

USD 417 Board of Education  
6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting  
July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
USD 417 District Office  
17 Wood Street, Council Grove, Kansas 66846

**REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by USD 417 BOE President TinaRae Scott.

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

**Members Absent:** Terry Powell

**Others Present:** Superintendent Tyson Eslinger, Amber Weeks, Mike Argabright, Matt Weaver, and Jan Sciacca (Zoom).

**Approval of Agenda**

**Kelsey Hartman (Jamie Johnson) moved to approve the Agenda as presented.**

**Motion passed 6 – 0.**

**Election of the USD 417 President of the Board of Education**

**Patty Talley (Don Alderman) nominated Terry Powell for USD 417 BOE President.**

**TinaRae Scott moved to cease all nominations and elect Terry Powell as USD 417 BOE President.**

**Motion passed 6 – 0.**

Vice-President Jamie Johnson presided over the rest of the meeting.

**Election of the USD 417 Vice-President of the Board of Education**

**TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman) nominated Jamie Johnson for USD 417 BOE Vice-President.**

**TinaRae Scott (Don Alderman) moved to cease all nominations and elect Jamie Johnson as USD 417 BOE Vice-President.**

**Motion passed 6 – 0.**

**Open Forum:**

Mike Argabright spoke to the board.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** TinaRae Scott (Jay Troxell) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**Motion passed 6 – 0.**

**Administrative Reports:**

1. Superintendent Tyson Eslinger
  - Legislative session closed with a special session in June and the RNR changed
  - Open Enrollment for students started today. On-site enrollment is July 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - New staff return on August 1<sup>st</sup>, all staff return on August 7<sup>th</sup> to start talent development
  - Transition day for students is August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> day of school is August 15<sup>th</sup>
  - We had 5 nonresident applicants
  - Audit was completed, and budget planning will begin for the upcoming year
  - Building Needs Assessment discussions will begin in August
  - Thanked everyone for this opportunity and is excited to get started in the district

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- Board Meeting Monday – will post videos to update the community starting in August
- Will have an additional session with Dr. Hart from the superintendent search to get scheduled
- KASB Convention in November – if interested, let Amber know this week

2. Other Directors – nothing new to report

**Action Items**

**Notice of Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate**

**TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman)** moved to authorize the district to notify the county clerk of the district’s intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate for FY2025, with a public hearing on the matter to be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:45 P.M. at the District Office. The revenue neutral rate hearing will be held at 5:45 P.M. and the budget hearing will be held at 5:50 P.M.

**Motion passed 6 – 0.**

**Local Option Budget Percentage Resolution**

**Jamie Johnson** read the local option budget percentage resolution as presented.

**TinaRae Scott (Patty Talley)** moved to approve the local option budget percentage resolution as presented.

**Motion passed 6 – 0.**

**Executive Session – Negotiations**

**TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman)** moved to go into a 20-minute Executive Session in order to discuss the items in the negotiations letter pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with the board, Superintendent Tyson Eslinger, and Board Clerk Amber Weeks. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 6:46 P.M.

**Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:26 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:46 PM

**TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman)** moved to go into an additional 20-minute Executive Session in order to discuss the items in the negotiations letter pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with the board, Superintendent Tyson Eslinger, and Board Clerk Amber Weeks. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:08 P.M.

**Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:48 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:08 PM

**TinaRae Scott (Kelsey Hartman)** moved to go into an additional 20-minute Executive Session in order to discuss the items in the negotiations letter pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with the board, Superintendent Tyson Eslinger, and Board Clerk Amber Weeks. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:32 P.M.

**Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:12 PM

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The Board returned to Open Session at 7:32 PM

**Good News Shared by Board of Education Members**

- Jamie Johnson – is excited for the Seussical Jr Musical is July 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> at the CGJSHS Auditorium
- Jay Troxell – Council Grove is the easiest to work with. We have a nice auditorium with a good set-up, and they appreciate being able to use it for their dance business.
- Don Alderman – is excited about our new superintendent
- TinaRae Scott – several organizations from the district participated in national conferences this summer, kudos to those kids that represented USD 417. The Morris County fair and Tri-County fair are coming up and another way to support our kids.
- Patty Talley – a shooting sports competition was held in Wichita this June. It was great to see the number of students, and it was a fun day.

**Adjournment:**


Next Regular Meeting – August 12th, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**Vice President Jamie Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:39 P.M.**

APPROVED: 8/12/2024



Amber Weeks, USD 417 Board Clerk



Jamie Johnson, Vice-President, BOE