



OFFICIAL MINUTES
ROYAL VALLEY USD #337
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, January 22, 2024

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 337, Jackson County, Kansas, was held on **Monday, January 22, 2024** at the District Office, 101 W. Main, Mayetta, KS 66509, at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Ann Kelly: Present
Kelli Lambrecht: Present
Rhonda Lefferd: Present
Joe Mitchell: Present
Ruth Slocum: Present
Boone Smith: Present
Adele Wahwassuck: Present

Others present were **Aaric Davis - Superintendent, Noah Slay - Director of Curriculum and Instruction, 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 Kelli Lambrecht 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 Joe Mitchell and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

2.1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Discussion:

Minutes from the January 8, 2024, regular Board meeting were approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3.1. Public Comment

Discussion:

There were no public comments.

3.2. Board Member Appreciation Month

Discussion:

A video made by students in Mrs. Leach's 4th grade class for Board member appreciation month was enjoyed by the Board members.

4. **BOARD TOPICS**

4.1. Board Discussion Items for Future Consideration

Discussion:

Mr. Smith stated that Royal Valley alumni have reached out to him. This topic will be further discussed during Agenda Item 4.4.

4.2. Legislative Update

Discussion:

Mr. Davis shared relevant topics being discussed in the State Legislature that could have a current or future impact on the school district.

4.3. Distribute the KASB December 2023 Recommended Policy Packet

Discussion:

Mr. Davis provided copies of KASB recommended policy changes. These policies will be worked on by the Administrative team and brought back to the Board with recommendations. Discussion followed.

4.4. Discuss Implementation of Alumni Efforts for Royal Valley

Discussion:

Mr. Smith spoke about the implementation of Alumni efforts at Royal Valley. Discussion followed regarding possible goals and processes.

Action(s):

Move to form a Board Subcommittee to discuss the implementation and formation of a Royal Valley Alumni Association. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Joe Mitchell, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Move to appoint Ruth Slocum, Boone Smith, and Joe Mitchell to the Royal Valley Alumni Association Board Subcommittee. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Boone Smith, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

5. **RECEIVE REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

5.1. Receive Preliminary Enrollment Projections for 2024-2025

Discussion:

Mr. Davis presented preliminary enrollment numbers for the 2024-2025 school year. Discussion followed.

5.2. Review Fee Recommendations for the 2024-2025 school year.

Discussion:

Mr. Davis went over proposed changes to school fees for the 2024-2025 school year. Discussion followed.

Action(s):

Move to approve 2024-2025 fees as presented and changing Textbook Fee to Textbook/Curriculum Fee. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

5.3. Hear State Assessment Overview

Discussion:

Mr. Slay provided information on the State Assessment testing windows and plans for the spring 2024 testing cycle.

5.4. Hear Report on 1116 Hours Requirement

Discussion:

Mr. Davis reported on the number of school days canceled for inclement weather so far this school year and the impact additional cancelations may have.

5.5. Hear Report on January 15 In-Service Opportunities

Discussion:

Mr. Slay shared information regarding the January 15th staff development day.

6. **OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS**

6.1. Consider Approval of 2024-2025 District Calendar

Discussion:

The Board discussed and approved the 2024-2025 district calendar.

Action(s):

Move to approve the district calendar as presented for the 2024-2025 school year. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Rhonda Lefferd, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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

Discussion:

At 7:38 PM, the Board moved to go into executive session and to return at 7:44 PM. The Board returned to open session at 7:44 PM. Upon resuming open session, the Board chose to consider Agenda Item 6.5.

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 7:44 PM. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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

Discussion:

At 7:45 PM the Board moved to go into executive session and to return at 7:51 PM. The Board returned to open session at 7:51 PM.

Action(s):

Move to go into executive session to discuss the negotiations letter pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, inviting Aaric Davis and to return to open session at 7:51 PM. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6.4. Consider Approval of Personnel Items

Action(s):

Move to accept the resignation of Emily Jennings as the NHS sponsor at the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Move to approve the hiring of Danika Hickman as RVES reading paraprofessional, Isabelle Stephens for evening custodial work (time card only), and Nick Steiner as RVHS assistant baseball coach. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6.5. Consider Administrative Contract Extensions

Action(s):

Move to approve 1 year contract extensions to include the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school year for Noah Slay, Cassie Geis, Keith Glotzbach, Rhonda Sayles, and Justin Moore. Also moving Cale Green from a 1-year contract to a 2-year contract to include the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7. **BOARD DISCUSSION AND STUDY**

7.1. Clarifications

Discussion:

Ms. Lambrecht asked for clarification on chronic absenteeism. Discussion followed.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING BOE OPPORTUNITIES**

8.1. Senior Night Wrestling - Thursday, February 1, 2024

8.2. RVHS Powerlifting Meet - Saturday, February 3, 2024 - 8:30 am to 2:20 pm

8.3. RVMS Scholars' Bowl - Thursday, February 22, 2024

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

9.1. Meeting Adjournment

Action(s):

Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Ruth Slocum, 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