

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LABETTE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 506  
Altamont, KS 67330

Curran Administrative Office

February 13, 2023

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	Tiffany Flatt, AGS Principal
Shane Holtzman, Asst. Supt.	Melissa Green, MDValley Principal
Cindy Dean, Board Clerk	Grace Ruark, LCHS Student
Jen Thompson, Marketing/Communications Coord.	Stacy Smith, LCHS Principal
Spence Allison, BGS Principal	Becky Warren, SKILLS USA
Hilary Byrd, LCHS Student	Marty Warren, LCHS Teacher/SKILLS USA
Dolly McKibben- Dickens, Community/Grandparent	

1. Jessie Fositer called the meeting to order. Dr. Kolette Smith opened with prayer.
2. Justin Bebb made a motion to approved the printed agenda with the following additions:  
3.7 add Janice McKinzie – Substitute Cook  
add Krysti Ruttgen – Substitute Teacher  
Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Consent Agenda  
Kevin Cole made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the additions of:  
3.7 add Janice McKinzie – Substitute Cook  
add Krysti Ruttgen – Substitute Teacher  
Greg Bogner seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Recognitions/Communications  
LCHS SKILLSUSA Leadership Team gave a very interesting review of the SKILLSUSA Program and Services.

## 5. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comments

None at this time

## 6. Reports

### 6.1 Superintendent Report

Dr. Wyrick stated the Kansas Legislature is very active this week in Topeka and wanted the board to be aware of several Bills to be alerted with. Dr. Wyrick mentioned Senate Bill 128 and House Bill 2218 are very concerning to Public Education. Dr. Wyrick shared a short video of Senator Virgil Peck live comment from the February 13 Legislative webinar degrading our Public Schools. Senator Peck's comment was very disturbing to Board. Dr. Wyrick and Mr. Holtzman will keep the Board updating on these Bills and any other vital information.

### 6.2 Administrative Report

Spence Allison stated the first Grade School Quiz Bowl was held today and went well.

Stacy Smith stated LCHS Competitions, Quiz Bowl, Theatre Productions and Sports are all currently going strong. Mrs. Smith stated she has visited numerous schools in the past couple months and stated no other schools are well taken care of like our old buildings are. Mrs. Smith commends our custodial and maintenance staff for keeping our buildings looking great and well kept. Mrs. Smith shared a story of new student and stated she is very proud of our great kids taking him in making him fit in with our LCHS Culture.

Melissa Green reported the remodeled restroom at Mound Valley is beautiful. Mrs. Green stated our District Maintenance Team did a fabulous job with the full remodel project.

Tiffany Flatt mentioned it has been a busy and full two weeks of end of season Junior High Basketball Tournaments. Mrs. Flatt stated all the teams did well this year. Mrs. Flatt stated Parent/Teacher Conferences start next week.

### 6.3 KASB Legislative

Kevin Cole stated the conversation that was earlier in Superintendent Report regarding the Kansas Legislature updates was well reviewed at that time.

### 6.4 SEK Interlocal #637

Kevin Cole stated the Interlocal Financial Goals are on track and everything going well at this time. Mr. Cole reported numerous Special Ed Teaching Positions are open for next school year and will be interviewing soon for those positions.

## 7. Discussion Items

7.1 The first reading of the Policy Revisions/Updates were reviewed and the board will take action on the policies at the March Board Meeting.

## 8. Action Items

8.1 Kevin Cole made a motion to move the March Board Meeting to Thursday, March 9, 2023. Justin Bebb seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

8.2 Justin Bebb made a motion to approve the HVAC Bids as presented:

AGS – Home Climate Comfort Service - \$69,565

EGS – Johnston General Services - \$83,000

Meadow View – Johnston General Services - \$137,000

Mound Valley – AB Heat and Air - \$91,421.80

Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

8.3 Dr. Kolette Smith made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar.

Greg Bogner seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

8.4 The Auxiliary Gymnasium at LCHS was continued in conversation. The need of a new Auxiliary Gym was brought up at the February 1 Board Strategic Planning/Work Session and went into deep conversation. Kevin Cole made a motion to approve Echelon Arch + Design Company to begin the design process of the new Auxiliary Gym and move on with the project. Justin Bebb seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

## 9. Board Comments

Kevin Cole stated there was great conversation tonight. Mr. Cole congratulated LCHS Student Noah Hentzen for his courageous action of being a life saving hero at a vehicle accident several weeks ago. Mr. Cole congratulated the Jr. High Basketball teams on a great year and stated our 506 fans and parents really pack a gym when we travel!

Justin Bebb thanked the Administration at the District Level and stated these guys are going above and beyond making our District the best. Mr. Bebb thanked Stacy Smith for her story of a new student and appreciate our students welcoming new students.

Dr. Kolette Smith – no comments

Greg Bogner thanked the SKILLSUSA Team for presenting tonight. Mr. Bogner thanked Dr. Wyrick and Mr. Holtzman for all they do for our District.

Rich Falkenstien commented that a patron contacted him and stated they really enjoyed the USD 506 ad at the Parsons Movie Theatre.

Jessie Foister congratulated the LCHS students in the past month that have received sports scholarships to further their education.

10. Adjournment

Justin Bebb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Bogner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be March 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Bartlett Grade School.

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