



OFFICIAL MINUTES
ROYAL VALLEY USD #337
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, March 25, 2024

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 337, Jackson County, Kansas, was held on **Monday, March 25, 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

Adele Wahwassuck arrived at 7:02 PM. Joe Mitchell was absent. Others present were Aaric Davis - Superintendent, Noah Slay - Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Sherri Schulte - Board Clerk, Elizabeth VanHoutan - RVES Teacher, Jolene Dressman - RVES Teacher, Mollie Hoffman - RVES Teacher, Jason Hooker - RVMS Teacher, Cassandra Geis - RVHS Principal, 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 Rhonda Lefferd, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

2.1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Discussion:

Minutes from the March 4, 2024, regular Board meeting were approved.

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 updated the Board on bills in the Kansas Legislature that are relevant to education. Discussion followed.

4.3. BOE Summer Retreat Date

Discussion:

The BOE Summer Retreat date has been tentatively set for Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

4.4. Discuss Board Contribution as Start-Up Monies for the Alumni Association

Discussion:

The Board subcommittee would like to set up a fund through the Jackson County Community Foundation to establish a 501(c)(3) status to get the new Alumni Association off the ground. This would not be paid through tax-payer dollars, but through use of a Pepsi donation to the district as a part of our Pepsi Contract. The amount needed to start up a fund within the JCCF is \$1,000. Discussion followed.

Action(s):

Move to allocate \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) to the Royal Valley Alumni Association from the Pepsi contract donation to start a 501(c)(3) within the Jackson County Community Foundation. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

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

5. **RECEIVE REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

5.1. Hear Construction Update

Discussion:

Mr. Davis provided an update on the construction process at the high school and stadium area.

5.2. Report on May 1 Non-Resident Capacity Reporting Requirements

Discussion:

Mr. Davis shared his draft document to demonstrate classroom capacities for the newly adopted non-resident student policies. Discussion followed.

5.3. Hear Presentation of New K-8 ELA Resource Recommendation

Discussion:

Mr. Slay, Ms. VanHoutan, Ms. Dressman, Ms. Hoffman, and Mr. Hooker reported on their experiences and provided information regarding a new K-8 ELA curriculum. Wit & Wisdom was recommended. The Board viewed a short video presentation. Discussion followed. The new curriculum will be available for public review.

5.4. Hear Details on Employee Recognition Night

Discussion:

The 3rd consecutive Employee Appreciation Banquet will be held on Wednesday,

April 24th, at 6:30 PM at the PBPB Casino and Resort. The theme this year is Backyard BBQ.

5.5. Discuss LETRS Training for 2024-2025

Discussion:

Mr. Slay and Mr. Davis discussed LETRS Structured Literacy Training. LETRS is a comprehensive Literacy Training for K-6 employees. The State Board of Education has incentivized participation in this by funding it for all districts through the 2025-26 school year. The training will require a two-year commitment, with each year needing 4 days of professional development and approximately 10-14 hours of online module learning. The 2024-25 school calendar will need to be adjusted to include December 9, 2024, as an additional professional development day. Discussion followed.

Action(s):

Move to approve a District Calendar change to make Dec. 9, 2024 a professional development day for USD#337. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

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

Move to approve a \$250.00 stipend for completion or a \$300.00 stipend for mastery of each LETRS Module not to exceed \$1,200.00 per year to compensate for time spent outside of the regular school day completing training items. This motion, made by Ruth Slocum and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

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

6. **OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS**

6.1. Consider Approval of KASB Recommended Policies

Action(s):

Move to approve policies EBBB, GARIA, GARID, JBH, JDDAA, and JGFGBA as presented. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

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

6.2. Consider Approval of Updated Graduation Requirements

Discussion:

Ms. Geis reported on updated graduation requirements for the class of 2028 and beyond. Discussion followed.

Action(s):

Move to approve the graduation requirements as presented for the class of 2028 and beyond. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

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

6.3. Consider Purchase of Walk-In Freezer for Hoyt Kitchen

Action(s):

Move to approve the purchase of a walk-in freezer for the Hoyt kitchen, including installation in the amount of \$59,595.00 from Sunflower Restaurant Supply as well as mark the existing freezer as surplus property to be sold by sealed bid if it is still operable after removal. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

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

6.4. Consider Approval of High School Athletic Uniforms

Action(s):

Move to approve the purchase of new high school football uniforms for the amount of \$28,236.80 from Game One. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

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

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

Discussion:

This executive session was not needed.

- 6.6. 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.

- 6.7. Consider Approval of Personnel Items

Discussion:

The Board discussed and gave verbal approval to Mr. Davis to open up a teacher apprentice application for the 2024-25 school year for the ECSE SPED position.

Action(s):

Move to approve the resignations of Dawson DeShazo as Hoyt custodian effective March 11, 2024, the resignation of Adria Carter as district nurse effective March 29, 2024, the resignation Sandra Crites as a cook/baker at the middle school effective at the end of this school year, and the resignation of Thomas Broxterman as RVHS mathematics teacher and coach at the end of the current contract. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

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

Move to approve the transfer of Alexis Wright from 1st grade to 4th grade for the 2024-25 school year. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

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

Move to approve the hire of Raegan Mantz as 2nd grade teacher for the 2024-25 school year and Katie Glatczak as the third summer weights and conditioning coach. This motion, made by Ruth Slocum and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

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

7. **BOARD DISCUSSION AND STUDY**

- 7.1. Clarifications

Discussion:

The Board further discussed and heard comments regarding the K-8 ELA curriculum.

- 7.2. Employee Recognition

Discussion:

The Board spent time writing notes of appreciation to paraprofessionals in the district for Paraprofessional Appreciation Day on April 5th.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING BOE OPPORTUNITIES**

- 8.1. USD 337 School Board Meeting - April 8, 2024 - 7:00 pm

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

Discussion:

The USD 337 Title VI program and the PBPN JOM team will host a student recognition night on April 10th at the PBPN Casino and Resort banquet room for our students enrolled in their programs.

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

Discussion:

The annual staff appreciation night will be on Wednesday, April 24th, at the PBPN Casino and Resort. Doors will open at 6:00 for registration, and the dinner will start at 6:30.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

9.1. Meeting Adjournment

Action(s):

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM. This motion, made by Adele Wahwassuck and seconded by Ann Kelly, 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
Board of Education
USD #337, Mayetta, Kansas