



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, KS) October 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Board President, Rachele Zade. A quorum of the Board was present. Attendance was as follows:

Board Members Present: Bill Fletcher
John Gaignat
Angela Handy
Danielle Heikes
Mitch Powers
Rachele Zade

Absent: Kevin Makalous

Others Present: Debbie Atwell, Facilities Coordinator
Kelley Begley-McCall, Principal, Clear Creek Elementary School
Alvie Cater, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative & Educational Services
Steve Deghand, Director of Facilities
Wendy Denham, Board Clerk
Carrie Handy, Director of Human Resources/Elementary
Lee Hanson, Director of Special Services
Frank Harwood, Superintendent of Schools
Michelle Hite, Director of School Improvement
Ryan Johnson, Associate Principal/Athletic Director, De Soto High School
Joe Kelly, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Ken Larsen, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations
Steve Ludwig, Principal, Lexington Trails Middle School
Kris Meyer, Principal, Starside Elementary School
Brandon Riffel, Director of Technology
Ceresa Schaeffer, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator
Brian Schwanz, Director of Human Resources/Secondary
Cindy Swartz, Technology Integration Coordinator
Jerald VanRheen, Associate Principal/Athletic Director, Mill Valley High School

Alvie Cater led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and briefly explained how the meeting will progress from one agenda item to the next.

President Zade asked if there were any changes to the Agenda or Consent Agenda.

Superintendent Harwood asked to remove Consent Agenda item "E. Approve employment recommendations made on October 1, 2018".

Mrs. Danielle Heikes moved to adopt the Agenda and approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Mrs. Angela Handy seconded.

Carried 6/0.

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

1. Minutes of September 10th regular meeting.
2. Payment of bills and issuance of checks numbered 45454 – 45573 and 45581 – 45659.
3. Transfer of funds as follows:
 - a. \$350,000.00 from General (Fund 06) to Special Education (Fund 30)
 - b. \$176,000.00 from LOB (Fund 08) to At-Risk K-12 (Fund 13)
 - c. \$8,600.00 from LOB (Fund 08) to Bi-Lingual (Fund 14)
 - d. \$86,000.00 from LOB (Fund 08) to Vocational Education (Fund 34)
4. Personnel recommendations as follows:

Resignation – Classified
Traci Simpson, Student Nutrition Assistant, LTMS

Employment – Classified
Michael DeSandre, Center Based Paraprofessional, The Bridge
Heather Johnston, Student Nutrition Substitute, districtwide
Elizabeth Newberry, Student Nutrition Substitute, districtwide
Jill Rademacher, 0.5 FTE Center Based Paraprofessional, The Bridge

Retirement – Certified (at the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year)
Nancy Perry, Spanish Teacher, DHS
5. Start-up of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) student club at Monticello Trails Middle School.
6. List of books and curriculum materials from the Mill Valley High School Media Center declared surplus.
7. Acceptance of the following donations:
 - \$900.00 from the Chris Graham Farmers Insurance Agency to the Lexington Trails Middle School Library.
 - \$500.00 from Scott Mills to the De Soto High School Diamonds Dance Team.
 - \$300.12 from Kansas Land Management to the De Soto High School Softball Program.
 - \$323.88 from Woolery Construction to the De Soto High School Softball Program.

- \$500.00 from JT White to the Mill Valley High School Debate Program.
- \$300.00 from Teresa Schiffman Smith to the Mill Valley High School Debate Program.
- \$500.00 from Gina Reynolds to the Mill Valley High School Debate Program.
- \$1,199.00 from Gina Reynolds to the Mill Valley High School Boys Golf Program.
- \$1,131.00 from Gina Reynolds to the Mill Valley High School Girls Golf Program.
- \$300.00 from Valerie Owsley to the Mill Valley High School Debate Program.

8. The following extended day trips:

- Mill Valley High School Journalism, Grades 10-12, attend the NSPA/JEA National High School Journalism Convention, Hyatt Regency, Chicago, IL, November 1-4, 2018.
- Mill Valley High School Silver Stars Dance Team, Grades 9-12, compete in the Dance Alliance Nationals, Universal Studios, Orlando, FL, February 20-25, 2019.

GOOD NEWS.

Alvie Cater informed the Board that Starside Elementary received an honor from the Kansas State Department of Education's (KSDE) Civic Advocacy Network (CAN) in being named a **School of Excellence**. CAN was established by KSDE in order to recognize schools that actively involve students in civic engagement opportunities and to help collect exemplary civic engagement practices to share with other schools across the state. Starside's COMET's Care Community Services Day was of particular interest in the program. This is a day students, staff and families come together for an entire school day to support our community through a variety of outreach programs. Principal Kris Meyer was joined by staff members Jeanette Mall, Jaimee Berry, Andrea Faddis, Richelle Hodges, and Chris Cappel as well as students Logan Mall, Kylie Mall, Jacob Mall, Ehtan Berry and Tyler Berry to show those in attendance the school's Civic Advocacy Network Award banner they received KSDE to proudly put on display.

Student Recognition. Art teachers from each school annually select artwork from among their students to become part of the permanent collection on display at the USD 232 Administrative Office. The following students' designs were presented to the board and each student received a Certificate of Achievement:

1. Belmont Elementary – Corrine Schwindt
2. Clear Creek Elementary – Aubrey Johnson
3. Horizon Elementary – Rose Rulifson
4. Mize Elementary – Brooke Wright
5. Prairie Ridge Elementary – Luke Michaels
6. Riverview Elementary – Sadie Stokes
7. Starside Elementary – Natalie Flores
8. Lexington Trails Middle School – River Hastings
9. Mill Creek Middle School – Sydney Barge
10. Monticello Trails Middle School – Waverly Altis
11. De Soto High School – Sam McGuire
12. Mill Valley High School – Lauryn Hurley

Staff Member Recognition. Board members were introduced to Megan Clark, art teacher at Clear Creek Elementary. Megan was named a Finalist for the 2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year and is one of two teachers representing Kansas from region three. The Teacher of the Year will be announced in November.

Clear Creek Elementary School staff members Amanda McGlasson, School Nurse, and Connie Nash, 2nd Grade Teacher; along with Lexington Trails Middle School staff members Michele Altis, Lead Secretary, and Joe Kordalski, Social Worker, were recognized for outstanding service in their district roles and presented with Certificates of Appreciation.

President Zade declared a seven minute break at 6:23 p.m.

The Board returned to open session and President Zade called the meeting back to order at 6:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEM.

Activities Handbook. Brian Schwanz, Director of Human Resources/Secondary, stated that the Board approved USD 232 Activities Handbook was created in 2003 by the high school athletic directors to govern athletic coaches and sponsors of activities, and had not been updated since. He explained that during the 2013 school year a committee consisting of board members, coaches, parents and administrators was formed to look at the district's student substance abuse policy for athletics/activities and to create a Student Agreement for extracurricular and co-curricular participants. Mr. Schwanz noted that the draft Student Agreement is included as one of the proposed changes to the Activities Handbook. He then explained steps taken with middle and high school activities directors and athletic and activity sponsors to arrive at additional recommended changes for the handbook. Mr. Schwanz noted that many word changes in the document were made to align with current policies of USD 232 and the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA). He then reviewed specific changes.

Mrs. Danielle Heikes moved to approve the updated USD 232 Activities Department Handbook as presented.

Mr. John Gaignat seconded.

Carried 6/0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS.

Secure Main Entry Visitor Access - Update. Alvie Cater, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative & Educational Services, said that the Axis Door Stations (video door system hardware) should be installed in all buildings by October 3rd at which time the cameras will be fully functional and recording. He noted that every school office now has a video-enabled phone dedicated for the purpose of the secured entry system. Mr. Cater explained that now software is being installed and configured that will allow school office personnel to access the door system via their desktop computers, which is in addition to the dedicated video enabled phone. He said the next step is staff training and the plan is to have the system up and running by October 13th. The Board members were shown signage that will be strategically placed at each main access point alerting visitors to the new system. Brandon Riffel, Director of Technology, demonstrated how the system will work

2018 KASB Convention. President Zade informed the Board that the KASB Convention is in Overland Park this year on November 30 – December 2. She spoke a little about training opportunities and work sessions offered at the convention and asked Board members to consider going. She also announced that the Leadership for Tomorrow group would be visiting De Soto, specifically Monticello Trails Middle School, as part of a tour offered to convention participants.

PATRON INPUT. President Zade open the floor for patron input.

Katie Reed, Shawnee, noted that October is Dyslexia Awareness Month. She referred to HB2602, which establishes the Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia, which will advise and make recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and the Kansas State Board of Education regarding matters concerning the use of evidence-based practices for students with dyslexia. Mrs. Reed noted that the word "dyslexia" can be broken down as follows: Dys (lack of ability) lexia (language), or lack of ability in processing language. She spoke about steps districts are taking to begin the process of determining how best to meet the needs of these students.

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. Elementary and Secondary Math Intervention Resource Adoptions.

FYI REPORTS. The following informational reports were included in the board packet for this meeting: 1. 2019 Capital Outlay Process; and, 2. Special Services Extended School Year 2018.

President Zade adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

November 5, 2018
Date Approved

Wendy S. Benham
Clerk, Board of Education

Richard M. Zade
President, Board of Education