

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

Curran Administrative Office

August 9, 2021

7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Wyrick, Superintendent
Shane Holtzman, Asst. Supt.
Cindy Dean, Board Clerk
Melinda Allison, Parent
Nathan Allison, LCHS Student
Spence Allison, BGS Principal
John Baugher, Parent
Amy Ditmore, Parent
Brooks Ditmore, LCHS Student
John Ditmore, Parent
Tiffany Flatt, AGS Principal
Eddie George, Parent
Mary K. George, LCHS Student
Melissa Green, MDValley Principal
Dallas Hill, LCHS Student
Ray Hill, Parent
David Jones, LCHS Trap Shooting Team

Chris Kastler, MDView Principal
Donny Peak, MDView Asst. Principal
Anthony Pearson, LCHS Student
Tim Pearson, Parent
Donny Peak, MDView Asst. Principal
Ed Raschen, LCHS Asst. Principal
Dewayne Rosson, LCHS Trap Shooting Team
Stacy Smith, LCHS Principal
Tim Traxson, EGS Principal
Scott Westhoff, Parent
Caleb Whitten, LCHS Student
Christine Whitten, Parent
Michael Whitten, Parent

1. Jessie Foister called the meeting to order. Kevin Cole opened with prayer.
2. Kevin Cole made a motion to approve the printed agenda with the following additions;
3.5 add Bobbie Riley – AGS Para and Karol Green – EGS Head Cook to the Approval of Personnel. Justin Bebb seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Consent Agenda
Justin Bebb made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the addition of
3.5 add Bobbie Riley – AGS Para and Karol Green – EGS Head Cook to the Approval of Personnel. Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Recognitions/Communications

LCHS Trap Shooting Team gave a very interesting review of their year. The team stated they are excited for this new school year and hoping for a another successful year.

Dr. Kolette Smith joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Brian Harlow joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

5. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comments

None at this time

6. Reports

6.1 Superintendent Report

Dr. Wyrick stated our principals and secretaries reported back several weeks ago and we are ready for the rest of the school staff to return. Dr. Wyrick stated the HVCA Project at LCHS should be done next week.

6.2 Administrative Report

Chris Kastler stated Meadow View enrollment is complete and went well. Mr. Kastler stated the new cafeteria was used for enrollment this year and went well.

Melissa Green stated enrollment went well at Mound Valley Grade. Mrs. Green stated enrollment numbers have increased this year and is at 151 now and still enrolling students.

Mrs. Green announced Mound Valleys new teaching staff of Blake Lacey – PE, Ryan Elliott – Band/Music, Melinda Taylor – Special Ed Instructor.

Tiffany Flatt stated enrollment went great at Altamont Grade. Mrs. Flatt stated enrollment numbers have increased this year and is at 233 now and still enrolling students.

Mrs. Flatt announced Altamont Grades new teaching staff of Jaya Johnson – Kindergarten. Mrs. Flatt stated the Altamont Grade staff is excited about the new textbooks this year.

Spence Allison reported enrollment went well at Bartlett Grade. Mr. Allison stated enrollment is currently at 125 students and still enrolling students. Mr. Allison reported Bartlett Grade has 17 new students this year and is still growing. Mr. Allison announced Bartlett Grades new teaching staff of Madison Evans – 3rd Grade, Hanna Haraughty – 5th Grade, Blake Lacey – PE and Nancy Geren – Math.

Tim Traxson reported Edna Grade had a great enrollment with a current count of 182. and 16 of those were new students. Mr. Traxson announced Edna Grade new teaching staff of Ryan Elliott – Band/Music. Mr. Traxson stated he and Mr. Kastler attended the MBL Meeting today and an admission fee to Junior High Sports was approved. Mr. Traxson thanked Missy Buchanan and Cassie Perry for helping clean Edna Grade this summer.

Donny Peak thanked the Meadow View Custodians for all their hard work this summer. Mr. Peak stated the building looks amazing.

Stacy Smith thanked Mr. Raschen for helping at LCHS Enrollment in taking the place of Mr. Leake and Ms. Witty that could not be there. Mrs. Smith reported 526 students currently enrolled at LCHS and more students enrolling each day. Mrs. Smith announced LCHS New Teaching Staff of Terri Ruttgen, Angela Wininger, Irma Pokorny, Bethany McCarty, Kelsey Haverfield, Terry Smedley and D.J. Walker.

6.3 KASB/Legislative

Kevin Cole announced KASB is having monthly Lunch and Learn sessions on the third Wednesday of the month. Mr. Cole stated Randy Watson, Education Commissioner, is needing feedback on graduation topics.

6.4 SEK Interlocal #637

Kevin Cole stated SEK Interlocal held Professional Development days last week and it was great to see everyone face to face this new year. Mr. Cole reported SEK Interlocal ratified contracts last week and is ready for a new year.

7. Discussion Items

7.1 Dr. Wyrick reported Dale Dennis reviewed the USD 506 Budget several weeks ago and it will be published next week. Dr. Wyrick stated the Budget Hearing is scheduled for the September Board Meeting.

8. Action Items

8.1 Kevin Cole left meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Justin Bebb made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Negotiated Agreement as presented. Brian Harlow seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Kevin Cole returned to the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

8.2 Kevin Cole made a motion to approve the purchase of SmartBus Wi-Fi for the amount of \$20,292.30 from Kajeet Inc. Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

8.3 Shane Holtzman reviewed the USD 506 COVID-19 Protocols and Procedures.

After a deep and lengthy discussion, Dr. Kolette Smith made a motion to adopt the indoor mask mandate for the first nine weeks of school. Brian Harlow seconded the motion. Motion failed 3-3.

Greg Bogner joined the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Kevin Cole made a motion to send out mask surveys to all USD 506 families this week and schedule a Special Board Meeting on August 19 to discuss the survey results. Rich Falkenstien seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-1, Dr. Kolette Smith was a no vote.

9. Board Member Comments

Rich Falkenstien – No Comment

Justin Bebb – No Comment

Kevin Cole thanked the custodians and maintenance staff for all their great work this summer. Mr. Cole stated he appreciates all the decisions made this evening and knew the decisions would be difficult.

Dr. Kolette Smith – No Comment

Brian Harlow – No Comment

Greg Bogner – No Comment

Jessie Foister – No Comment

10. Adjournment

Justin Bebb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Curran Administrative Office.