



Unofficial Minutes

USD 417 BOE Regular Meeting
Monday, December 9, 2024 - 6:00 PM
District Office Board Room
17 Wood Street
Council Grove, KS 66846

Call to Order

President Terry Powell called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Terry Powell, Jamie Johnson, Patty Talley, Kelsey Hartman, Jay Troxell, Don Alderman, and TinaRae Scott

Others Present: Tyson Eslinger, Amber Weeks, Angela Harris, Jay Doornbos, Kelcy Bremer, Tasha Green, Brooke Lococo, Dana Reddick, Tom VanValkenburg, Matt Weaver, Butch Hayes, Derron Reddick, and Jan Sciacca. Student Spotlight only: Lisa Bolieu and the CG Singers and parents.

Additions/Approval of Agenda

Addition to the consent agenda: Retirement of Barbara Goodman - PHES Nurse Aide.

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the agenda as amended and presented. This motion, made by TinaRae Scott and seconded by Jamie Johnson, Carried.

Voting Detail: Don Alderman: Yea, Jamie Johnson: Yea, Jay Troxell: Yea, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Student Spotlight - CG Singers

The CG Singers from Council Grove Elementary School, led by Lisa Bolieu, performed "For the Winter" and "Ugly Sweater".

Consent Agenda

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by TinaRae Scott and seconded by Kelsey Hartman, Carried.

Voting Detail: Don Alderman: Yea, Jamie Johnson: Yea, Jay Troxell: Yea, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Director Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time.

Director of Facilities/Grounds - Tom VanValkenburg

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Director of Transportation - Matt Weaver

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Director of Health Services - Dana Reddick

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Director of Food Service - Becky Shearer

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.



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Administrative Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time.

Council Grove Elementary Principal - Kelcy Bremer

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Prairie Heights Elementary Principal - Angela Harris

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Council Grove Junior Senior High School Principal - Jay Doornbos

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Council Grove Junior Senior High School Activities Director - Matt Fox

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Superintendent - Tyson Eslinger

- Congratulated Coach Butch Hayes as a 2A Coach of the Year finalist by Sports in Kansas and Coach Derron Reddick for being named the Sports in Kansas 3A, 2A, 1A Assistant Coach of the Year. He presented them with certificates.
- KASB has updated its Legislative Policies and noted that Jamie was a voting delegate in November.
- Jay Doornbos and Superintendent Eslinger will recommend starting the JAG-K program for the 2025-2026 school year at CGJSHS and will present at the January meeting.
- Trimester information to be presented at the January meeting
- Shared the final results of the recent Parent/Community Engagement Survey. Received 119 responses, with most being positive.
- The health insurance committee met today and recently met with McGinnis and KBS for an analysis. If we decide to change direction, we will need to do so by the end of January.
- C&C Energy Audit results will be presented at the January meeting with a potential for large projected savings.
- The boiler at CGJSHS has been fixed.
- The board feels the 3-year cost comparison is helpful.

Board Member Items

Jamie Johnson thanked the board for allowing her to be the KASB voting delegate at the recent KASB Annual Convention. She reported it was a good conference and noted the last speaker was phenomenal. His message really hit home for her as a board member and as a parent. She recommends others to join the Leadership for Tomorrow program (LFT). Let Mr. Eslinger know if you are interested in being nominated for the LFT program.

TinaRae Scott thanked Jamie for her extra days and time as she graduated with the LFT class of 2024. She gave kudos to Jamie and Mr. Eslinger. TinaRae chaired the KASB Annual Convention in November and has one more year as a past-president at KASB.



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Discussion Items

JCE Complaints of Discrimination, JCEC Demonstrations, JDA Corporal Punishment, JDB Detention

Superintendent Eslinger presented the following student policies: JCE Complaints of Discrimination, JCEC Demonstrations, JDA Corporal Punishment, and JDB Detention. If a name is listed in policies instead of the title, the policy will be updated to include the title only. These policies will be added to the January meeting for approval.

Certificate of Deposit Interest

Superintendent Eslinger reviewed current CDs and projected interest. He recommends reducing the CDs to an even dollar amount, putting that money into capital outlay, and then looking at projects. He discussed cash sweep accounts, where money is more liquid and could have a higher interest rate. TinaRae requests in board reports to list capital outlay projects, and Jay mentioned looking at the courtyard at CGES as a potential project.

Recognition of Mrs. Bremer as the 2024 Kansas School Counselor Association Principal Advocate Award

Superintendent Eslinger presented CGES Principal Kelcy Bremer with a certificate and congratulated her on being chosen as a recipient of the 2024 Kansas School Counselor Association Principal Advocate Award.

Facilities Improvement

Superintendent Eslinger led a discussion on a 20-25-year facilities plan. The goal is to put numbers and a plan together for fixing the items listed as poor and color-coded as red in the building assessments. He mentioned the classroom sizes are inadequate. The rooms are older and hard to move around in. There will be a meeting with DCS on Thursday to address some of the facilities issues.

KESA 2.0 Accreditation Plan

Superintendent Eslinger reviewed the new accreditation model, KESA 2.0. Discussed the action plan: fundamentals, structure, lead indicators, and measures of progress.

December 2024 Updated KASB Policies and Forms

Superintendent Eslinger presented the following 2024 Updated KASB Policies and Forms.: BDA Developing Adopting Amending and Repealing Board Policy, CC Organizational Chart, CD Administrative Line and Staff Relations (DELETE), CG Administrative Personnel, CGI Administrator Evaluation (DELETE), CNA Preservation of Documents Pending Legal Action, DE Fraud Prevention and Investigation, DFAC Federal Fiscal Compliance, DFAC Grant Srecipient Monitoring Procedures, Procurement Federal Program, Allowability of Costs, CASH Management, Types of Costs Obligations and Property Management, DFH Fundraising Activities, GAE Complaints, ICA Pilot Projects, IDACA Special Education Services, JGFGAA Stock Supply of Emergency Medication, JGFGBA Student Self-Administration of Medication, and KN Complaints. Amber and Dana will review the JGFGAA and JGFGBA policies as



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JCFGBA was a recent policy update. These policies will be added to the January meeting for approval.

Purchase Dump Trailer

Superintendent Eslinger and Director of Transportation Matt Weaver discussed that our current trailers do not serve a purpose, will sell them, and price out a dump trailer and a skidster so that maintenance and transportation have the tools and resources they need. The Enterprise Fleet vehicles will be showing up soon and will include a plow truck.

Executive Session - Personnel

Action(s): I make a motion to go into a 10-minute Executive Session in order to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with the board, and Superintendent Eslinger. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:15 p.m. This motion, made by TinaRae Scott and seconded by Kelsey Hartman, Carried.

Voting Detail: Don Alderman: Yea, Jamie Johnson: Yea, Jay Troxell: Yea, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 7:15 p.m.

I make a motion to go into an additional 10-minute Executive Session in order to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with the board, and Superintendent Eslinger. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:26 p.m. This motion, made by TinaRae Scott and seconded by Jamie Johnson, Carried.

Voting Detail: Don Alderman: Yea, Jamie Johnson: Yea, Jay Troxell: Yea, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 7:26 p.m.

The board recessed at 7:26 p.m. and returned to open session at 7:30 p.m.

Action Items

Accept Healthy Habits for Life Grant from BCBS

Action(s): I make a motion to accept the Healthy Habits for Life Grant from BCBS in the amount of \$2,000. This motion, made by Jamie Johnson and seconded by Patty Talley, Carried.

Voting Detail: Don Alderman: Yea, Jamie Johnson: Yea, Jay Troxell: Yea, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Approve Eighth Grade Field Trip

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the eighth graders' field trip on March 12, 2025, to the Arabia Steamboat Museum and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City,



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Missouri. This motion, made by Kelsey Hartman and seconded by Patty Talley, Carried.
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Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Sell Box Truck and Trailers

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the selling of the 2007 box truck, and the stock and car trailer through Purple Wave. This motion, made by Kelsey Hartman and seconded by Jamie Johnson, Carried.

Voting Detail: Don Alderman: Yea, Jamie Johnson: Yea, Jay Troxell: Yea, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

RFP for Certificate of Deposit

Terry Powell recused himself at 7:34 p.m. and returned at 7:36 p.m. due to work conflict.

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the RFP for the Certificate of Deposit at 4.25% for 12 months from Farmers and Drivers for Certificate O in the value of \$146,833.89. This motion, made by Kelsey Hartman and seconded by TinaRae Scott, Carried.

Voting Detail: Don Alderman: Yea, Jamie Johnson: Yea, Jay Troxell: Yea, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Abstain (With Conflict), TinaRae Scott: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

USD 417 Committee Board Representatives for Health Insurance Advisory Committee

Action(s): I make a motion to nominate Patty Talley and Don Alderman for the Health Insurance Advisory Committee. This motion, made by Jamie Johnson and seconded by Kelsey Hartman, Carried.

Voting Detail: Don Alderman: Yea, Jamie Johnson: Yea, Jay Troxell: Yea, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Approve Title 1 Coordinator/MTSS Interventionist Job Description

Action(s): I make a motion to approve Approve Title 1 Coordinator/MTSS Interventionist Job Description as presented. This motion, made by TinaRae Scott and seconded by Patty Talley, Carried.

Voting Detail: Don Alderman: Yea, Jamie Johnson: Yea, Jay Troxell: Yea, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Superintendent Contract Extension

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the contract renewal for Superintendent Tyson Eslinger through June 2027. This motion, made by Kelsey Hartman and seconded by Jamie Johnson, Carried.

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Good News by Board of Education Members

- TinaRae Scott says it was heartwarming and appreciates the students getting out into the community, including the CG Singers' recent performance at the district office this evening and at the Kaw Mission. We have good community support right now, and 160+ community members ate at the schools for Christmas lunch.
- Don Alderman attended a meeting today and appreciated that we have moved from reactive to proactive in getting things done for the school. He commended Mr. Eslinger and his staff.
- Jay Troxell said that in 2024, USD 417 experienced many changes, including a new superintendent and new administrators, and it has gone very well. People have been open to change, which has made us proactive.
- Kelsey Hartman got to eat at CGES for the recent Christmas lunch. There were a ton of people, but it was so smoothly run that, as a parent on a tight schedule, she was able to enjoy it. Kudos to the staff.
- Patty Talley saw the hallways of CGES on Facebook. She thinks of how fun it would have been to come to school and see all of that back when she was a kid. She feels very fortunate to have Matt Weaver and Tom VanValkenburg working hard in our district.
- Jamie Johnson, a healthcare professional, is excited about tomorrow's Body Venture exhibit at the elementary school. She says it's a cool opportunity for CGES and PHES students to experience it.
- Terry Powell went to the buildings with Mr. Eslinger to hand out the Swag to staff. He recommends taking the time to walk through the buildings and see all the cool things going on. He was fortunate enough to go through all three buildings and was reminded of why they do what they do.

Adjournment

President Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Next Regular BOE Meeting - January 13th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Amber Weeks, USD 417 Board Clerk

Terry Powell, President, BOE