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

Curran Administrative Office January 13, 2025 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:
Justin Bebb
Kevin Cole
Rich Falkenstein
Jessie Foister
Dr. Kolette Smith

Absent Board Members:
Greg Bogner
Brian Harlow

Others Present:
John Wyrick, Supt.
Shane Holtzman, Asst. Supt
Cindy Dean, Board Clerk
Isabelle Leake, Communications Director
Tara Daniels, 506 Food Service Director

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1. Jessie Foister called the meeting to order. Dr. Kolette Smith opened with prayer.

2. Kevin Cole made a motion for the next election of officers to be in July of 2025. Rich Falkenstien seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

   Kevin Cole left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

3. Justin Bebb made a motion to approve the printed agenda. Dr. Kolette Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Consent Agenda
   Dr. Kolette Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Justin Bebb seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

   Kevin Cole joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

5. Recognition/Communications
   None at this time

6. Recognition of Visitor and Public Comments
   None at this time

7. Reports
   7.1 Superintendent Report
   - Dr. Wyrick stated LCHS alumna Rhianne Taylor will be the new teacher replacing Carolyn Waugh next school year. Dr. Wyrick stated Miss Taylor is excited about returning to Southeast Kansas and has made an offer on the USD 506 Building Trades Home in Bartlett.
   - Dr. Wyrick stated Jack Leake and Kevin Lahey will be our Professional Development Program in February and they present USD 506 Chronic Absence Information.
   - Dr. Wyrick stated the last Strategic Meeting of the year will be February 10. The review of the Strategic Meetings will be at the March Board Meeting.
   - Mr. Holtzman updated the board on the Auxiliary Gym.
     -gym floor is installed and will start painting lines this week
     -sheetrock will be completed this month
     -basketball goals will be delivered by end of this month
     -outside lighting is complete and looks great

   7.2 Administrative Report
   No Report

   7.3 KASB/Legislative
   Kevin Cole updated the board with the KASB/Legislative Report:
   -Kansas Legislators are back in session at the Capital today.
   -Vouchers, Tax Credits, Education Savings Accounts will be the focus this year.
   -State Board of Education has recommended increasing additional $87.5 million for the next 3 years, this will be a challenge with the expanded supermajority house and senate.
   -KSAB/EPIC will have a lunch and learn tomorrow to discuss teacher retention survey
   -KASB Board of Directors are meeting this Saturday in Topeka for January Meeting
   -February 1-4 is the Advocacy and Equity Event in Washington, D.C.
   -March 7 KASB Board of Directors and Executive Team will be visiting our 506 District. This will be a fun day to showcase our District.

   7.4 SEK Interlocal #637
   Kevin Cole updated the board with the SEK Interlocal #637 Report:
   -Interlocal continues to have same challenges as the District has with staffing.
   -State Categorical aid is still unknown.
   -Sending out Board Evaluation for review in February
   -Defining Coordinators and Administrators responsibilities
   -USD 506 needs to fill (5) SEK Interlocal Vacancies for the 2025-2026 School Year.

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8. Discussion Items

8.1 Tara Daniels, USD 506 Food Service Director, gave a very interesting and overview of the Food Service Department. The Board thanked Mrs. Daniels for her dedicated work.

8.2 Self-Evaluation Form – The Board had great discussion over the Self-Evaluation Form

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

9. Action Items

9.1 Kevin Cole made a motion to approve the renewal of Administrative Contracts for the 2025-2026 school year. Rich Falkenstien seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

9.2 Dr. Kolette Smith made a motion to approve the established meeting dates as presented and the times will be as the following:
February-March at 6:00 p.m.
April-October at 7:00 p.m.
November-January at 6:00 p.m.
Justin Bebb seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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10. Executive Session

Kevin Cole moved the Board go into executive session for 20 minutes, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personal under KOMA, to include Dr. Wyrick and Mr. Holtzman beginning at 8:45 p.m. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room at 9:05 p.m. Justin Bebb seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Kolette Smith made the motion to approve the voluntary resignation of Ryan Elliott. Justin Bebb seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

11. Board Member Comments

Kevin Cole stated the amount of USD 506 Maintenance time put into the New Auxiliary Gym has been tremendous.

Dr. Kolette Smith congratulated Shawna Terrell for the State Music Teacher Award. Dr. Smith stated the new Electronic Bench for the LCHS Electronics Class is great for the District.

Jessie Foister congratulated Brantly Allen and Lily Wiley for being selected as the National SAE Grant Winners.

Justin Bebb enjoyed the New Gym Tour today and to see all the maintenance team working together on this big project. Mr. Bebb stated there is a lot of pride put into the new gym from our 506 Maintenance Team. Mr. Bebb thanked Tara Daniels for the great presentation tonight.

Rich Falkenstien thanked the District for the Board Appreciation Gifts.

12. Adjournment

Justin Bebb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr Kolette Smith seconded the Motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next regular Meeting will be February 10, 2025 at the Curran Administrative Office.

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