



OFFICIAL MINUTES  
**ROYAL VALLEY USD #337**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Monday, March 4, 2024**

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 337, Jackson County, Kansas, was held on **Monday, March 4, 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: Absent**  
**Ruth Slocum: Present**  
**Boone Smith: Present**  
**Adele Wahwassuck: Present**

**Joe Mitchell was absent with prior notice. Others present were Aaric Davis - Superintendent, Noah Slay - Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Cassandra 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 Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Ruth Slocum, 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 Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

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

2.1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

**Discussion:**

Minutes from the February 12, 2024, 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:**

There were no items for future consideration discussed.

4.2. Legislative Update

**Discussion:**

Mr. Davis identified bills in the Kansas Legislature that are relevant to education, including bills pertaining to KPERS 3 to KPERS 2, SPED funding, and open enrollment policies.

4.3. Hear Final Summer School Plans for 2024-25

**Discussion:**

The Board discussed and approved summer school plans for 2024-25 as presented by Mr. Slay.

**Action(s):**

Move to approve the 2024-25 summer school plan as presented to be paid out of ESSER III dollars. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Rhonda Lefferd, Carried.

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

5. **RECEIVE REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

5.1. Receive Bi-Monthly Budget Report

**Discussion:**

Mr. Davis shared updated expenditures from the local option budget and general funds.

5.2. Receive Impact Aid Funding Update

**Discussion:**

Mr. Davis provided information on Impact Aid payments. He also met with the parent advisory committee and discussed some new programming options for the Impact Aid funds, such as increasing the amount for the athletic shuttle, adding funds to help grow a potential partnership for an in-school mental health services program, using some funds for teacher recruitment and retention programs, and phasing in funding to create a teacher pathway program at RVHS and potential teacher internships.

5.3. Hear Report on Parent-Teacher Conference Attendance

**Discussion:**

Mr. Davis reported on the percentage of students represented at each building during the February parent-teacher conferences.

6. **OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS**

6.1. Consider Approval of RVHS Gym Commons Resinous Flooring

**Discussion:**

The Board discussed and approved installing epoxy resinous flooring in the RVHS gym commons.

**Action(s):**

Move to approve the installation of an epoxy resinous flooring system in the RVHS gym commons by Shump Flooring in the amount of \$34,771.27. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

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

6.2. Consider Approval of Fiscal Auditor Engagement Letter

**Action(s):**

Move to approve the auditor engagement letter from Varney & Associates as presented with estimated fees of \$9,400.00 for state and federal audits. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

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

6.3. Approval of Lease Purchase Payment

**Action(s):**

Move to approve the lease purchase payment to Flagstar Public Funding in the amount of \$418,643.50. This motion, made by Ruth Slocum and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

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

6.4. Consider Approval of Spring/Summer Maintenance Items

**Action(s):**

Move to approve the spring/summer maintenance list as presented. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

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

6.5. Set Budget Hearing Dates for Impact Aid and Title VI Grants

**Discussion:**

Each year, the Board must hold a hearing for the Impact Aid and Title VI grants. The Impact Aid hearing is for the 2023-24 budget year, and the Title VI hearing is for the 2024-25 budget year. The Board approved holding these budget hearings on Monday, April 8th, at 7:15 PM during the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

**Action(s):**

Move to set the budget hearing date for Title VI and Impact Aid grants on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:15 pm at the district office located at 101 W Main St, Mayetta, KS 66509. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

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

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

**Discussion:**

At 7:33 PM, the Board moved to go into executive session and to return at 7:38 PM. The Board returned to open session at 7:38 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 7:38 PM. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

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

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 7:38 PM, the Board moved to go into executive session and to return at 7:45 PM. The Board returned to open session at 7:45 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 7:45 PM. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

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

- 6.8. 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 Noah Slay 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: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

- 6.9. Consider Approval of Personnel Items

**Action(s):**

Move to approve the resignation notice from Jared Dittmer as the 4th grade teacher at the end of this contract year. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

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

Move to approve the transfer of Jolene Dressman to the 7th grade ELA position and Keri Bausch to the HS assistant volleyball coach position for the 2024-25 school year. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

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

Move to approve a contract for Meaghan Koon to teach Kindergarten at RVES effective 3/1/2024, and Skylar Steinle for 6th grade starting with the 2024-25 school year. Also to approve BreAnna Roberts as high school assistant softball coach for the 2023-24 school year. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

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

Move to approve supplemental contracts to the following individuals: Ashley Wick, Driver Education; Thomas Broxterman, Driver Education; Jarrett Roy, Summer Weights; David Boucher, Summer Weights; and Melissa Kimble, Summer Music. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Ruth Slocum, 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 staff in the music department for Music in Our Schools Month, to the K-8 Reading Curriculum Team for researching new reading curricula, and to Athletic Director Cale Green for the work involved to host sub-state basketball.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING BOE OPPORTUNITIES**

8.1. USD 337 School Board Meeting - March 25, 2024 - 7:00 pm; Alumni Association Subcommittee Meeting - March 18, 2024

8.2. Title VI Student Recognition Night - Wednesday, April 10, 2024

8.3. Staff Appreciation Night - April 24, 2024 - 6:30 PM

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

9.1. Meeting Adjournment

**Action(s):**

Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. This motion, made by Rhonda Lefferd and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

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

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

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Date Approved

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Boone Smith, Board President  
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