



# Unified School District 232

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## USD 232 BOARD OF EDUCATION

### OFFICIAL MINUTES -- REGULAR MEETING

**Administrative Office (35200 West 91<sup>st</sup> Street, De Soto, Kansas)      June 6, 2022**

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The Board President, Danielle Heikes, called the budget hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. Attendance was as follows:

**Board Members Present:** Rick Amos  
Bill Fletcher  
Danielle Heikes  
Brandi Jonasson  
Stephanie Makalous  
Calley Malloy  
Ashley Spaulding

**Others Present:** Jolyn Baldner, Director of Student Nutrition  
Alvie Cater, Assistant Superintendent of Administration & Communications  
Steve Deghand, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities & Operations  
Wendy Denham, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant to the Superintendent  
Carrie Handy, Executive Director of Elementary Education  
Lee Hanson, Director of Special Education  
Dr. Frank Harwood, Superintendent of Schools  
Michelle Hite, Director of Elementary Curriculum & Instruction/Accreditation  
Gail Holder, Principal, Mill Valley High School  
Dr. Joe Kelly, Director of Secondary Curriculum & Instruction/Title Programs  
Rob Moser, Coordinator of Safety & Transportation  
Brandon Riffel, Director of Technology  
Brian Schwanz, Executive Director of Secondary Education  
Julie Stucky, Director of Finance

Alvie Cater led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Julie Stucky, Director of Finance/Treasurer, said while the district is not going to be getting more funds, the budget republication was to gain budget authority. She said when the budget was published last August the General Fund was published for \$48,570,626. She said the district finally received the audited legal max from the State and will actually receive \$48,502,484. She said the re-publication

would allow the district to transfer state aid into a specific virtual fund that is required by the state. She said the district has been making deposits and paying bills for the at-risk virtual program out of the General Fund. The State Department of Education did a Virtual Fund Audit this year and informed the district it was necessary to create a specific Virtual Fund in the budget. Mrs. Stucky said once the Virtual Fund is established necessary General Fund dollars will be transferred into the Virtual Fund.

Mrs. Stucky said when the preliminary audit was received it looked like the district would have more bilingual weightings than were estimated for the original budget, but when the final audit was received weightings counted in the September Superintendent's Organizational Report were more accurate. She said because the budget republication needed to be done weeks ago, bilingual was republished just in case it came in over original estimates, but it ended up not being needed.

With regard to Special Education, Mrs. Stucky said the categorical aid went up. When the budget process was started, categorical aid was \$30,085 and finally came in at \$31,530, but she said the district had enough money to transfer from the General Fund. Superintendent Harwood said categorical aid is the amount of reimbursement the district gets for full-time equivalent (FTE) certified special education staff members, with a lower amount for classified staff members. He said special education funding is based on the number of staff members employed versus the number of students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

President Heikes asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak regarding the amended budget. No one spoke.

President Heikes adjourned the budget hearing at 6:04 p.m.

President Heikes called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Alvie Cater then briefly explained how the meeting would progress from one agenda item to the next.

President Heikes asked if there were any changes for the Agenda.

Superintendent Harwood asked to add Good News/Student Recognition to the agenda.

*Mrs. Ashley Spaulding moved to adopt the Agenda as amended.*

*Mrs. Stephanie Makalous seconded.*

*Carried 7/0.*

GOOD NEWS. The Board recognized the Mill Valley High School Boys and Girls Track & Field Teams for winning the 2022 Kansas Class 5A State Championships. Both teams were also regional champions. The boys team won its second consecutive 5A State Title. In addition to team state titles, the Board also recognized the following individual State Champions: Quincy Hubert in the 100M Hurdles and the 300M Hurdles, Adrian Dimond in the Triple Jump and Kate Roth in the Long Jump.

PATRON INPUT. President Heikes opened the floor for patron input.

Tom Duffy, De Soto, spoke to the board about bullying and harassment his daughter has endured in her Freshman year at De Soto High School. He shared that the school did everything it could in response to the behavior, but he would like to see a shift toward a zero tolerance policy with incidents involving victims dealt with swiftly and severely.

CONSENT AGENDA. President Heikes asked the board if they had any changes for the Consent Agenda.

Declaring a conflict of interest, Bill Fletcher asked to remove check number 58569 from Consent Agenda item "B. Approve bills and transfer of funds" and remove Consent Agenda item "H. Accept a donation from William Fletcher/Kansas Land Management in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Lexington Trails Middle School for the Panther Prowl Fundraiser" for approval separately.

*Mr. Rick Amos moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.*

*Mrs. Stephanie Makalous seconded.*

*Carried 7/0.*

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

1. Minutes of the May 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting and May 23<sup>rd</sup> special meeting.
2. Payment of bills and issuance of checks numbered 58437 – 58438, 58440 – 58478, 58480 – 58568, 58570 – 58608 and 58614 - 58754.
3. Transfer of funds as follows:
  - a. \$98,608.86 from General (Fund 06) to Virtual Education (Fund 15).
  - b. \$5,840.85 from Local Option Budget (Fund 08) to State Pre-K (Fund 11).
  - c. \$147,793.93 from Local Option Budget (Fund 08) to At-Risk (Fund 13).
  - d. \$43,349.91 from Local Option Budget (Fund 08) to Bi-Lingual (Fund 14).
  - e. \$17,139.13 from Local Option Budget (Fund 08) to Parents as Teachers (Fund 28).
  - f. \$660,454.85 from Local Option Budget (Fund 08) to Special Education (Fund 30).
  - g. \$137,267.30 from Local Option Budget (Fund 08) to Vocational Education (Fund 34).

4. Personnel recommendations as follows:

Resignations – Classified

Noelle Drabek, School Nurse, CTEC

Consuelo Gilbertie, Student Nutrition, MVHS

Natalie Hoover, School Nurse, DHS

William Mengarelli, Plumber Technician, Districtwide

Employment – Classified

Miles Alexander, Rule 10 Assistant 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Coach, LTMS

Renee Allerheilgen, Rule 10 Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, MVHS

Angela Banfield, Secretary, CCE  
Taylor Burger, Paraprofessional, MCMS  
Gloria Flores Diaz, Evening Custodian, DHS  
Austin Klumpe, Rule 10 Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, MVHS  
Ronnie Lindsay, Rule 10 Assistant 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Coach, LTMS  
Jesse McAlister, Plumber Technician, DSC  
Jackson Neill, Substitute Custodian, Districtwide  
Colton Pasquale, Resource Paraprofessional, SE  
Jennifer Pepe, Center Based Paraprofessional, MTMS  
Catherine Stagner, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, CTEC  
Dean Zaldivar, Rule 10 Assistant Football Coach, MVHS

Resignations – Certified (*Effective at the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year.*)

Cameron Carlson, English Teacher, MVHS  
Riki Kisner, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, CTEC  
Christina Sharp, Kindergarten Teacher, SE  
Kelly Smith, Center Based Special Education Teacher, The Bridge

Employment – Certified

Carly Bowden, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Pathways Teacher, MTMS  
Kathryn Floyd, Math Teacher, DHS  
Shannon Freuhling, Center Based Special Education Teacher, MTMS  
Lindsey Hothan, At-Risk Teacher, DHS  
Kevin Jeffries, Real World Learning Business to Education Coordinator, District-wide  
Megan Mixon, Counselor, MVHS  
Kelly Prickett, Science Teacher, MVHS  
Tiffani Thompson, Vocal Music Teacher, MCMS

5. A seven-year implementation of Psychology in Your Life Social Studies resources from W.W. Norton and Company at the secondary level totaling \$10,717.20.
6. Award of contract for the supply of a la carte pizza in the high school lunchrooms during the 2022-23 school year to Minsky's Pizza at the pricing levels submitted to the Student Nutrition Department in response to a request for bids.
7. The following meal prices for the 2022-23 school year: 1. Breakfast: \$1.55 for elementary students/\$1.65 for secondary students/\$2.50 for adults, 2. Lunch: \$2.85 for elementary students/\$2.90 for middle school students/\$3.00 for high school students/\$4.35 for adults; and, 3. Milk: \$0.60 for all levels.
8. Acceptance of the following donations:
  - \$300.00 from Shelly Lathrom/Great American Bank to Lexington Trails Middle School for the Panther Prowl Fundraiser.
  - \$300.00 from Monica Dear/Dear Wellness Services to Lexington Trails Middle School for the Panther Prowl Fundraiser.

- \$500.00 from Mark Sanders/Siller's Foundation Repair to Lexington Trails Middle School for the Panther Prowl Fundraiser.
- \$300.00 from Troy Krentzel/TK Metals to Lexington Trails Middle School for the Panther Prowl Fundraiser.
- \$300.00 from Ashley Fisher-Noe/Essential Plumbing to Lexington Trails Middle School for the Panther Prowl Fundraiser.
- \$300.00 from Sophia Mateo/Mateo Chiropractic to Lexington Trails Middle School for the Panther Prowl Fundraiser.
- \$300.00 from Angie Russell/KSDS to Lexington Trails Middle School for the Panther Prowl Fundraiser.
- \$300.00 from Richard Copeland/De Soto Baptist Church to Lexington Trails Middle School for the Panther Prowl Fundraiser.
- \$300.00 from Sherelle Witt/Oasis Nutrition to Lexington Trails Middle School for the Panther Prowl Fundraiser.
- \$500.00 from Mitzi Ryburn/State Farm Insurance to Lexington Trails Middle School for the Panther Prowl Fundraiser.
- \$1,000.00 from Rudy and Wendy Bonnstetter to the De Soto High School Band Program.
- \$500.00 from Donna Lynn to the De Soto High School Band Program.
- \$500.00 from Daniel and Kathryn Mills to the De Soto High School Band Program.
- \$1,049.14 from Spring Hill Parents for Kids to the De Soto High School Band Program.
- \$1,000.00 from Menlo Inc. to the Mill Valley High School Student Council.

Bill Fletcher declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

*Mrs. Danielle Heikes moved to approve payment to Kansas Land Management, LLC in the amount of \$16,080.00 with check number 58569 and accept a donation from William Fletcher/Kansas Land Management in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Lexington Trails Middle School for the Panther Prowl Fundraiser.*

*Mrs. Calley Malloy seconded.*

*Carried 6/0.*

Bill Fletcher returned to the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

#### ACTION ITEMS.

**Amended 2021-22 USD 232 Budget.** Julie Stucky asked the Board if they had any questions about the proposed budget amendments. She said this will not increase taxes or cost the district. No questions were asked.

*Mrs. Danielle Heikes moved to approve the amended 2021-22 USD 232 Budget.*

*Mr. Rick Amos seconded.*

*Carried 7/0.*

**2022 Technology Managed Services Renewal.** Brandon Riffel, Director of Technology, provided the Board with background information on an agreement the district entered into with k12itc for managed technology services in 2012 and renewed in 2016. He said the decision to outsource technology services was in response to increasing financial costs and human resource demands. Staff turnover and the cost of employing highly qualified technicians for the specific needs were some of the challenges at that time. The framework of the agreement allowed the district to better control costs, greatly improve professional services, and upgrade certain technology hardware and equipment.

Superintendent Harwood said that since this is a second renewal with k12itc and there were no other entities to provide a comprehensive proposal, the decision was made to make this an Action Item on the agenda. He said if a future board would ever decide to take IT services back in-house it would probably require a bond issue because a lot of technology equipment would have to be purchased that the district is currently leasing as part of the contract with k12itc.

Danielle Heikes asked what other Johnson County districts do. Brandon Riffel said the bigger districts have Technology staff, but outsource many projects, some to k12itc. He said Piper has started to use k12itc services and Eudora is looking into it as well.

*Mrs. Stephanie Makalous moved to approve a five-year renewal of USD 232's managed technology service agreement with Menlo, Incorporated (k12itc) in the amount of \$2,215,800.00 annually.*

*Mrs. Ashley Spaulding Seconded.*

*Carried 7/0.*

Superintendent Harwood noted that k12itc changed their name to Menlo in order to branch out beyond serving just schools.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS.

**Potential Addition to Mize Elementary School.** Steve Deghand, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities & Operations, explained to the Board that Mize Elementary houses one of the district's three center-based programs. He said the school has been able to accommodate this program with unused classrooms, but with increased enrollment and program growth, the school needs those classrooms. Mr. Deghand said one option the administration has been looking into is adding space to Mize Elementary by using remaining bond funds. He shared a concept drawing that showed where an additional classroom and center-based space could be added onto the school.

Superintendent Harwood said the reason this is being brought to the Board now is because of potential student growth in the Mize Elementary attendance boundary. He said in the district's history when a building gets full the center-based program is moved to another building where space is available. He explained that this is not in the best interest of students who have the most needs. He said moving

forward the administration would like to plan spaces specifically for center-based programs. He said these spaces are for students with the most significant needs and the only effective way to provide services they need is to bring them together. He said Mize Elementary was chosen for the first dedicated center-based program because it is more centrally located within the district. He said an additional classroom would also help with an enrollment bubble or could be used for a specials classroom.

Bill Fletcher suggested the administration look at using Capital Outlay funds for the project. Superintendent Harwood said there will be bond funds available and the district could use Capital Outlay, but he noted that the district no longer receives New Facilities Weightings.

With no objection from board members on this project, Mr. Deghand said HTK Architects can begin the design process and he may be able to have bids for the Board to consider in the Fall.

**Legislative Update.** Superintendent Harwood noted that the 2022 Legislative Session has officially concluded. He said nine bills were signed into law that will have an impact on Pre-K – 12 Public Education. He reviewed each one listed below:

#### Senate Bills

**SB 62** – Amends standards for school-administered vision screenings.

**SB 91** – Exempts businesses from certain liability arising from secondary students engaged in work-based learning.

**SB 215** – Authorizes school boards to contract with Transportation Network Companies (ie Lyft or Uber) to transport eight or fewer people to school related activities. Transfers authority for certain postsecondary driver's education to the Kansas Department of Revenue.

**SB 267** – Appropriations Bill for state agencies: includes \$1.5 million for teacher scholarships.

**SB 421** – Provides \$1.25 billion to make up for previous underfunding of KPERs.

#### House Bills

**HB 2239** – Contains multiple tax provisions:

- Districts will not be considered to have exceeded their Revenue Neutral Rate if the only reason they would have exceeded it is due to the 20-mill required levy.
- The residential exemption to the 20-mill required levy is increased from the first \$20,000 in value to the first \$40,000 for tax year 2022. The amount will be adjusted in future tax years based on the percentage change in statewide residential property.
- Grants an annual income tax credit for teachers equal to their personal expenditure on school/classroom supplies up to a maximum of \$250.00.

**HB 2446** – Requires that all high schools offer at least one computer science course by the 2023-24 school year. Establishes KSDE grants to promote computer science.

**HB 2510** – Appropriations Bill for state agencies: includes \$1 million for computer science educator scholarships.

**HB 2567** – K-12 Appropriations and Policy

- K-12 Budget
  - Fully funds Gannon legal settlement:
    - 2022-23 Base State Aid Per Pupil of \$4,846.00 (increased from \$4,706.00, 2.97%)
    - 2023-24 Base State Aid Per Pupil adjusted for the Consumer Price Index
- Policy – 17 Provisions
  - Required Open Enrollment
  - District Needs Assessment
  - Part-Time Enrollment
  - Virtual School Funding
  - Parental Notification for Non-Academic Tests

Bill Fletcher asked if there are any districts talking about challenging the legislature’s required open enrollment. Superintendent Harwood said some districts spoke to the legislature in opposition to open enrollment. He explained that the Board will be adopting policy that will have the best interests of USD 232. He said once out of district students are accepted to the district they are eligible to return each consecutive year, through high school graduation. This means the district will have to plan for enrollment numbers at higher grade levels.

Brandi Jonasson asked if out of district students can request to enroll in a specific school. Superintendent Harwood said the district will have to identify available capacity for each school and decisions would be based on that availability.

Calley Malloy asked if the district would be required to provide transportation. Superintendent Harwood said the district would not be required to provide transportation for regular education students, but could write into policy that they could catch a bus at a district bus stop. He said the district may have to provide transportation for students with IEPs.

Superintendent Harwood said the area that most concerns him is the center-based program which could end up requiring additional financial resources. The current law does not allow schools to establish capacities by program.

ALERTS. The following reports were included in the packet for this board meeting with notice that they will require future action by the Board of Education: 1. 2022-23 Organizational Items, 2. Addition of Girls Wrestling at Mill Valley High School; and, 3. Revisions for the 2022-2023 Classified Employee Handbook.

President Heikes declared a five-minute break at 7:06 p.m.



The Board returned to open session and President Heikes called the meeting back to order at 7:11 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**Negotiations.**

*Mrs. Danielle Heikes moved to go into executive session at 7:12 p.m. for a period of thirty minutes with Frank Harwood, Alvie Cater, Brian Schwanz, Carrie Handy and Julie Stucky to discuss collective bargaining Negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and return to open session at 7:42 p.m. at this location.*

*Mrs. Ashley Spaulding seconded.*

*Carried 6/0. (Bill Fletcher left the room and did not participate in this vote.)*

The Board returned to open session and President Heikes called the meeting back to order at 7:42 p.m.

*President Heikes adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.*

July 11, 2022  
Date Approved

Mendy S. Benham  
Clerk, Board of Education

A. Heikes  
President, Board of Education