



Unified School District 232

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USD 232 BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICIAL MINUTES --REGULAR MEETING

Administrative Office (35200 West 91st Street, De Soto, KS) September 10, 2018

****Amended by Wendy Denham, Board Clerk, on October 2, 2018, to add Consent Agenda items 5 through 9 which were omitted from the September 10 minutes previously approved by the Board of Education.****

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

Board Members Present: Bill Fletcher
John Gagnat
Angela Handy
Danielle Heikes
Kevin Makalous
Mitch Powers

Absent: Rachele Zade

Others Present: Debbie Atwell, Facilities Coordinator
Alvie Cater, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative & Educational Services
Steve Deghand, Director of Facilities
Wendy Denham, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Carrie Handy, Director of Human Resources/Elementary
Lee Hanson, Director of Special Services
Pam Hargrove, Principal, Belmont Elementary School
Tara Harmon-Moore, Nurse Supervisor
Frank Harwood, Superintendent
Michelle Hite, Director of School Improvement
Joe Kelly, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Ken Larsen, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations
Jolyn Mortenson, Director of Student Nutrition
Brandon Riffel, Director of Technology
Sam Ruff, Principal, De Soto High School
Brian Schwanz, Director of Human Resources/Secondary
Ceresa Schaffer, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator
Cindy Swartz, Technology Integration Coordinator
Andrea West, Early Childhood Coordinator

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

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

Bill Fletcher asked to remove check number 45392 from Consent Agenda item "C. Approve payment of bills and transfer of funds." for approval separately.

Mr. Mitch Powers moved to adopt the Agenda and approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Mr. Kevin Makalous seconded.

Carried 6/0.

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

1. Minutes of the August 13th regular meeting.
2. Payment of bills and issuance of checks numbered 45149 – 45287, 45292 – 45349, 45351 - 45391 and 45393 – 45451.
3. Transfer of funds as follows:
 - a. \$35,000.00 from LOB (Fund 08) to At-Risk K-12 (Fund 13)
 - b. \$20,000.00 from LOB (08) to Parents as Teachers (28)
4. Employment recommendations as follows:

Resignations – Classified

Ivette Trujillo, Student Nutrition Assistant, MCMS
Reece Wiebe, Student Nutrition Assistant, MVHS
Kathy Zukel, Night Custodian, RE

Termination – Classified

Matthew Stewart, Nigh Custodian, MVHS

Employment – Classified

Cydney Barrick, Paraprofessional, MVHS
Amy Bones, ELL Aide, SE
Melanie Chambers, Student Nutrition Assistant, MCMS
Ethan Eitutis, Rule 10 Debate Coach, MVHS
Amanda Harris, Student Nutrition Assistant, MCMS
Terrale Johnson, Center Based Paraprofessional, The Bridge
Brooke Lanting, Paraprofessional, MTMS
Prathiba Matthews-Wheeler, Paraprofessional, SE
Loraine McGahee, Paraprofessional Substitute, BE
Sandra Meo, Accompanist, DHS
Katherine Newell, Student Nutrition Assistant, MTMS
Rachael Whitten, Center Based Paraprofessional, MTMS
Courtney Wood, Center Based Paraprofessional, DHS
Jennifer Wunder, 0.5 FTE Paraprofessional, BE

Resignation – Certified

Aaron Burns, Engineering Technology Teacher, MCMS

5. The USD 232 2018-19 Site Council Roster.
6. Start-up of the following student clubs at Mill Valley High School: Committee of Student Initiative (CSI), Black Student Association and Table Tennis Club.
7. Acceptance of the following donations:
 - \$630.00 from Don Reith Chiropractic to De Soto High School.
 - \$1,300.00 from Merck Animal Health to the De Soto High School Cross Country Team.
 - \$1,000.00 from Walmart to the Mill Valley High School Football Team.
 - \$500.00 from CenturyLink to the Mill Valley High School Robotics Program.
 - \$700.00 from the De Soto United Methodist Church to Starside Elementary School.
8. Items below declared as surplus:
 - Starside Elementary School's Word Study Vocabulary curriculum/materials, SOAR curriculum/materials and seven (7) file boxes that were used for assessment kits.
 - Thirty (30) Mill Valley sporting event chairs.
 - One (1) 2003 Arctic Air Commercial Refrigerator, Model # GDR22CWR3.
9. The following extended day trips:
 - Mill Valley High School Cross Country, Grades 9-12, compete in the Missouri Southern Stampede, Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, MO, September 14-15, 2018.
 - Mill Valley High School Cheer, 8 Seniors, perform in the Disney Spirit Spectacular Parade at Disney World, Orlando, FL, November 29 – December 2, 2018.
 - De Soto High School & Mill Valley High School International Thespian Society, Grades 10-12, participate in State Thespian Conference, Century II Convention Center, Wichita, KS, January 3-5, 2019.

Bill Fletcher declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Mrs. Angela Handy moved to approve payment to Kansas Land Management, LLC in the amount of \$3,850.00 with check number 45392.

Mr. John Gaignat seconded.

Carried 5/0.

Bill Fletcher returned to the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

GOOD NEWS.

Staff Member Recognition.

Alvie Cater informed the Board that Megan Clark, Art Teacher at Clear Creek Elementary, was named a finalist for the 2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year (KTOY) at the Region Three Awards Banquet held on Sunday, September 9th. He said she will find out in November if she'll be named Teacher of the Year for the entire state.

Belmont Elementary School staff members Chrysti Nichols, Early Childhood Lead Teacher, Miki Herman, Reading Specialist, and Dana Pasley, Paraprofessional/Teacher Aide, were recognized for outstanding service in their district roles and presented with Certificates of Appreciation.

ACTION ITEMS.

Recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month. Superintendent Harwood shared with the Board that according to Johnson County Mental Health, teen suicides in the county nearly doubled in the first six months of 2018. As a way to combat this alarming trend, the six Johnson County school districts are joining forces to address the growing number of teen deaths by suicide. He said that as a unified group of school leaders, the superintendents decided it was time to have real conversations about real change and to help highlight the importance of these conversations, each Board of Education is being asked to recognize September as National Suicide Prevention Month. Superintendent Harwood shared that a kick-off meeting was held in June that involved discussions among influential leaders representing mental health providers, parents, the faith community and local business community. He said this will be a year-long effort with information released periodically.

Mr. Kevin Makalous moved to approve a Proclamation to declare September as National Suicide Prevention Month as presented.

Mrs. Angela Handy seconded.

Carried 6/0.

Classroom Notification System Approval. Brandon Riffel, Director of Technology, explained that as an important part of the District's efforts to improve security and communications, the Board requested implementation of a more uniform and effective communication system in buildings. One piece of this solution is the installation of a network controlled system of digital displays in classrooms, hallways, and other common spaces. Mr. Riffel noted that the device recommended is like the one currently installed in the Board Room which is a multimodal network connected notification system. He said that the administration would like to begin implementation of the new classroom notification system at Monticello Trails Middle School due to their current system experiencing failures. He said that Monticello Trails really needs a reliable public announcement (PA) and bell system and added that this project would be used to evaluate the installation process before developing a final RFP for remaining systems needed across the district. Mr. Riffel noted the the initial hardware purchase for Monticello Trails will consist of fifty (50) classroom devices and three (3) devices for large spaces such as the commons/cafeteria. He said three vendors authorized to sell the devices under approved contracts with the State of Kansas were contacted for pricing, with CDWG offering the lowest price of \$924.00/classroom unit and \$1,300.00/larger space unit. For installation of the devices, Mr. Riffel said Core Communications, a company that has performed a number of services for the school district, was contacted and quoted \$13,325.00. Hardware and installation would amount to \$63,425.00 which Mr. Riffel said would be paid out of 2008 and/or 2018 bond funds.

Mr. Kevin Makalous moved to approve purchase and installation of network connected notification systems for the use of emergency communication and replacement of legacy bells and clocks at Monticello Trails Middle School.

Mrs. Angela Handy seconded.

Carried 6/0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS.

One-to-one Technology Pilot. Dr. Cindy Swartz, Technology Integration Coordinator, gave background on the Technology Committee and explained that the district-wide technology pilot process that is underway is an effort to determine the number and types of devices that would be necessary to empower students and teachers to meet the USD 232 Technology Standards developed by the committee. Dr. Joe Kelly, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, explained that there are twenty-one teachers at all levels participating in the pilot who are considered to be leaders in their buildings who are adept at solving problems, using technology in the classroom, and working within a team environment. He said they are currently piloting iPads, MacBook Airs and Dell Latitude 3490 PCs with each device being evaluated for its functionality (ease of use, battery life, durability, etc.), as well as its ability to assist teachers and students to meet several Technology Focus Priority Standards. Dr. Swartz highlighted surveys that are given to the teachers and students and shared the data collection timeline. Brandon Riffel, Director of Technology, updated the Board on the first device rotation. He noted that tasks completed by district staff included logistics, software implementation, shipping, training and taking inventory; and tasks completed by k12itc included configuration, repairs and troubleshooting.

Kansas Open Meetings Act. School district attorney Mike Norris of Norris Keplinger, LLC, gave a presentation about the purpose and scope of the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA). He presented examples of enforcement actions taken against other government agencies who have violated KOMA and talked about how it affects school board members in their roles as elected officials (K.S.A. 75-4320). Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Mitch Powers mentioned that he had visited with the CEO of a local company called Sick Weather that can forecast where common illnesses may happen, even before the Centers for Disease Control can.

PATRON INPUT. Vice President Heikes moved onto the next agenda item as no requests to speak were submitted.

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. Revisions to the Activities Handbook.

Vice President Heikes adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

November 5, 2018
Date Approved

Wendy S. Denton
Clerk, Board of Education

Paul M. Zide
President, Board of Education