

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 466,  
704 S. College Street, Scott City, Kansas, Monday, August 14, 2023

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The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met in regular session on Monday, August 14, 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, Stephen Kucharik, Scott Noll, Lynnette Robinson, and Andy Trout.

Others present were Jamie Rumford, Superintendent, Courtney McEachern, Cheryl Kucharik, Adam Kadavy, Elizabeth Cox, Jason Hundertmark 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**

Lynnette Robinson made a motion to adopt the agenda. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Comments from the Public**

No comments from the public.

**Board Representative Reports**

There was nothing to report for Northwest Kansas Technical College and High Plains Educational Cooperative.

**Administrative Reports**

Jana Irvin, Scott City Middle School Principal, provided the Board an update on enrollment was 70% complete as of that day and the middle school has four (4) paraprofessional openings.

Matt Bayer, Scott City High School Principal, informed the Board there were 320 students enrolled thus far, paraprofessional openings also at high school, an exchange student from Germany is attending, and there will be a one (1) hour delay for 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on the first day of school and have freshmen attend orientation first.

Aaron Dirks, Scott City High School Assistant Principal/Activity Director, shared the fall sports practices have begun including a new volleyball jamboree on Thursday. New regulations are being reviewed that grants home schooled students eligibility for public school activities.

Jason Hundertmark, Facilities and Grounds Director, provided an update on the HVAC system at the High School Annex with 2 compressors need replaced at a minimum. He recommended repair work that will exceed \$20,000 and will need to be bid out. The Board of Education discussed holding a special meeting on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, to review bids in order to have the system repaired as quickly as possible.

Further recommendations were discussed that the entire HVAC system at the Annex may need to be replaced for the 2024-2025 school year. The compressor at the district office was not working and would be replaced. Mr. Hundertmark provided information on the summer projects his team completed with painting, new desk assembly, and preventative maintenance on AC units in the district. A bid was received for \$9,600 to demolish the house across the street from the district office.

Superintendent Rumford discussed the following with the Board:

- HB2357 requires the school board to establish plans and guidelines on the capacity of the district by January 2024 for out of district student enrollment. It is recommended to have a public hearing in October to allow citizens to discuss the policy which will allow the board to update the policy in October and/or November.
- Donors of the turf project will be recognized on a plaque in one of 3 locations.
- Professional development week for certified staff will begin on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> with all day training and a barbeque at the end of the day at Palmer Park. One of the goals this year is high quality education strategies in the classroom.
- KASB is hosting their annual convention in November and there are opportunities for the board members to attend.
- The class of 1973 is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion on Labor Day weekend with tours of the schools if any board members would like to guide the tours.

### **Treasurer's Report, Bills Payable and Bond Financials**

The 2023-2024 budget numbers may be posted in Skyward in September but it will be best if the budget is approved by the Board in September and then the information is finalized for the October reports. The board members inquired about the pass through overpayment to the recreation commission and how that was corrected; there was only \$27,000 required out of the \$40,000 dirt compacting from the turf project; and discussion about the BCS Energy Project for \$43,000.

Scott Noll made a motion to pay the bills as presented check numbers 70395 – 70530; wire transfers 70052 - 70056 in the amount of \$131,556.05. Lynnette Robinson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no transfers presented.

### **Consent Agenda**

Jon Berning made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda Items approved were:

#### **A. Approval of Previous Minutes**

### **Consideration of Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda**

There were no items pulled.

## **Board Matters**

### A. Budget Review

Superintendent Rumford review the overall budget with the board. The code 99 document is for the Board to review what it wants on the mill levy and that must be posted to the paper 10 days prior to the Budget hearing. The General Fund has gone from 7.5, 7.8 and now 8.1 but the mill levy is set by state statute at 20 mills. Supplemental growth has gone up \$200,000 every year although it an increase this year it is actually a decrease from 2 years ago. The Capital Outlay can be set at a maximum of 8 mills as adopted in years past; this is where we have set aside money for HVAC projects and will work to get the carryover down. The total mills are still under 64 mills as promised from the bond and interest project. The revenue neutral rate will also be posted in the newspaper.

### B. Designate the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) Hearing and Budget Hearing

Lynnette Robinson made a motion to hold an RNR Hearing at 6:40 p.m. and 2023-2024 Budget Hearing at 6:50 p.m. at the next regularly scheduled board meeting date on September 11, 2023. Stephen Kucharik seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

### C. Needs Assessment and State Assessment Reviews

State law requires the board to conduct a needs assessment review prior to approving the budget. Each school completed a needs assessment and the information was presented to the board alongside the state assessment reviews.

### D. Substitute Teacher Handbook Approval

Superintendent Rumford and Suzanne Hess recommended changes to the substitute handbook with an increase in the daily rate for substitute teachers holding a professional teaching license. Jon Berning made a motion to approve the substitute teacher handbook as presented. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### E. Dispose of Excess Dirt Approval

Jon Berning made a motion to approve the disposal of excess dirt at the superintendent's discretion in the best interest of the school district. Scott Noll seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

*Courtney McEachern, Jason Hundertmark, Elizabeth Cox, Cheryl Kucharik and Adam Kadavy 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 8:33 pm. – 9:03 p.m. to discuss matters relating to non-elected personnel, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for thirty (30) minutes with the open meeting to resume in the board meeting room at 9:03 p.m. Superintendent Rumford, Matt Bayer, Aaron Dirks and Jana Irvin were included in the session. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed in open session at 9:03 p.m.

**Approve Resignations and Hires**

Jon Berning made a motion to approve the resignations/hires as listed below. Stephen Kucharik seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

**Hires:** Jennifer Turner – SCMS FACS  
Carolyn Hunter – SCHS FACS  
Anita Rose – SCMS Paraprofessional  
Kindra Mills - Custodian  
Kaitlyn Berland – PT Food Service  
Ryan Roberts – HS Girls Tennis  
Kim Wilkinson – SCMS Yearbook  
Andrew Helfrich - SCMS 8th Head Football


**Resignations:** Kay King - Custodian

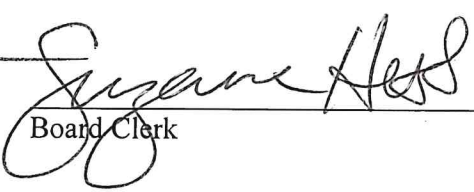
**Open Discussion by Board**

Superintendent Rumford shared he will meet with the District Leadership Team regarding strategies towards accreditation. They will request staff/citizens broad feedback to assist with the strategies. There was discussion on how the HVAC works at the high school with the geo thermal and there will be consultation with ICE.

**Adjournment**

Jon Berning made a motion to adjourn. Stephen Kucharik seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

  
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Board President

  
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Board Clerk