

**Cheney USD 268
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 12, 2021**

1. Call to Order:

Procedural: 1.01 The meeting will be called to order at 7:00pm

President Marcia Kampling called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Brandt Ditgen, Carla Ewy, Julie Peintner, Rusty Slusser and Matt Voth. Member Jarrod Bartlett was absent. Others present were David Grover, Superintendent; Marc Woofter, CES Principal; Ron Orsak, CMS Principal; Greg Rosenhagen, CHS Principal; Todd Hague, 6-12 Asst. Principal/Activities Director; Ashley Bugbee, CCR Director; Lori Kutilek, Director of Teaching & Learning and Makenzi Logsdon, Board Clerk.

2. Public Forum:

Procedural: 2.01 Cheney USD 268 Board of Education cares about all concerns, information and ideas patrons may have. We will take this time to listen to our patrons. Out of fairness to others, please make your statements no longer than 5 minutes.

The PALS Board was present to give a short overview of their fundraising efforts.

The Board & Administration recognized Laurie Thisius for being a Kansas Teacher of the Year finalist.

3. Approval or Revision of Agenda:

Action: 3.01 The Board will need to approve the agenda as presented or make revisions.

It was moved by Brandt Ditgen and seconded by Matt Voth to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0

4. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Action (Consent): 4.01 Minutes of March 8, 2021, Regular Meeting

Action (Consent): 4.02 Payment of Bills

Action (Consent): 4.03 Reappointment of Randy Leroux to CRC Board

Action (Consent): 4.04 Renew KASB Membership

Action (Consent): 4.05 Engagement Letter with Busby, Ford & Reimer

Action (Consent): 4.06 Special Education Resolution granting Goddard to host records.

It was moved by Rusty Slusser and seconded by Brandt Ditgen to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0

Member Jarrod Bartlett Arrived at 8:02pm

5. Greg Vahrenburg of Raymond James:

Presentation: 5.01 For potential refinancing of bonds.

6. Leadership Reports:

Report: 6.01 Administrator/Director Reports Attached...

CHS PRINCIPAL'S BOE REPORT:

Greg Rosenhagen, High School Principal

CHS Past Events:

- We enjoyed sharing "our story" to the OVT on April 1. Our District has a lot to be proud of and it was very noticeable by the OVT. Specific to the high school, the team members spoke highly of our work on students' Individual Plan of Study (IPS) and efforts made with dual credit, internships, etc. At the forefront, as always, has been our goal of developing RELATIONSHIPS with our students.
- We have had some challenges in filling sub positions over the last couple of weeks in particular. Our requests do not seem that great in number but there are days where we struggle to fill spots and have to be creative in how we provide coverage. I do call on Ashley, LaNette and Todd, and find myself covering quite often. The spring is always busy and our schedule does contribute to the coverage challenges.
- Jera Hoffman has been a trooper throughout her pregnancy and gave birth to a boy on March 30. Tina Wright had spent time preparing alongside Jera as her long-term sub, however, her day to report came a little sooner than planned.
- As you likely know, Amy Meyer lost her father suddenly and will be gone for the coming week. Services were held in Hutchinson on

Wednesday.

- We hear it often and deal with it weekly. Mental health concerns are real and I appreciate LaNette's approach with our students and staff. I believe our staff does a great job in recognizing students of concern and taking necessary steps to seek assistance.

CHS Upcoming Events:

- State assessments will take place at CHS on April 20-22. During this time Sophomores will be tested in Math and ELA. Juniors will be taking the Science assessment.
- We have been discussing plans for summer school and providing credit recovery opportunities. Having just finished the third nine weeks (and for some a semester class), we continue to be in touch with students who we believe need to take advantage of summer school.
- Preparation for Prom continues and we appreciate Shawny Montgomery's leadership as the Prom Coordinator.
- We will be hosting the CPL Art Show on April 28. We are allowing a limited number of students from our league schools to come observe the art and receive feedback from our judges. We have work and observation rotations in place which will provide some real structure to the day.
- Activities and more activities. It has sure been great to see runners on the track, players on the field, and golfers on the greens. Our participation numbers for the spring are excellent. Thanks to our kids for wanting to participate and our coaches for proving their expertise and leadership. I have heard many reports from other schools of extremely low participation numbers.
- Graduation plans are in place and we continue to work on details for the physical part of the ceremony. We do plan to set the gym up like last year utilizing both sides of the court for seating and moving the stage to the far east end.

CHS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AND HS/MS AD's BOE REPORT

Todd Hague, High School Assistant Principal/AD:

CHS Past Events:

- Spring competitions have begun for all teams and we're thrilled to see everyone back outside and representing the Cardinals!
- Regional assignments have been announced. Baseball will go to Kingman, Softball will host, Golf will go to Kingman and Track will go to Holcomb.
- Cheer tryouts for next year are complete. Dance team tryouts are taking place this week.
- The CPL Music Festival was held virtually. Our band received a I rating and our choir received a II rating.
- We hosted a CMS Track Meet on Tuesday that went well. We have an army of volunteers, a mix of adults and HS track kids, that put on the meet. It's great to see the support we have for our kids, school and community from our volunteers. We did find a "short" in the cabling from the field to the press box that didn't allow our track timer to work. We are hopeful the problem is solved prior to our next meet in three weeks.

CHS Upcoming Events:

- We will host our first Varsity baseball and softball games later this week. It's odd for the schedule, but it's the first of four home dates in a row for baseball.
- Prom will be held on Saturday the 17th in the CMS gym.

CMS PRINCIPAL'S BOE REPORT

Ron Orsak, Middle School Principal

CMS Past Events:

- Spring conferences were held virtually. The most important part of this is for 8th grade students to set their class choices for their freshman year. Since all parents now have a smart device or easy access to a computer, parent-teacher conferences at the middle school level are really obsolete. We are looking at other options for future years. Some ideas are doing "gallery walks." Parents come in and walk around the building viewing student work and talking with the teachers and their students about the work. Students creating portfolios and/or slideshow presentations to share with parents.
- The week-long break was much needed and deserved for the staff and students. We are recharged and ready to finish the year doing our best.
- All IEP's have been completed for the year, and we are ready for the transition from one COOP setting to another. We are pleased with the amount of communication from Goddard and excited to see what the future holds for SPED and Gifted.
- Our KESA presentation to the Outside Visitation Team went well. As always, Mrs. Kutilek put all the material together in an easily understandable format and looked great.
- We have begun state assessments and everything has gone well. We will wrap up most of it next week. 6&8th grade math will not test until May since they have the class this nine weeks.
- Track season is underway, and we have a great turnout. We have almost 80 students out this year.
- 8th grade DARE will wrap up on Thursday, April 8th with the pizza and bowling celebration at D'Marios. We are very appreciative of Chief Winter continuing to give his time to educate and create relationships with our students.

CMS Upcoming Events:

- Our middle school robotics teams will attend a state competition on Saturday, April 17th in Derby. 8th grade students will do their annual career presentations on Wednesday, April 28th. League track meet is Thursday, May 6th at Belle Plaine.
- We will be having "move up" day for both 5th and 8th grade students. A firm date has not been confirmed. This gives each group a chance to see where they will be next year and meet some teachers.

CES PRINCIPAL'S BOE REPORT

Marc Woofter, Elementary School Principal

CES Past Events:

- The OVT KESA visit has been completed and went great. A condensed version of the information shared will be presented at the BOE meeting. I am proud of the gains we have made this year despite a pandemic. It is interesting to see the effects of remote learning vs on-site learning.
- The PALS committee has been busy with the Rolling for Recess fundraiser. Several years ago the committee made the goal to purchase additional playground equipment. That goal will come to fruition this summer (if everything goes as planned) and a new playground structure will be added on the existing structure.
- CES started state testing today. The fifth graders kicked off testing season. CES will wrap up testing the last week of school. We are cautiously optimistic that we will have excellent results.

CES Upcoming Events:

- Preschool screening will take place April 12th and 14th.
- DARE graduation for fifth grade will take place on April 16th.
- Kindergarten Roundup will take place in May.
- We are studying the feasibility of developing a jump start summer school for late July.

DIRECTOR'S BOE REPORT:

Lori Kutilek, Elementary Teaching and Learning Director

CES Past Events:

- State Assessment security and ethics training is complete for all district staff involved with administering State Assessments. The assessment window opened April 1st and will remain open until May 18th. All students in grades 3-8, and 10 will be assessed in ELA and Math, grades 5, 8 and 11 are assessed in Science. All students must be tested on-site, so remote students will come into the building to be assessed as well. Results should be available by the end of May.
- The Outside Visitation Team conducted its year 4 visit on April 1st. CES has much to be proud of with our growth in the midst of a pandemic. The team had complementary statements for our action plan and results. The BOE will receive the final report from our OVT at the May meeting.

CES Upcoming Events:

- Preschool 3s and 4s early enrollment and screening will take place April 12th and 14th. Early numbers indicate a steady enrollment like this year in both sections.
- The Spring Benchmark testing window opens April 27th-May 7th. All students K-8 are tested in reading and math. Grades 9-12 are tested in reading. We have been working hard to implement the elements included in the Dyslexia Initiative and are looking forward to seeing our data. This year has required much focus on behalf of both staff and students to continue to learn and grow in spite of the challenges surrounding the pandemic. As always, you can be proud to be a Cheney Cardinal. In the face of adversity, we band together and continue to move forward.

Ashley Watt, College and Career Director

CCR Past events:

- All 18 Career and Technical Education Pathways have full funding approval from the KSDE for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Follow up data for the 2020 seniors has been submitted to the KSDE. Follow up data tracks seniors on their continued education, entering the workforce and their satisfaction with our CTE programs.

CCR Upcoming Events:

- We are looking for volunteers to help with mock interviews for our Seniors.
- The Work-Based Learning Internship program would like to have students placed in internships prior to summer break. We are looking for contacts in the following areas to help our students' develop their career interests (internships would start August 2021).
 - Psychology, Sociology, Speech Therapy, Counseling
 - Pharmacist, Health Care, Nursing, Doctor, Chiropractic, Physical Therapy, Dental Hygiene,
 - Business Management, Investing, Marketing, Financial Advisor, Accounting
 - Broadcasting
 - Performing Arts
 - Forestry, Ag Business, HVAC, Automotive Repair
 - Fire Fighter
 - Culinary

7. Dustin Avey of Piper Sandler:

Presentation: 7.01 For potential refinancing of bonds.

8. BOE Reports:

Report: 8.01 Board members who have anything to report will do so at this time.

Member Carla Ewy reported on the April SPED meeting which she attended. Items discussed included employee records and where they will be kept when the division of SPED 618 is complete.

9. Executive Session:

Procedural: 9.01 The Board will now enter Executive Session. All guests will be asked to leave the room until regular session resumes.

At 8:48pm, it was moved by Rusty Slusser and seconded by Brandt Ditten that the Board to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personal matters of non-elected personnel exception under *KOMA to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, except that any such person shall have the right to a public hearing if requested by that person because if these matters were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed and to protect the privacy rights of an employee who is identifiable and that the Board return to open session in this room at 9:00pm. Motion carried 7-0. Present were the Board of Education and Superintendent Grover.

At 9:00pm, it was moved by Julie Peintner and seconded by Carla Ewy that the Board to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to employer-employee negotiations under *KOMA, whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract and that the Board return to open session in this room at 9:25pm. Motion carried 7-0. Present were the Board of Education and Superintendent Grover.

At 9:25pm, it was moved by Jarrod Bartlett and seconded by Matt Voth that the Board to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships under *KOMA, because if this matter were discussed in open session it might jeopardize the Board's ability to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position, and the ability to protect the district's financial interest and bargaining position and that the Board will return to open session in this room at 9:40pm. Motion carried 7-0. Present were the Board of Education and Superintendent Grover.

Regular session resumed at 9:40pm.

10. Job Offerings/Resignations:

It was moved by Julie Peintner and seconded by Jarrod Bartlett to accept the following resignations. Motion carried 7-0

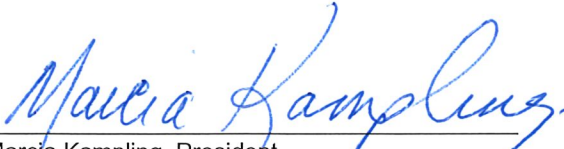
- Rod Scheer: Head Girls Basketball Coach
- Ashley Bugbee: CCR Director
- Barbara Goldston: Transportation
- Thomas Bachard: Maintenance

11. Bond Refinancing:

It was moved by Carla Ewy and seconded by Rusty Slusser to appoint Raymond James firm to refinance the district bonds. Motion carried 7-0

12. Adjourn:

President Marcia Kampling adjourned the meeting at 9:42pm.


Marcia Kampling, President


Makenzi Logsdon, Board Clerk