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

Curran Administrative Office May 12, 2025 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
Megan Jones, Community Member
Nevaeh Jones, Community Member
Chris Kastler, Meadow View Principal
Kira McDonald, Community Member
Shelby McDonald, Community Member
Jason, McKee, Parent
Ashley Nash, Parent
Derrick Nash, Parent
Cortney O'Brien, Parent
Zak O'Brien, Parent
Sean Price, Teacher
Mark Raney, Community Member
Theresa Raney, Community Member
Brandy Russell, Community Member
Russ Russell, Community Member
Klein Ryan, Community Member
Stacy Smith, LCHS Principal
Trey Thompson, LCHS Asst. Principal
Drew Weidert, Community Member

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

2. Justin Bebb made a motion to approve the printed agenda.
   Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Consent Agenda
   Kevin Cole made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Rich Falkenstien seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Recognitions/Communications
   None at this time

5. Recognitions of Visitors and Public Comments
   Dr. Kolette Smith moved the Board go into executive session for 5 minutes, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personal under KOMA, to include Dr. Wyrick, Stacy Smith, Trey Thompson, and Colby Flat beginning at 7:02 p.m. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room at 7:07 p.m. Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

   No action was taken as a result of executive session.

   Dr. Kolette Smith moved the Board go into executive session for 5 minutes, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personal under KOMA, to include Dr. Wyrick, Stacy Smith, Trey Thompson, and Klein Ryan beginning at 7:10 p.m. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room at 7:15 p.m. Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

   No action was taken as a result of executive session.

   Drew Weidert addressed the board in public session. The board thanked Pastor Weidert for his message.

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6. Reports
   6.1 Superintendent Report
   Dr. Wyrick stated the District Retirement Reception was held last week and had a great turn out. Dr. Wyrick reported URSA Graduation was held this evening and had 16 graduates participate.

   6.2 Administrative Report
   Chris Kastler reported 8th Grade Graduation is next Monday Night at 6:00 p.m. and wanted to remind all the admin and board members to wear their black polo shirts. Mr. Kastler stated summer meals will be served at LCHS, Mound Valley Grade and Edna Grade this summer to all children.

   Stacy Smith stated the year is coming to the end and a lot going on in May. Mrs. Smith wanted to send a shout out to LCHS Teacher Kylie Booth for creating a "Back to Kindergarten Day" for seniors as they celebrate their last week of high school. Mrs. Smith stated we will host the SEK League Track Meet this Thursday and all are welcome to come out and enjoy the afternoon. Mrs. Smith reminded everyone that LCHS Graduation is this Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

6.3 KASB/Legislative

Kevin Cole stated he will be heading to Topeka tomorrow morning for KASB Board Meeting. Mr. Cole stated the agenda consist of Directors Evaluation and 2025-2026 Budget.

6.4 SEK Interlocal #637

Kevin Cole thanked Dr. Wyrick for attending the SEK Interlocal Retirement Reception and Awards Banquet this month. Mr. Cole stated the District had 4 teachers represented the banquet.

7. Discussion Items

7.1 The 2025-2026 Grade School Handbook recommendations are available for the board to review and consider. The board will take action on the Grade School Handbook at the June Board Meeting.

7.2 The 2025-2026 LCHS Handbook recommendations are available for the board to review and consider. The board will take action on the LCHS Handbook at the June Meeting.

8. Action Items

8.1 Justin Bebb made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Classified Employees and the Summer School Employees as presented. Kevin Cole seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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9. Executive Session

Dr. Kolette Smith 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, Greg Goheen, Stacy Smith, Trey Thompson, and Sean Price if needed beginning at 7:28 p.m. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room at 7:48 p.m. Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Kolette Smith moved to extend the executive session for 1 hour, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personal under KOMA, beginning at 7:49 p.m. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room at 8:49 p.m. Justin Bebb seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

Dr. Kolette Smith made a motion to a call a 10-minute recess at 8:50 p.m. and the Board will resume at 9:00 p.m. Kevin Cole seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Jessie Foister called the meeting back to order at 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Kolette Smith moved the Board go into executive session for 30 minutes, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personal under KOMA, to include Dr. Wyrick, Shane Holtzman, Greg Goheen, Stacy Smith, Trey Thompson if needed beginning at 9:01 p.m. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room at 9:31 p.m. Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Kolette Smith moved to extend the executive session for 30 minutes, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personal under KOMA, beginning at 9:32 p.m. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room at 10:02 p.m. Greg Bogner seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

Dr. Kolette Smith moved to extend the executive session for 20 minutes, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personal under KOMA, beginning at 10:03 p.m. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room at 10:23 p.m. Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Kolette Smith moved to extend the executive session for 15 minutes, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personal under KOMA, beginning at 10:24 p.m. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room at 10:39 p.m. Brian Harlow seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

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Dr. Kolette Smith moved to extend the executive session for 10 minutes, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personal under KOMA, beginning at 10:40 p.m. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room at 10:50 p.m. Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Kolette Smith moved to extend the executive session for 10 minutes, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personal under KOMA, beginning at 10:51 p.m. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room at 11:01 p.m. Greg Bogner seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Kolette Smith moved to extend the executive session for 10 minutes, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personal under KOMA, beginning at 11:02 p.m. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room at 11:11 p.m. Motion Failed.

Dr. Kolette Smith made a motion to terminate the contract of Sean Price immediately. Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Roll call vote recorded as:
Rich Falkenstin – No
Brian Harlow – Yes
Justin Bebb – No
Greg Bogner – Yes
Jessie Foister – Yes
Motion passed to terminate Sean Price immediately 5-2.

Rich Falkenstien stated he will be voting no on this motion, not because he approves of the actions by the staff member, but because termination is inconsistent with how we have handled employee matters in the past twelve years and does not represent who we are as a school district.

Justin Bebb addressed the board with comments. At 11:04 p.m. Justin Bebb resigned from USD 506 Board of Education. Justin Bebb left meeting at 11:04 p.m.

10. Board Member Comments

    Kevin Cole – No Comments
    Greg Bogner – No Comments
    Rich Falkenstien – No Comments
    Brian Harlow – No Comments
    Dr. Kolette Smith – No Comments
    Jessie Foister – No Comments

11. Adjournment

    Kevin Cole made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rich Falkenstien seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.
    The next regular board meeting will be June 9, 2025 at Curran Administrative Office.

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