

Unofficial Minutes
USD 417 Board of Education
6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
February 12th, 2024
USD 417 District Office
17 Wood Street, Council Grove, Kansas 66846

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. by USD 417 BOE President, TinaRae Scott.

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

Others Present: Superintendent Nancy Meyer and Amber Weeks

Executive Session:

Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into a 60-minute Executive Session in order to discuss potential candidates for employment with the board, Dr. Britton Hart, and the ability to recall Amber Weeks as needed, pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room.

Motion Passed 7– 0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:01 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:01 PM

Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into a 30-minute Executive Session in order to discuss potential candidates for employment with the board, Dr. Britton Hart, and the ability to recall Amber Weeks as needed, pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room.

Motion Passed 7– 0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:01 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:31 PM

Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into a 30-minute Executive Session in order to discuss potential candidates for employment with the board, Dr. Britton Hart, and the ability to recall Amber Weeks as needed, pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room.

Motion Passed 7– 0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:32 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:02 PM

Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into a 5-minute Executive Session in order to discuss potential candidates for employment with the board, Dr. Britton Hart and the ability to recall Amber Weeks as needed, pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room.

Motion Passed 7– 0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:02 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:07 PM

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Terry Powell left the meeting at 8:07 PM

The board recessed at 8:07 PM for 17 minutes.

Returned to open session at 8:24 PM

Others Joining the Meeting at this time: Jan Sciacca (Zoom), Valerie Gehrer, Chris Delforge, Heather Honas, Kelcy Bremer, Jay Doornbos, Evan Carr, Tasha Green, and Angela Harris.

Empty Chair Philosophy

The Empty Chair Philosophy was observed.

Approval of Agenda: Additions under consent agenda include resignations of Julie Koch as CGES 4th grade teacher and Tina McIver as HS Scholars Bowl Coach. Additions under Business Items of Approve Technology Purchase of Laptops for Staff and Students up to \$120,000.

Jamie Johnson (Patty Talley) moved to approve the agenda as presented with the following amended additions.

Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Monthly Bills: Don Alderman (Kelsey Hartman) moved to approve the payment of \$780,729.75 in monthly bills and financials.

Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Kelsey Hartman (Jamie Johnson) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Motion passed 6-0.

Administrative Reports: Administrators send their monthly reports via email and are included in the packet. Any further additions will be reported at this time.

1. Council Grove Elementary, Principal Heather Honas and Assistant Principal Kelcy Bremer – nothing new to report
2. Prairie Heights Elementary, Principal Chris Delforge – nothing new to report
3. Jr/Sr High School, Principal Jay Doornbos – nothing new to report
4. Health and Wellness Dana Reddick – not present
5. Curriculum Valerie Gehrer – nothing new to report
6. Superintendent Nancy Meyer
 - Recognized and thanked the CGJSHS administration for their hard work this past month.

Board Member Items:

- President TinaRae Scott – Thanked everyone for doing a great job during all of the recent schedule changes.

Business Items and Reports:

1. **Welding Booths for CGJSHS**
Jay Doornbos reviewed the proposal of purchasing 6 welding booths for CGJSHS. The Ag/shop students will install as a class project.

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TinaRae Scott (Jay Troxell) moved to approve the purchase of the 6 welding booths for CGJSHS at a cost of \$13,053.

Motion passed 6-0.

2. Early Release from Lease Agreement

Jamie Johnson (Patty Talley) moved to approve the early release for Emily Hrencher one month early from her lease agreement on June 20, 2024.

Motion passed 6-0.

3. Present December 2023 KASB Policies and Forms – JDDAA and JGFGBA

Superintendent Meyer presented on KASB policies JDDAA Student Misuse of Medication and JGFGBA Student Self-Administration of Medication. She has received feedback from District Health Nurse Dana Reddick. The policies will be an action item at the March board meeting.

4. 2024 – 2025 School Calendar

Curriculum Director Valerie Gehrler led a discussion on the 2024-2025 School Calendar.

Kelsey Hartman (Jamie Johnson) moved to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar as presented.

Motion passed 6-0.

5. RFP – CDs

Superintendent Meyer reviewed the RFPs received from Farmers and Drovers, Emprise and Citizens State Bank for the 2 Certificate of Deposits.

Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman) moved to accept each RFP for 12 months at 5.25% from Farmers and Drovers Bank for Certificate ‘N’ and Certificate ‘L’.

Motion passed 6-0.

6. Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative Articles of Agreement

Jay Troxell (Kelsey Hartman) moved to approve the amendment of Article IV – Section 1 (Finance) of the Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative Articles of Agreement document as submitted.

Motion passed 6-0.

7. Approve Technology Purchase of Laptops for Staff and Students up to \$120,000

Superintendent Meyer discussed the proposal for the replacement laptop purchases.

Jamie Johnson (Patty Talley) moved to approve the purchase of tech devices for replacement year 2024-2025 up to \$120,000.

Motion passed 6-0.

8. Executive Session for Personnel

Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into a 30-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 Meyer with action to be taken and the open meeting will resume in the board room.

Motion Passed 6– 0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:05 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:35 PM

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Jamie Johnson recused herself at 9:37 P.M.

9. CGES Principal

Kelsey Hartman (Jay Troxell) moved to approve the hiring of Kelcy Bremer as CGES Principal for the 2024-2025 school year for a 1 year contract.
Motion passed 5-0.

Kelsey Hartman (Jay Troxell) moved to approve the hiring of Tasha Green as CGES Assistant Principal for the 2024-2025 school year for a 1 year contract.
Motion passed 5-0.

10. Administrator Contract Renewal

Kelsey Hartman (Patty Talley) moved to approve the contract renewal of Valerie Gehrer, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment through 6/30/2026.
Motion passed 5-0.

Kelsey Hartman (Jay Troxell) moved to approve the contract renewal of Jay Doornbos, CGJSHS Principal through 6/30/2026.
Motion passed 5-0.

Kelsey Hartman (Patty Talley) moved to approve the contract renewal of Matt Fox, CGJSHS Assistant Principal/Activities Director through 6/30/2026.
Motion passed 5-0.

Kelsey Hartman (Patty Talley) moved to approve the contract renewal of Chris Delforge, PHES Principal through 6/30/2026.
Motion passed 5-0.

Jamie Johnson returned at 9:41 P.M.

Adjournment:

Next Regular Meeting – March 18th, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 P.M. by President TinaRae Scott

APPROVED:

Amber Weeks, USD 417 Board Clerk

TinaRae Scott, President, BOE