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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
- Heard from Chris Hernandez regarding the high school wrestling program
- Approved the Agenda
- Moved the personnel portion of the Consent Agenda to Executive Session
- Approved the remainder of the Consent Agenda
- Approved the following resignations/retirements:
    - Norme Angkel – PreK SAT at Jefferson
    - Jeremy Biddle – Head Wrestling Coach at ACHS
    - Natalie Carpio – ESOL SAT at ACHS
    - Carolyn Clark – SAT at IXL
    - Brianna Hill – Bus Driver
    - Lena Helms – Cheer Coach at ACHS
    - Melissa Seacat – Principal at ACHS
- Approved the following hirings/reclassifications:
    - Gisselle Ambriz – ESOL SAT at ACHS
    - Ermelinda Andres Jose – ESOL SAT at ACHS
    - Adam Dorsey – P.E. Teacher at ACMS to Asst. Principal at ACHS *(reclassification)*
    - Reagan Evans – Agriculture Education at ACHS
    - Sophia Mangold – Part-time Custodian at AHCS
    - Eric Swanson – Social Studies at ACMS
- Accepted the following gifts:
    - $25 in supplies for ACMS foods class from Maddon Giles
    - $50 in flour for ACMS foods class from Abraham Chan
    - $14 in supplies for ACMS foods class from Alexis Bab Fajardo
    - $10 in clothes for Adams Elementary from Rena Brammer
    - $50 in school supplies for Roosevelt Elementary from Cowley County Area Retired School Personnel
    - $150 in Kleenex for the schools from Strother Women's Network
- Heard a special presentation from Greg Vahrenberg of Raymond James regarding the district's history and current status in bonded indebtedness and options the Board may have to address building needs
- Awarded proposals for the purchase of technology hardware to the following companies:

    - Chromebooks – Bluum – $291,937.50
    - Projectors – CDW-G – $47,480.25
    - Computer Carts – Bluum – $40,799.01
- Authorized the purchase of 65 MacBook Air computers with AppleCare+ from Apple Inc. under the Kansas State contract for $79,170
- Approved the 2024-2025 Head Start Grant Application with the General Budget amount of $1,777,922 the Training and Technical Assistance amount of $17,552 for a total of $1,795,474, including the breakdown of budget expenses and the Federal Application SF-424
- Approved the new health guidelines for Respiratory Viral Infections as recommended by the CDC
- Authorized the business office to issue an RFP for the restoration of roof sections at Jefferson Elementary
- Authorized the purchase of Ford vehicles under state contract as presented
- Authorized USD 470 Board membership in KASB and the KASB Legal Fund for the 2024-2025 school year, with all benefits, privileges, and seminar/training options continued
- Scheduled a special meeting for KASB training and planning efforts for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the Avery Family Learning Center
- Tabled the reinstatement of the Dean of Student Services for Arkansas City High School position until a new head high school principal is hired
- Adopted the modified Service Animal Policy – ING, and guidelines provided within ING-R
- Heard a legislative update from Superintendent Dr. Ron Ballard
- Discussed the possible reappointment of Dustin Quint as the district's representative on the Arkansas City Recreation Commission
- Discussed the district's Local Option Budget (LOB) for Fiscal Year 2025
- Heard a report about student handbooks from Director of Curriculum and Instruction Braden Smith
- Heard a report about textbook adoptions and curriculum from Mr. Smith
- Moved into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel
- Called the regular meeting back to order
- Approved the personnel portion of the Consent Agenda
- Amended a motion from the previous meeting minutes regarding the superintendent's contract addressing accrued leave to now read "at the per diem rate"
- Adjourned

**The next regular BOE meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 8, 2024, at the Avery Family Learning Center. The meeting will be livestreamed at www.usd470.com/boemeeting.*