

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LABETTE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 506
Altamont, KS 67330

Altamont Grade School

January 11, 2021

7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Justin Bebb
Greg Bogner
Kevin Cole
Rich Falkenstien
Jessie Foister
Dr. Kolette Smith

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Brian Harlow

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Wyrick, Superintendent
Tony Blackwell, Asst. Supt.
Cindy Dean, Board Clerk
Spence Allison, BGS Principal
Tiffany Flatt, AGS Principal
Shane Holtzman, LCHS Principal
Chris Kastler, MDView Principal

Lauren Nehrbass, Parsons Sun Editor
Donny Peak, MdView Asst. Principal
Brad Reams, Great Plains Ind. Director
Stacy Smith, LCHS Interim Asst. Principal

1. Jessie Foister called the meeting to order. Dr. Kolette opened with prayer.
2. Rich Falkenstien made a motion for the next election of officers to be in July of 2021.
Justin Bebb seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Kevin made a motion to approve the printed agenda with the following correction;
Agenda should state Altamont Grade School as the meeting place. Justin Bebb
seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Consent Agenda
Kevin Cole made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the correction of
Altamont Grade School as the meeting place. Rich Falkenstien seconded the motion.
Motion carried 6-0.
5. Recognitions/Communications
None at this time

6. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comments

None at this time

7. Reports

7.1 Superintendent Report

Dr. Wyrick stated that it is great to have staff and students back to class after the Christmas Break. Dr. Wyrick stated it has been a challenging time for some of our families and we are very fortunate to have such a compassionate staff to support our families that are struggling during the pandemic. Dr. Wyrick reported the Labette County Health Department has no timeline for the COVID Vaccine to be administered to our staff in the Phase 2 of the Vaccine Process. Dr. Wyrick stated Health Department will contact as soon as they know when Vaccine is available for our staff.

7.2 Administrative Report

Shane Holtzman stated he appreciates Mrs. Smith helping with all the COVID issues that occur through the day. Mr. Holtzman stated he appreciates a great LCHS Staff that is working well together knowing every day is new day with different challenges. Mr. Holtzman stated KSHSAA Activity Fan Attendance Policy expires on January 28 and will know more information as it comes available soon.

Stacy Smith stated she fully supports Mr. Holtzman's decisions he has been making lately. Mrs. Smith stated our responsibility is to keep our staff and students safe and we feel that job has been done. Mrs. Smith stated kudos to our students.

Spence Allison thanked the BGS Staff and Students for their hard work right now.

Chris Kastler thanked the Board of Education for their full support during this challenging year.

Donny Peak stated Meadow View sent 20 students home Friday morning to quarantine and went virtual quickly after they arrived home.

Melissa Green thanked LCHS Student Caleb Whitten for the buddy bench he made for Mound Valley Grade School. Mrs. Green stated the benches look great and the students love them.

Tim Traxson thanked the EGS Staff and Students for their hard work right now.

7.3 KASB/Legislative

Kevin Cole stated KASB is trying to find resources to help school districts help manage the stress and anxiety the pandemic has brought to our districts.

7.4 SEK Interlocal 637

Kevin Cole stated the next SEK Interlocal meeting is this Wednesday.

8. Discussion Items

8.1 Brad Reams, Director of Great Plains Industrial Park gave a very interesting update on the Great Plains Industrial Park. Mr. Reams plans to visit the USD 506 Board of Education yearly to give updates and new happenings for the Industrial Park. The Board thanked Mr. Reames for attending the meeting and having such valuable information.

9. Action Items

9.1 Kevin Cole moved to extend the Coronavirus Memorandum of Understanding January 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021. Dr. Kolette Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

9.2 Kevin Cole made a motion to approve the renewal of administrative contracts as presented with the correction of Donny Peak, Meadow View Asst. Principal. Justin Bebb seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

9.3 Dr. Kolette Smith made a motion to approve the established meeting dates as presented. Rich Falkenstien seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

10. Board Comments

Kevin Cole thanked the administrative team for the leadership at each of the USD 506 School Buildings. Mr. Cole stated we are one big family in this school district.

Rich Falkenstien thanked the AGS Food Service Team for the delicious soup and snacks.

Dr. Kolette Smith thanked LCHS Student Caleb Whitten for the buddy benches at Mound Valley Grade School. Dr. Smith stated she loves the concept of the buddy benches. Dr. Smith expressed her thanks for the homemade pies and chocolate bars for Board Appreciation Month. Dr. Smith thanked the principals for adding student names in with the accomplishments of their buildings.

Justin Bebb stated he appreciates the great leadership in each of the buildings.

Greg Bogner – No Comments

Jessie Foister thanked AGS for hosting the Board Meeting tonight. Mrs. Foister stated the food for tonight was delicious.

11. Adjournment

Justin Bebb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Bogner seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be February 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Curran Administrative Center.

