

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LABETTE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL
Altamont, KS 67330

Curran Administrative Office

September 11, 2023

6:55 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Others Present:

John Wyrick, Superintendent	Kira Eberhart, Parent
Shane Holtzman, Asst. Supt.	Brad Reams, Great Plains Industrial Park
Cindy Dean, Board Clerk	Christina Sykes, Parent
Isabelle Redford, Communications Director	Ray Nolting, Parsons Sun

1. Jessie Foister called the meeting to order. Dr. Kolette Smith opened with prayer.
2. Kevin Cole made a motion to approved the printed agenda with the following addition:
8.3 add DJEE Policy
Justin Bebb seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
3. Consent Agenda
Dr. Kolette Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the following addition:
8.3 add DJEE Policy
Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
4. Recognitions/Communications
Brad Reams, Great Plains Industrial Park Director gave a very interesting presentation on the Industrial Park. The Board thanked Mr. Reams for attending the meeting.
5. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comments
None at this time

6. Reports

6.1 Superintendent Report

Dr. Wyrick announced the City of Bartlett was awarded the Department of Commerce Block Development Grant and the \$100,000 Grant will go towards building a home in our community.

Dr. Wyrick stated the Block Grant will fund our Building Trades Instructor, 7 paid student internships and Supplies/Equipment to build a home in Bartlett during the summer months.

Dr. Wyrick stated the Bartlett Housing Committee was formed last year and the goal is to build several homes in Bartlett and then start building homes in our other small communities.

Dr. Wyrick announced USD 506 was awarded the Patterson Grant in the amount of \$150,000.

The Patterson Grant will help fund a Bartlett Grade School Daycare.

Dr. Wyrick stated the Road & Bridge Committee made up of USD 506 Staff, County Officials, State Representatives and other patrons toured Highway 160 from Altamont to the Montgomery County Line.

The Committee plans to meet regularly in hopes to make the Highway 160 a safer roadway.

Mr. Holtzman stated the Bid Opening for the new Auxiliary Gym was extended to September 21 at 2:00 at the Board Office.

6.2 Administrative Report

None at this time

6.3 KASB/Legislative

Kevin Cole stated Dr. Wyrick set in on a KASB Advocacy Meeting with him and will sit in on a couple more soon. Mr. Cole reported Mark Tallman at KASB was very interested in our District test scores and high graduation rate. Mr. Tallman will tour our District October 6.

6.4 SEK Interlocal #637

No report at this time

7. Discussion Items

None at this time

8. Action Items

8.1 Kevin Cole made the motion to approve the 2023-2024 Budget with the proposed Mill Rate of 47.891 along with review of the 2022-2023 State Assessment results reviewed at the August Board Meeting. Justin Bebb seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8.2 Kevin Cole made a motion to approve the purchase of a Kioti Tractor for the purchase price of \$27,425 from Johns Tractor Works. Dr. Kolette Smith seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

8.3 Rich Falkenstien made a motion to approve the DJEE Local Purchasing Policy. Greg Bogner seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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9. Executive Session

Kevin Cole moved the Board go into executive session for 45 minutes, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personal under KOMA, beginning at 8:30 p.m. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room at 9:15 p.m. Dr. Kolette seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Kolette Smith moved to extend the executive session for 5 minutes, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personal under KOMA, beginning at 9:16 p.m. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room at 9:21 p.m. Justin Bebb seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The open meeting resumed at 9:19 p.m. as the 5 minutes requested was not needed.

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

10. Board Member Comments

Rich Falkenstien – no comments

Dr. Kolette Smith – no comments

Justin Bebb thanked all the board members for being present for tonight's meeting. Mr. Bebb stated the Grant Funding is great to have for our District. Mr. Bebb stated the District looks great with all the new updates and remodels happening.

Jessie Foister stated the District looks great with all the updates and remodeling projects. Mrs. Foister thanked all the board members for being here tonight.

Greg Bogner stated the Grant Funding is great for our District. Mr. Bogner thanked all the Board Members for being in attendance tonight.

Kevin Cole thanked the USD 506 Maintenance Staff on a tremendous job on the District. Mr. Cole stated it is great to have such a talented Maintenance Staff that can handle big remodel and building projects. Mr. Cole thanked Dr. Wyrick for his Grant Writing Skills and all he does for our 506 District.

Brian Harlow appreciates all our Board Members for everything they do.

11. Adjournment

Dr. Kolette Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Bogner seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be October 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Edna Grade School.

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