

TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING

ROCK CREEK
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 323
POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, KANSAS

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

Board Members Present

Brian Bittle
Karol Fike
Dee Forge
Dan Moser
Stuart Schwarz
Jody Wick

Staff Present

Kevin Logan
Mina Grutzmacher
Dan Ackland
Rachel Buessing
Scott Harshbarger
Eric Koppes
Kristi Timm

1.0 CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING & FLAG SALUTE

Stuart Schwarz, Board President called to order the regular December 13, 2021 meeting at the USD 323 District Office at 7:00 p.m.

1.1 Fall Recognitions: Cross Country, Football, and Trap

Cross-County: Coach Andrea White, Student: Kyra Nippert--5th place at State.

Trap Team: Coaches Travis Figge, Scott Prockish, Rob Louquet, Matt Thomason
Students: Seth Figge, Aiden McKinney, Hayden Thomason (2nd State in Conference), Hunter Prockish (1st State in Conference), & Will Louquet.

Football: Coaches Shane Sieben & Monte Spiller

Students: Hayden Thomason, Matthew Wainwright, Kaden Crain, and Yanci Spiller-FB Captains

2.0 ROUTINE ITEMS * (Consent items approved without discussion.)

2.1 Approval of Agenda

2.2 Approval of Minutes

2.3 Treasurer's Report

2.4 Payment of Bills

2.5 Transfers

3.0 CONSENT ITEMS*(No discussion, unless pulled from consent items.)

3.1 Personnel Recommendations

3.2 Special Services State Aid Payment and Transfer Authorization

3.3 Patterson Family Foundation – Rural School Pandemic Relief Grant

3.4 BCBS Healthy Choice Grant – Flexible Seating

3.5 Cash for Teachers – Farmers State Bank (recognition)

Jim Moore from Farmers State Bank presented \$1,000 awards to:

Sara Miller (RCHS)
Jay Koupal (RCHS)
Sandy Anderson (WES)
Megan Todd & Dani Evans (RCMS)

- 3.6 Bus Purchase
Karol Fike moved to approve the routine and consent items as amended.
Dee Forge seconded the motion. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0. Motion carried.

- 4.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1 Stifel

Bret Shogren presented information on Advance Refunding of our Bonds was provided, no action was taken.

- 4.2 Drama Therapy

Alissa Duncan, MHIT Liaison, presented on possibility of bringing Drama Therapy to 323 schools utilizing KSU graduate student interns. She will bring an MOU for BOE consideration in January.

- 5.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Non Agenda Items Only)

Doug Davidson commented at this time.

Sarah Abitz, Alissa Duncan, Doug Davidson, Michelle Davidson, Mendy Gehrt, Catherine Seitz, Danielle Evans, Rob Louquet, Melissa Louquet, Matt Thomason, Kelly Thomason, Ross McKinney, Jennifer Prockish, Scott Prockish, Taylor Minihan, Kaitlin Albert, Travis Figge, Andrew Trent, Bret Shogren, Megan Todd, Susan Koupal, Jay Koupal, Sandy Anderson, Sara Miller, Anna Nippert, Seth Figge, Hunter Prockish, Will Louquet, Aidan McKinney, Hayden Thomason, Matthew Wainwright, Ethan Burgess, Maddox Ibarra, Kyra Nippert, Audrea White, Yanci Spiller, Layton Thomas, Shane Sieben, Monte Spiller, Charla Adcock and Jim Moore were present as observers.

Zoom attendance: Carrie Force, Carrie Pilkington, Courtney Vernon, Fran Bard, Gina Nevola, Kathleen Paulman, Melissa Poulin, Cale Prater, Rachel Wilson, Wendy Willi, Sandy Anderson, Anna Suther, Beka Meitler, Megan Clark, Mike Anderson, Alex Cook, Jess Allen, Caitline Christenson, Amanda Whitesell.

- 6.0 Reports

- 6.1 Building Reports

- 6.1.1 Rock Creek High School
- 6.1.2 Rock Creek Middle School
- 6.1.3 Rock Creek Activities
- 6.1.4 St. George Elementary
- 6.1.5 Westmoreland Elementary
- 6.1.6 CIA Report

- 6.2 Superintendent's Report

- 6.2.1 ESSER II Funds Wrap-Up (SY 2021-2022) – USD 323 Plan Approved by ESSER Task Force and on KSDE Board of Education Agenda.
Items include: Premium/Retention pay – USD 323 Staff an amount per employee, not including USD 320 Sped Coop staff who are getting

premium/retention pay through USD 320 and those working less than half time (rule 10 coaches, substitutes etc.)

Manipulatives to address learning loss – Magnetic Letter Tiles and Decodable Readers; SEL Trainings and EAP – Staff Mental Health Program.

6.2.2 Bond Project Wrap Ups

Additional Handicap curb-cuts around the campus. Handicap accessibility Signage for Parking. Different activities are requiring different parking areas. Handicap Door Control to enter MS; maybe HS also (we did work in that area). Additional lighting (exterior)
Signage for inside the buildings
Required furniture needs
Other items that may occur yet this spring

6.2.3 2022-2023 Calendar

Kevin Logan reported four options were presented to the committee. All calendars presented fall w/in the guidelines of the 323 Professional Negotiated Plan and Will fit all boundaries in BOE policy and the USD 323 Staff Handbook. The four options differed in length of Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks and locations/dates of some in-service, work days, and plan days. Some members of the committee would like to see more in-service days, work days, or plan days replacing some student contact days in the calendar. Meeting was rescheduled for later in the month.

6.2.4 Covid

Covid numbers are up significantly in the county and across the state. Wamego schools have moved back into “masking required” starting today. They have approximately 40 positives across their district. Today, at 3pm USD 323 was at 10 positive cases. Seven new cases were added today. Six of those were from “at-home” exposures, where someone in the household has an active case of Covid. At Nurse Keele’s recommendation, we have changed our protocol to at-home exposures/cases must quarantine at home for 10 days and then can enter test to stay and learn protocol. This was done as over 90% of our at-home exposures were resulting in positive Covid cases. Either through this change, much good-fortune, or a combination of both, our numbers have settled down since our most recent active time prior to Thanksgiving Break.

6.2.5 District Site-Council

Tomorrow @ noon. BOE Room & Zoom

6.2.6 New BOE Member Training

Jared Meitler, Kristi Timm, and Kevin Logan will attend the KASB New BOE Member Training on Dec. 16 in Topeka.

6.2.7 BOE Goals/Priorities to Strategic Plan

The meeting that was to occur on Dec. 7, Gary Sechrist and Sue Givens with KASB, has been delayed until January 24. The guiding concepts the BOE created last fall, our current 1-3-5 year Capital Outlay plan, comments from the OVT & ARC from our last accreditation cycle, and information from our current “Leading for Impact” Accreditation Cycle Pilot to help guide us through creation of

a Strategic Plan for USD 323 Schools. Kevin Logan plans to have the BOE approval by the end of the school year.

6.28 Thank You Karol Fike

Kevin Logan, Staff and Board members thanked Karol for all her time, energy, and expertise while serving on the USD 323 BOE. She has been served on the USD 323 BOE for over 5 years. She finished an unexpired term and one full term.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

8.1 Non-elected personnel

Stuart Schwarz moved to go into executive session at 8:46 p.m. to discuss matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will reconvene in the meeting room at 9:05 p.m. Dan Moser seconded the motion. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0. Motion carried. Kevin Logan was asked to attend. The meeting reconvened in the meeting room at 9:05 p.m.

8.2 Student

Stuart Schwarz moved to go into executive session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss matters of student issue the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA, and the open meeting will reconvene in the meeting room at 9:15 p.m. Dan Moser seconded the motion. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0. Motion carried. Eric Koppes was asked to attend. The meeting reconvened in the meeting room at 9:15 p.m.

Dan Moser moved to go into executive session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss matters of student issue the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA, and the open meeting will reconvene in the meeting room at 9:20 p.m. Brian Bittle seconded the motion. Ayes – 6; Nays – 0. Motion carried. Kevin Logan was asked to attend. The meeting reconvened in the meeting room at 9:20 p.m.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9.1 2022-2023 Calendar

9.2 Strategic Plan

9.3 December 2021 KASB Board Policy Updates

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.1 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Karol Fike moved to adjourn. Dan Moser seconded the motion. Ayes – 6;
Nays – 0. Motion carried.


Mina Grutzmacher, Clerk

Stuart Schwarz, President