers an opportunity to purchase them. Teachers would not get their own computer back and all software and data would be wiped from them.

Action(s):

Move to approve 25 Macbook Air computers to be sold to teachers for \$200 each on a first-come, first serve basis. This motion, made by Pat Tuck and seconded by Boone Smith, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6.4. Consider Approval of Computer Purchase for AV Pathway

Discussion:

The request to purchase 26 new computers for the AV Pathway program at the high school was approved by the Board.

Action(s):

Move to approve the purchase of 26 iMac computers from Apple Education for the amount of \$50,934.00. This motion, made by Cindy Broxterman and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6.5. Consider Approval of the December 2022 KASB Recommended Policies

Discussion:

KASB recommended policies were approved as presented to the Board.

Action(s):

Move to approve Board policies GAAB, GCRF, IDAB, IFA (new policy), JBE, JCE, JDD, and KN as presented. This motion, made by Pat Tuck and seconded by Cindy Broxterman, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

- 6.6. Consider Executive Session to Discuss Individual Employee Performance Pursuant to the Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA.

Discussion:

This executive session was not needed.

- 6.7. Consider Executive Session to Discuss Confidential Student Information Pursuant to the Exception Relating to Actions Adversely or Favorably Affecting a Student Under KOMA.

Discussion:

At 8:10 PM, the Board moved to go into executive session and to return at 8:20 PM. The Board returned to open session at 8:20 PM.

Action(s):

Move to go into executive session to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA, inviting Aaric Davis and Cassie Geis, and to return to open session at 8:20 PM. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Joe Mitchell, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

- 6.8. Consider Executive Session to Discuss the Negotiations Letter Pursuant to the Exception for Employer-Employee Negotiations under KOMA.

Discussion:

This executive session was not needed.

- 6.9. Consider Approval of Personnel Items

Action(s):

Move to approve the retirement notice of Lisa Hickman at the end of the 2023-24 school year. This motion, made by Cindy Broxterman and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Move to approve the resignation of Mary St. John as the RVMS librarian and technology teacher, effective at the end of the 22-23 school year. This motion, made by Cindy Broxterman and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7. **BOARD DISCUSSION AND STUDY**

- 7.1. Clarifications

Discussion:

Mr. Smith asked for clarification on whether improvements to the RVES gym floor could be included in the the lease purchase project since it is used by the high school for practices and games. Mr. Davis said that it would not be since the lease purchase does not cover areas contained within the elementary school.

- 7.2. Employee Recognition

Discussion:

The Board spent time writing thank you notes to various district staff in honor of National School Counseling Week and National Career and Tech Ed Month.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING BOE OPPORTUNITIES**

- 8.1. USD 337 School Board Meeting - March 6, 2023 - 7:00 pm

Discussion:

The next Board meeting will be held on March 6 since the second Monday of the month is during Spring Break.

8.2. Title VI Student Recognition Night - Wednesday, April 12, 2023

8.3. Staff Appreciation Night - April 26, 2023 - 6:30 PM

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

9.1. Meeting Adjournment

Action(s):

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. This motion, made by Adele Wahwassuck and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Sherri Schulte, Board Clerk
Board of Education
USD #337, Mayetta, Kansas

Date Approved

Boone Smith, Board President
Board of Education
USD #337, Mayetta, Kansas