



Unified School District 232

De Soto – Shawnee – Lenexa – Olathe
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USD 232 BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICIAL MINUTES -- REGULAR MEETING

Administrative Office (35200 West 91st Street, De Soto, Kansas) May 2, 2022

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The Board President, Danielle Heikes, called the meeting 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
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
Dr. Joe Kelly, Director of Secondary Curriculum & Instruction/Title Programs
Rob Moser, Coordinator of Safety & Transportation
Brandon Riffel, Director of Technology
Sam Ruff, Principal, De Soto High School
Brian Schwanz, Executive Director of Secondary Education
Julie Stucky, Director of Finance

Alvie Cater led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Cater then briefly explained how the meeting will progress from one agenda item to the next.

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

Bill Fletcher asked to remove check number 58209 from Consent Agenda item "B. Approve payment of bills and transfer of funds" for approval separately.

Mrs. Stephanie Makalous moved to adopt the Agenda.

Mr. Rick Amos seconded.

Carried 7/0.

GOOD NEWS.

Staff Member Recognition. President Heikes read a statement to acknowledge and thank educators in the district during this week which is Teacher Appreciation Week.

PATRON INPUT. President Heikes opened the floor for patron input. With no requests to speak, she moved onto the next agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA. President Heikes noted that Mr. Fletcher already asked for a check to be removed from the Consent Agenda for approval separately and asked if there were any other changes. No additional changes were made.

Mrs. Danielle Heikes 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 April 4th regular meeting.
2. Payment of bills and issuance of checks numbered 58087 – 58208, 58210 – 58245, 58248 - 58322 and 58328 – 58436.
3. Transfer of funds as follows:
 - a. \$791,950.86 from General (Fund 06) to Special Education (Fund 30).
 - b. \$8,856.31 from Local Option Budget (Fund 08) to State Pre-K (Fund 11).
 - c. \$224,579.82 from Local Option Budget (Fund 08) to At-Risk (Fund 13).
 - d. \$40,398.30 from Local Option Budget (Fund 08) to Bi-Lingual (Fund 14).
 - e. \$4,144.20 from Local Option Budget (Fund 08) to Parents as Teachers (Fund 28).
 - f. \$170,101.66 from Local Option Budget (Fund 08) to Vocational Education (Fund 34).

4. Personnel recommendations as follows:

Resignations – Classified

Emily Berg, Center Based Paraprofessional, DHS
Donald Ferneau, Center Based Paraprofessional, HE
John Houghton, Custodian, ME
Laura Klingler, Custodian, CTEC
Samantha Larbi, Paraprofessional/Lunchroom Aide, HE
Sharon Martin, Student Nutrition Manager, MTMS

Samantha McWhorter, Early Childhood Lead Teacher, CTEC

Retirement - Classified

Rex Moore, Lead Custodian, PRE

Employment – Classified

Jenna Barber, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, MCMS
Jennifer Bierman, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, ME
Annie Budimlija, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, ME
Kelly Carter, Paraprofessional Substitute, Districtwide
Macy Carver, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, ME
Sadie Carver, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, MCMS
Elizabeth Hunt, Paraprofessional Substitute, Districtwide
Taylor Krehbiel, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, MCMS
Cimony Mahoney, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, MCMS
Will Morris, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, MCMS
Hallie Scott, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, ME
Kyra Smotherman, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, CTEC
Jane Stanton, Attendance Secretary, DHS
Elizabeth Stratton, Paraprofessional Substitute, Districtwide
Whitney Sweatt, Rule 10 Head Color Guard Coach, DHS

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

Kelly Arbuckle, 7th Grade English Language Arts Teacher, MTMS
Jenny Barnhart, Girls Physical Education, MCMS
Halston Field, Art Teacher, MCMS
Amber Gleason, 1st Grade Teacher, RE
Leslie Hellrung, Social Worker, CTEC
Sahra Lynders, Special Education Teacher, The Bridge
Laura Millikan, 5th Grade Teacher, CCE
Inga Nordstrom-Kelly, Gifted Facilitator, MVHS
Megan O'Boyle, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, DHS
Lindsay O'Neil, Spanish Teacher, DHS
Malorie Rome, 2nd Grade Teacher, ME
Shaunna Ruder, Special Education Resource Teacher, MCMS
Dorothy Swafford, Journalism/Broadcast Teacher, MVHS
Alexander Warn, Chemistry Teacher, MVHS

Resignation – Certified Administration *(Effective at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year.)*

Kristi Hill, School Improvement Specialist, HE
Leah Vomhof, Associate Principal, DHS

Retirement – Certified *(Effective at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year.)*

Chris Cappel, Art Teacher, SE

Employment – Certified

Laurie Folsom, Journalism/Broadcast Teacher, MVHS
Afton Graham, 5th Grade Teacher, CCE
Kelly Hart, 7th Grade English Language Arts Teacher, MTMS

Taylor Loudermill, 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher, MTMS
Lynne Oyler, World Languages Teacher, MCMS
Taylor Powers, 2nd Grade Teacher, SE
Amy Riley, Journalism Teacher, DHS
Mallory Shondell, Special Education Resource Teacher, BE
Susan Smith, French Teacher, DHS
Kayla South, 6th Grade Math Teacher, MCMS
Lauren Taylor, 3rd Grade Teacher, CCE
Katherine Thompson, Special Education Resource Teacher, MCMS

5. Acceptance of a bid from Contract Paper Group, Inc. totaling \$69,720.00 for two full truckloads (840 cartons each) of Natural Choice copy paper.
6. Waiver of the Facility Use Fee for the cities of De Soto and Shawnee during the 2022-2023 school year.
7. The revised Facility Use Fee Schedule.
8. Maintaining the Johnson County Park & Recreation Department (JCPRD) facility use fee at \$8.00 per space/per hour for the 2022-23 school year.
9. Acceptance of low bids from Interior Landscapes (\$2,849.76) and United Office (\$337,681.28) for furniture totaling \$340,531.04.
10. Authorization for the Board President to sign an Agreement between USD 232 and WaterOne regarding watert pressure at Riverview Elementary School.
11. Purchase of three (3) Combination Ovens (one for Lexington Trails Middle School and two for Starside Elementary School) from Sunflower Restaurant Supply, Inc. totaling \$63,374.00.
12. Purchase of a 3-year license and installation of Milestone XProtect software from Kenton Brothers totaling \$58,294.85.
13. The 2022-23 Cedar Trails Exploration Center/CAPS Student Associate Handbook.
14. Acceptance of the following donations:
 - \$500.00 from Krudwig Structural Engineers to the De Soto High School Track & Field Program.
 - \$1,000.00 from Signature Mortgage Group LLC to the De Soto High School Track & Field Program.
 - \$1,000.00 from Eric and Sarah Sheerin to the De Stoo High School Track & Field Program.
 - \$1,000.00 from a Fidelity Charitable Donor/Advised Fund (Mater Giving Grant) to the De Soto High School Band Program.
 - \$1,000.00 from EPR Properties to the De Soto High School Band Program.
 - \$500.00 from Donna Lynn to the De Soto High School Band Program.
 - \$500.00 from Ray Cooper to the Mill Valley High School Jaguar Leadership Program.

Bill Fletcher declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Danielle Heikes to approve payment to Kansas Land Management, LLC in the amount of \$1,620.53 with check number 58209.

Mrs. Ashley Spaulding seconded.

Carried 6/0.

Bill Fletcher returned to the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

ACTION ITEM.

Social Studies Materials Adoption. Michelle Hite, Director of Elementary Curriculum & Instruction/Accreditation, shared history and timelines on the elementary and secondary Social Studies curriculum adoption process. She also talked about reasons elementary staff recommended the Scholastic News Social Studies curriculum. Dr. Joe Kelly, Director of Curriculum & Instruction/Grants, talked about reasons the middle school staff recommended TCI, Kansas Journeys and Nystrom Atlas curriculum materials. He shared reasons why the high school staff recommended Cengage, Bedford, Freeman, Worth, TCI, McGraw Hill, Choices and ABC-Clio. He then talked about the Parent Information Night that was held Thursday, April 28, to give parents a chance to review the recommended resources and learn how to access more detailed information on them. Dr. Kelly and Mrs. Hite asked board members if they had any questions. Board members thanked them for holding the Parent Information Night and the thorough process used to arrive at the recommended curriculum.

President Heikes asked if Mrs. Hite or Dr. Kelly received any questions on the social studies curriculum that would be noteworthy for the Board. Mrs. Hite said she did receive feedback asking that the district be sure to include diversity components going forward in Social Studies and other elements. Dr. Kelly said he received communication that expressed concern about portrayal of recent political events in our country. He said when teachers teach about these events they try to present multiple perspectives to students so they can have productive discussion and learn to think critically.

Mrs. Stephanie Makalous moved to approve a seven-year implementation of Scholastic News Social Studies resources at the elementary level totaling \$129,983.00 and a seven-year implementation of Social Studies resources from TCI, Cengage, BFW, McGraw Hill, Gibbs Smith Education, Nystrom, Brown University and ABC-Clio at the secondary level totaling \$518,105.60.

Mrs. Brandi Johnsson seconded.

Carried 7/0.

DISCUSSION ITEM.

Legislative Update. Superintendent Harwood shared information on the following completed legislation:

Bills that were passed:

Senate Bill 215 – Drivers Education Programs: Senate Vote 39-0; House Vote 117-0

- Transfers authority of driver's training programs to the Department of Revenue.

Senate Bill 62 – Vision Screening and Deaf or Hard of Hearing Services: Senate Vote 34-5; House Vote 121-3

- Updates regulation for vision screenings and services for the hearing impaired.

Bills that were passed, but vetoed by the Governor and the override failed:

Senate Bill 160 – Fairness in Women’s Sports Act: Senate Vote 25-13; House Vote 74-39

- Athletic teams or sports designated for females, women or girls shall not be open to students of the male sex.

Senate Bill 58 – Parents’ Bill of Rights: Senate Vote 23-15; House Vote 67-46

- Lists 12 rights given to parents.
- Requires districts to adopt policy in four areas.
- Does not require an online transparency portal.

Superintendent Harwood then shared an update on the status of School Finance which has passed in the House and Senate and is now on the Governor’s desk:

House Bill 2567 – Senate 24-14, House 75-45

K-12 Budget

- Governor Laura Kelley’s recommended budget with the following amendments:
 - Special Education Funding - \$7.5 million from original budget, not \$30 million.
 - Virtual School Funding – Increase from \$5,000 to \$5,600.
 - School Safety Grants - \$4 million.
 - Math Nation - \$4 million for the Kansas State Department of Education to provide a virtual math program.

Policy

- Every Child Can Read Act
- Required Non-Resident Enrollment Policy – to begin in 2024
- District Needs Assessment
- Tax Credit for Low Income Student Scholarship – 7 year olds now eligible
- Surveys – Requirements for Administration

Stephanie Makalous asked why the state is setting aside specific funds for Math. Superintendent Harwood said he could not answer how the state came about recommending Math Nation. He said he believed the state was focusing on Math much like they did Reading with development of interventions.

Superintendent Harwood explained that for an appropriations bill the Governor has line item veto authority, if it is a policy bill she does not have that authority. He said there is some argument in the legislature about whether the K-12 Budget is an appropriations bill or policy bill.

In response to a question from Rick Amos about Special Education funding, Superintendent Harwood said the Johnson County Superintendents wrote a letter to the Governor to ask for appropriation of full funding of special education, this would cost \$155 million. The Governor originally asked for \$7.5 million, but amended the request to \$30 million. The current legislation retained the \$7.5 million for increased special education funding. He said in 1972 when the federal government passed the special education law they said they would fund about 40% of excess costs and fund about 20%. State statute says the state will pay about 92% of excess funding and right now they are at about 72%. He said the district has about 61% of excess funding covered which means there is about \$4.75 million of supplemental general fund that is spent on special education (the district is required to spend by federal and state law) and is not being reimbursed. Superintendent Harwood said with only \$7.5 million added to statewide special education funding, a larger portion of local funding will be used for special education expenses.

President Heikes asked why the legislature would not fully fund special education. Superintendent Harwood said one of the reasons is Maintenance of Effort. Federal law says once states start spending money on special education the amount can not be reduced, which means legislators are making decisions for future legislators.

Brandi Johnsson asked if the district would have to track student progress if Math Nation were to be used. Superintendent Harwood said if the district decides to use on-line math program chosen by KSDE it would have to track and report student progress.

ALERT. The following report was included in the packet for this board meeting with notice that it will require future action by the Board of Education: 1. 2022 Technology Managed Services Renewal.

FYI REPORT. The following informational report was included in the packet for this board meeting: 1. Annual School Site Council Reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Negotiations.

Mrs. Danielle Heikes moved to go into executive session at 6:37 p.m. for a period of ten minutes with Frank Harwood, Alvie Cater, Brian Schwanz, Carrie Handy, Julie Stucky and Sam Ruff to discuss collective bargaining Negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and return to open session at 6:47 p.m. at this location.

Mr. Rick Amos seconded.

Carried 7/0.

The Board returned to open session and President Heikes called the meeting back to order at 6:47 p.m.

Non-Elected Personnel.

Mrs. Danielle Heikes moved to go into executive session at 6:48 p.m. for a period of fifteen minutes with Frank Harwood, Alvie Cater and Brian Schwanz to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and return to open session at 7:03 p.m. at this location.

Mrs. Ashley Spaulding seconded.

Carried 7/0.

The Board returned to open session and President Heikes called the meeting back to order at 7:03 p.m.

Mrs. Danielle Heikes moved to go into executive session at 7:04 p.m. for a period of fifteen minutes with Frank Harwood to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and return to open session at 7:19 p.m. at this location.

Mrs. Ashley Spaulding seconded.

Carried 7/0.

Frank Harwood returned to open session at 7:13 p.m.

The Board returned to open session and President Heikes called the meeting back to order at 7:19 p.m.

President Heikes adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

June 6, 2022
Date Approved

Wendy S. Denham
Clerk, Board of Education

Danielle Heikes
President, Board of Education