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At its regular meeting on Monday, the USD 470 Board of Education:

- Called the meeting to order
- Recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- Recognized visitors
- Approved the Agenda
- Approved the Consent Agenda
- Approved the following resignations/retirements:
    - Gregory Buckbee – Science at ACHS (Retirement May 2024)
    - Rebecca Coursey – ESOL at ACHS
    - Russell Dakota – Head Fleet Mechanic
    - John Headrick – Industrial Arts at ACHS (Retirement May 2024)
    - Lee Howarth – Head High School Girls Soccer Coach
    - Heather Leigh – SAT at Adams
    - Katherine McEachern – SAT at Jefferson
    - Rhonda Wright – Asst. Principal at ACHS
- Approved the following hirings:
    - Megan Hay – ESOL at Middle School
    - KayLeigh Milby – SAT at Frances Willard
    - Kyle Moberly – Head Fleed Mechanic
    - Kaylee Vaughters – Elementary Teacher
- Accepted the following gifts:
    - $114 in books for elementary schools from VFW Post #1254 Auxiliary
    - $1,000 for Jefferson Elementary, or as most needed, from William Stanley
    - $400 toward ACHS unpaid lunches from New Horizons Sunday School Class at Central Christian Church
    - $400 toward unpaid lunches district-wide from Terry and Val Jacobs
    - $580 toward unpaid lunches to use where most needed from Central Christian Church
    - $250 for unpaid lunches to use where most needed from Community National Bank and Trust
    - $250 for the Adams Elementary Angel Tree from CWA Local 86004 GE
- Was recognized for its service in honor of Board Member Appreciation Month
- Adopted Resolution 24-01 (option 2), extending the term of current Board President Jon Oak, and elected Bob Squires as Board Vice-President with both individuals to serve through July 8, 2024

- Adopted Resolution 24-02 (option 2), extending current Board meeting dates, times, and locations through June 30, 2024, with the 2024-2025 schedule to be determined at the July 8, 2024 organizational meeting
- Authorized the USD 470 Business Office to issue a Request for Proposals for the specified E-Rate eligible technology equipment to be returned to the Board for selection and possible purchase
- Approved the Mental Health Intervention Procedures (guidelines for counselors and other staff members to use when a student is in crisis and at risk for self-harm or suicide) as presented
- Approved the proposal from Union State Bank and authorized the business office to enter into a legally-reviewed agreement for lease purchase financing for the four, previously-ordered, Bluebird Buses
- Heard an update regarding the Kansas Education System of Accreditation (KESA) 2.0 model which will begin in the 2024-2025 school year
- Heard a report regarding mid-year policy recommendations by KASB including EBBD – Evacuations and Emergencies Management, EE – Food Service, GA – Pregnant and Parenting Employees Leave, GARID – Uniformed Service, JBH – Release of Students (during the school day), JDDAA – Student Misuse of Medication, JGFGBA – Student Self-Administration of Medication
- Heard a report from Superintendent Dr. Ron Ballard regarding the 2024-2025 outlook for Kansas school district personnel
- Heard a report from Asst. Superintendent William Pfannenstiel regarding the 2024-2025 proposed calendar
- Heard a report from Dr. Ballard about a request from the City of Arkansas City to share architectural design fees amongst the City, USD 470, Rec Commission, and Cowley College for a potential community rec plex facility
- Heard a report from Mr. Pfannenstiel regarding technology hardware planning for 2024-2025
- Moved into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel
- Called the regular meeting back to order
- Tabled non-elected personnel matters until the next meeting
- Adjourned

**The next regular BOE meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Monday, January 22, 2024, at IXL Elementary. The meeting will be livestreamed at www.usd470.com/boemeeting.*