



OFFICIAL MINUTES
ROYAL VALLEY USD #337
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, September 11, 2023

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 337, Jackson County, Kansas, was held on **Monday, September 11, 2023** at the District Office, 101 W. Main, Mayetta, KS 66509, at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE

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

Cindy Broxterman was absent with prior notice. Others present were Aaric Davis - Superintendent, Noah Slay - Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Sherri Schulte - Board Clerk, Ali Holcomb - Holton Recorder, Amanda Matya - Parent, Jared Dittmer, RV Teacher, Brian Swaim - RV Teacher, Vivian Reynolds - Student, Jeeps Matya - Student, Leah Carlisle - Student, and Monique Litherland - RV Teacher.

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 Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

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

2. CONSENT ITEMS

Action(s):

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

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

2.1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Discussion:

Minutes from the August 28, 2023, regular Board meeting were approved.

2.2. Designate Celebrate Freedom Week

Discussion:

The Board approved September 18-22, 2023, as Celebrate Freedom week, which will coincide with Constitution Day on September 17.

2.3. Approval of Anonymous Donation to RVMS Physical Education

Discussion:

An anonymous donation in the amount of \$200.00 for middle school PE supplies was approved.

2.4. Approval of Treasurer's Report

2.5. Approval of Warrants

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Discussion:

There were no public comments.

4. **BOARD TOPICS**

4.1. Introduction of New Teaching Staff

Discussion:

Board members introduced themselves to Jared Dittmer and Brian Swaim who then introduced themselves to the Board.

4.2. Board Discussion Items for Future Consideration

Discussion:

No items were discussed.

4.3. Discuss the Creation of a Board Sub Committee for the Purpose of Developing the New Non-Resident Student Policy

Action(s):

Move to approve the creation of a Board sub-committee to review, develop, and recommend the new non-resident student policy made up of Board members Joe Mitchell, Kelli Lambrecht, Boone Smith, and Superintendent Davis. This motion, made by Pat Tuck and seconded by Boone Smith, Carried.

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

4.4. Discuss Neighborhood Revitalization Program Changes within Jackson County

Discussion:

The Jackson County Commissioners have been working on a tax abatement program for new construction and renovations within the county. There is already a program in place that our Board has chosen to participate in over the past few years and this program would replace that program. The intent is to incentivize residential and commercial growth in our rural communities. This will require Board action at a future meeting.

5. **RECEIVE REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

5.1. Hear Report from FCCLA Members on National Competition in Denver, CO

Discussion:

Vivian Reynolds, Leah Carlisle, and Jeeps Matya shared their experiences at the national competition they recently attended in Denver, Colorado. Monique Litherland thanked the Board for their support.

5.2. Receive Fall Athletics/Activities Report

Discussion:

Mr. Davis shared a report prepared by Mr. Green detailing the participation numbers for fall sports and activities.

5.3. Hear Report on Washburn Tech Participation

Discussion:

Mr. Davis reported the number of students attending Washburn Tech this fall and the programs in which they are enrolled.

5.4. Hear Report on September 11, 2023 Professional Development Day

Discussion:

Mr. Slay detailed the events of the September 11, 2023, professional development activities. In the morning, the elementary school worked on the science of reading while the middle and high school worked on effective engagement strategies. In the afternoon, the focus was on Schoology and PLCs.

5.5. Receive Budget Update

Discussion:

Mr. Davis presented a bi-monthly report on the General and Supplemental General budgets and also reported on the Lease Purchase and Capital Outlay budgets. Discussion followed.

6. **OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS**

6.1. Approval of Interest Only Payment to Signature Public Funding

Discussion:

The Board approved the interest only payment for the 2022 Lease Purchase Agreement.

Action(s):

Move to approve payment to Signature Public Funding in the amount of \$73,643.50. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

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

6.2. Consider Approval of Tuition Reimbursement Report for 2021-22

Discussion:

Action(s):

Move to approve the 2022-23 Tuition Reimbursement Report as presented. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Joe Mitchell, Carried.

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

6.3. Consider Approval of Final Professional Development Points from 2022-23 School Year

Action(s):

Move to approve final professional development points from the 2022-2023 school year as presented. This motion, made by Pat Tuck and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

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

6.4. Consider Approval of RVHS Addition Furniture Order

Action(s):

Move to approve the purchase of new student furniture for the RVHS addition from School Specialty in the amount of \$32,188.51. This motion, made by Pat Tuck and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

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

- 6.5. Consider Executive Session to Discuss an Individual Employee's Performance Pursuant to the Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA.

Discussion:

At 7:50 PM the Board moved to go into executive session and to return at 8:01 PM. The Board returned to open session at 8:01 PM.

Action(s):

Move to go into executive session to discuss individual employee performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, inviting Aaric Davis, and to return to open session at 8:01 PM. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

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

- 6.6. Consider Personnel Items

Action(s):

Move to approve the hire of Amber Probst as a noon-route bus paraprofessional. This motion, made by Pat Tuck and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

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

7. **BOARD DISCUSSION AND STUDY**

- 7.1. Clarifications

Discussion:

No clarifications were needed.

- 7.2. Employee Recognition

Discussion:

The Board spent time writing notes of appreciation to new teaching staff.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING BOE OPPORTUNITIES**

- 8.1. RV Athletics Golf Scramble - Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 1:30 pm
8.2. Homecoming Pep Rally - Wednesday, October 4, 2023 - 6:30 pm

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

- 9.1. Meeting Adjournment

Action(s):

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. This motion, made by Adele Wahwassuck and seconded by Pat Tuck, Carried.

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

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

Date Approved

Boone Smith, Board President

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