

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 466,
704 S. College Street, Scott City, Kansas, Monday, September 11, 2023

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met for public hearings on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 6:40 p.m. and 6:50 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room, 704 S. College, Scott City, KS, with the following members present:

Jon Berning, Julia Cheney, Stephen Kucharik, Scott Noll, Lynnette Robinson, and Andy Trout.

Others present were Jamie Rumford, Superintendent, Courtney McEachern, Shawn Roberts and Suzanne Hess, Board Clerk.

President Andy Trout called the first hearing to order at 6:40 p.m.

Revenue Neutral Hearing

Superintendent reviewed the revenue neutral information.

Adjournment

Jon Berning made a motion to adjourn the revenue neutral hearing. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The hearing adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

President Andy Trout called the second hearing to order at 6:50 p.m.

Budget Hearing

Superintendent Rumford informed the board no changes were made to the 2023-2024 Budget presented on August 14, 2023.

Adjournment

Jon Berning made a motion to adjourn the budget hearing. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The hearing adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room, 704 S. College, Scott City, KS, with the following members present:

Jon Berning, Julia Cheney, Yanet Contreras, Stephen Kucharik, Scott Noll, Lynnette Robinson, and Andy Trout.

Others present were Jamie Rumford, Superintendent, Courtney McEachern, Cheryl Kucharik, Dr. Shawn Roberts, Aaron Dirks, Matt Bayer, Dustin Hughes, Jana Irvin, Cheryl Kucharik, Stacy Rogers, K. Wilkinson, A. Frank, Melissa Batterton, Jill Tucker, Lance Tucker and Suzanne Hess, Board Clerk.



President Andy Trout called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to Adopt the Amended Agenda

Yanet Contreras made a motion to adopt the agenda with amendments. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Comments from the Public

Stacy Rogers read a prepared statement regarding the high school attendance policy.

Board Representative Reports

Julia Cheney provided information from the High Plains Educational Cooperative meeting of the total number of teachers, paraprofessionals and other business.

Julia Cheney shared information from the Northwest Technical meeting. The college will now be Fort Hays State University Northwest Kansas Technical College or Fort Hays Tech North West for a shortened name.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Shawn Roberts informed the Board of the elementary school working on the new reading series of Amplify.

Jana Irvin, Scott City Middle School Principal, shared that the new teachers are doing well but the middle school is still short on paraprofessionals.

Matt Bayer, Scott City High School Principal, informed the Board that enrollment is up and classes are a little bigger but going well.

Aaron Dirks, Scott City High School Assistant Principal/Activity Director, shared that the increase in enrollment numbers could move some sports to 4A but not football. There is a volleyball tournament coming up and will have a large turnout.

Superintendent Rumford discussed the following with the Board:

- The out of district enrollment hearing will be on October 9th, 2023 board meeting and the notice will be posted in the newspaper.
- The board will have their next regular meeting on September 25, 2023 at 12 p.m.
- The district was notified of overwater usage and met with the Groundwater department to better understand how the usage was determined. The district is appealing the fine that was received.

Treasurer's Report, Bills Payable and Bond Financials

A. Bills Payable

There was a duplicate check within the list of warrants for \$70 which will be removed. The board prefers the current format of the bills payable as the other option would be less detailed information. Mr. Rumford shared a draft report of the Fund Expense Summary. The district is

reviewing how other districts report on their activity accounts.

B. Bank Signature Approvals

Jon Berning made a motion to approve that all accounts through the district office at all banks have the Board President signature. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Scott Noll made a motion to pay the bills as presented check numbers 70532 – 70711; wire transfers 70057 – 70070; and 90000 in the amount of \$2,268,608.09. Lynnette Robinson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no transfers presented.

Consent Agenda

Scott Noll made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with a correction on the August 14, 2023 minutes to correctly state the total mills are still under 64 mills as promised from the bond and interest project. Jon Berning seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Consent Agenda Items approved were:

A. Approval of Previous Minutes for August 14, 2023 & August 17, 2023

Consideration of Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

There were no items pulled.

Board Matters

A. Approval to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate

Jon Berning made a motion to Exceed the revenue neutral rate for 2023-2024 Budget. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion. The board voted by roll call.

Motion to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate – roll call vote	Berning	Cheney	Contreras	Kucharik	Noll	Robinson	Trout
Motion	X						
Second						X	
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							
Not Present							

The motion carried.

B. Approval of District Budget

Jon Berning made a motion to adopt the 2023-2024 Scott County School District USD 466

budget as presented in the budget hearing and with respect that the Board was provided and evaluated each building's needs assessment, and have included consideration of each building's needs assessment and the state assessment within the budget. Yanet Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C. Local Option Budget Resolution

Scott Noll made a motion to approve the Local Option Budget Resolution as 33%. Jon Berning seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

D. Establish October 9, 2023 as Open Enrollment Policy Hearing

Jon Berning made a motion to establish October 9, 2023 as date for the Open Enrollment Policy Hearing. Stephen Kucharik seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

E. Capital Outlay Plan Discussion

Superintendent Rumford shared the needs of the district for improvement as part of the capital outlay plan. The total resources available in budget are \$2.2 million and \$120,000 in interest from the bond project.

F. Approval of Trane Contract

Jon Berning approved the Trane Contract as presented for \$14,700. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Courtney McEachern, Cheryl Kucharik, Dr. Shawn Roberts, Aaron Dirks, Matt Bayer, Dustin Hughes, Jana Irvin, Cheryl Kucharik, Stacy Rogers, K. Wilkinson, A. Frank, Melissa Batterton, Jill Tucker, and Lance Tucker leave meeting at 8:23.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non-Elected Personnel

Julia Cheney made a motion that the Board go into executive session after a 10-minute break from 8:10 pm. – 8:20 p.m. to discuss matters relating to non-elected personnel, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for twenty-five (25) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 8:45 p.m. Superintendent Rumford was included in the session. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed in open session at 8:46 p.m.

Approve Resignations and Hires

Yanet Contreras made a motion to approve the resignations/hires as listed below. Jon Berning seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Hires: Tianna Lausch – SCMS Paraprofessional
Caleb VanDegrift – Assistant SCMS Football
Michelle Lightner – SCMS Stucco
Ana Tarango – Custodian

Resignations: Kindra Mill – Custodian
Timothy Woods - Custodian

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Negotiations

Yanet Contreras made a motion that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations, pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations exception under KOMA for five (5) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 8:53 p.m. Superintendent Rumford was included in the session. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed in open session at 8:53 p.m.

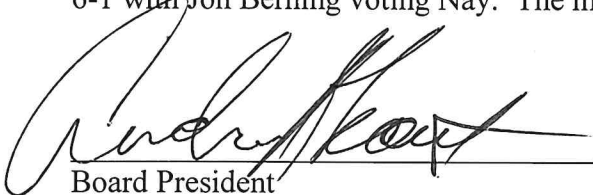
Jon Berning made a motion to approve the adding a supplemental contract for Middle School Yearbook at \$1200. Stephen Kucharik seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

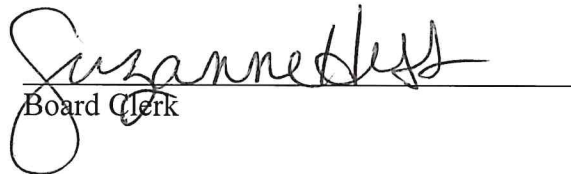
Open Discussion by Board

It was mentioned that some schools on the east coast are implementing mask requirements and the board is not implementing here. There was discussion on the finals policy at the high school.

Adjournment

Yanet Contreras made a motion to adjourn. Stephen Kucharik seconded the motion and it passed 6-1 with Jon Berning voting Nay. The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.


Board President


Board Clerk