



OFFICIAL MINUTES
ROYAL VALLEY USD #337
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, January 27, 2025

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 337, Jackson County, Kansas, was held on **Monday, January 27, 2025** 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: Absent

Adele Wahwassuck was absent with prior notice. 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 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 Joe Mitchell and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

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

2.1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Discussion:

Minutes from the January 13, 2025, regular meeting were approved.

2.2. Approval of School Meal Donations from Mayetta Masonic Lodge

Discussion:

The Board approved a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Mayetta Masonic Lodge to be put towards unpaid meal balances for families in need in our district.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

3.1. Public Comment

Discussion:

There were no public comments.

3.2. Board Member Appreciation Month

Discussion:

This year, for Board member appreciation month, Board members enjoyed a video, cards, and a banner prepared by 7th grade students, as well as a gift from RVMS Student Council.

4. **BOARD TOPICS**

4.1. Board Discussion Items for Future Consideration

Discussion:

There were no items for future consideration.

4.2. Legislative Update

Discussion:

Mr. Davis provided a legislative update on topics related to education. Discussion followed.

4.3. Distribute the KASB December 2024 Recommended Policy Packet

Discussion:

Mr. Davis distributed the KASB recommended policies for review by the Board. He will work through these policies with the administrative team and bring recommendations back to the Board in February.

5. **RECEIVE REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

5.1. Receive Preliminary Enrollment Projections for 2025-2026

Discussion:

Mr. Davis presented preliminary enrollment numbers for the upcoming school year.

5.2. Receive Fee Recommendations for the 2025-2026 school year.

Action(s):

Move to approve the student fee recommendations for the 2025-26 school year as presented. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

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

5.3. Hear State Assessment Overview

Discussion:

Mr. Slay gave an overview of State Assessment testing windows and plans for the spring 2025 testing cycle. Discussion followed.

5.4. Receive the KSDE Accountability Report for 2023-2024 School Year

Discussion:

Mr. Davis reviewed the 2023-24 KSDE accountability report for the district. Discussion followed.

5.5. Hear Report on 1116 Hours Requirement

Discussion:

Mr. Davis reported that 3 days were used for inclement weather in January. There are 5.65 days remaining before the district would need to make up instructional minutes. Discussion followed.

5.6. Hear Report on January 20 In-Service Opportunities

Discussion:

Mr. Slay shared information on the learning opportunities that our teaching staff participated in during the January 20, 2025 in-service date. Discussion followed.

6. **OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS**

6.1. Consider Approval of 2025-2026 District Calendar

Action(s):

Move to approve the district calendar as presented for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

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

6.2. Consider Approval of RVES Parking Lot Bid for Summer 2025

Discussion:

Mr. Davis provided the bid tabulation sheet and specifics for the RVES parking lot bid for Summer 2025. This project and all of its alternates would add a new drive, increase safety for student pick up and drop off, and add 35 additional parking spaces to the elementary lot. Discussion followed.

Action(s):

Move to approve the base bid, bid alternate 1, bid alternate 2, and bid alternate 3 from Sunflower Paving, Inc in the amount of \$278,161 for the RVES Parking Lot Expansion Project. This motion, made by Joe Mitchell and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

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

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

Discussion:

At 7:48 PM, the Board moved to go into executive session and to return at 7:54 PM. The Board returned to open session at 7:54 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 7:54 PM. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Joe Mitchell, Carried.

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

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

Discussion:

At 7:55 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 the negotiations letter pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, inviting Aaric Davis and to return to open session at 8:01 PM. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

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

6.5. Consider Approval of Personnel Items

Discussion:

Board members discussed and approved personnel items.

Action(s):

Move to approve Hannah Sutton as a full-time bus driver starting February 18, 2025 and the transfer of Elizabeth VanHoutan to elementary assistant principal for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Boone Smith, Carried.

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Move to adjust the curriculum director car allowance to \$200 per month, change retirement benefit to be 3% of base salary for all administrators, and change the life insurance to be 100% of base salary for all administrators effective with the 2025-26 contract year. This motion, made by Ruth Slocum and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

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6.6. Consider Administrative Contract Extensions

Action(s):

Move to approve 1 year contract extensions to include the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years for Noah Slay, Cassie Geis, Keith Glotzbach, Cale Green, Rhonda Sayles, and Justin Moore. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

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7. **BOARD DISCUSSION AND STUDY**

7.1. Clarifications

Discussion:

- Mr. Smith suggested that Board members unable to attend meetings due to traveling for work be able to attend Board meetings through the use of Zoom or a conference call. Members responded favorably.
- Ms. Lambrecht asked if parents are informed about the instrument rental fee for band and what other options might be available.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING BOE OPPORTUNITIES**

8.1. RVHS Powerlifting Meet - Saturday, February 1, 2025 - 8:30 am to 2:20 pm

8.2. JaCo Spelling Bee @ RVMS - Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30 pm

8.3. Senior Night Wrestling - Thursday, February 6, 2025

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

9.1. Meeting Adjournment

Action(s):

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Ruth Slocum, 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