

**Cheney USD 268  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 10, 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, Rusty Slusser, Julie Peintner and Carla Ewy. Members Jarrod Bartlett and Matt Voth were absent. Others present were David Grover, Superintendent; Ron Orsak, CMS Principal; Mark Woofter, CES Principal; Lori Kutilek, Director of Teaching and Learning; and Kelly Walters, Deputy 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.

There were no patrons present to address the board.

**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 Julie Peintner and seconded by Rusty Slusser to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0

*Member Matt Voth arrived at 7:03pm*

**4. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Action (Consent): 4.01 Minutes of April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting

Action (Consent): 4.02 Payment of Bills

Action (Consent): 4.03 KASB Membership Renewal/Season Pass and Legal Fund

Action (Consent): 4.04 Out of District Students for 2021-2022

Recognition: 4.05 Foodservice Recognition

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

Foodservice Director Heidi Wells presented Mr. Orsak, CMS Principal, with the KSDE Sunflower Spotlight Award to Cheney Middle School for outstanding higher numbers in the Second Chance Meal Program. The Board also recognized the District's Foodservice department with a certificate from KSDE for outstanding service in meal preparation and continuing to serve nutritious meals this school year during the pandemic.

**5. Goddard Special Education Overview:**

Jess Herbig, Director of the new Goddard Special Education Coop #0728, discussed what to expect with the first year of the newly organized cooperative.

**6. Greg Vahrenburg of Raymond James:**

Action: 6.01 Greg will discuss options for potential refinancing of the bonds.

Greg Vahrenburg presented numerous options for refinancing the bonds. It was moved by Matt Voth and seconded by Carla Ewy to choose the plan that shortens the payments by 6 years, saving the district \$1,400,000.00. Motion carried 6-0

**7. Leadership Reports:**

**CHS PRINCIPAL'S BOE REPORT:**

**Greg Rosenhagen, High School Principal**

**CHS Past Events:**

- We are struggling to find an applicant for our IS position in Special Education. Over a month ago, a candidate accepted the position only to turn in a resignation several weeks later. Our only recent candidate who we had an interview scheduled with, withdrew his resignation on Thursday.
- I attended KSHSAA Executive Board and Board of Directors meetings on April 29-30. I was elected to one additional year on the Executive Board as the Secretary/Treasurer and can only serve one more year on the EB or BOD due to a 6-year maximum term.
- Assistant Executive Director Craig Manteufel reported that Fine Arts across the state have taken a huge hit due to covid. Some schools totally scrapped fine arts activities and overall there was a large drop in fine arts efforts and performances.
- We are nearing the completion of State Assessments as we have ONE student who has not completed them due to being quarantined.

### **CHS Upcoming Events:**

- We are hopeful for nice weather for our community service day on Wednesday, May 5.
- Our annual scholarship assembly will be held during school on Thursday. Our junior and senior classes will be part of that assembly. Scholarship presenters and SR parents may also attend.
- The Fine Arts Show will be held on Friday, May 7. The nature of the performances will be a little different due to our "covid schedule" and the timing of when certain classes met this year. The due dates for State Music virtual performances and the timing in receiving ratings have had a major impact on this event. Thanks to our culinary class who will be providing some refreshments afterwards.
- The Pops Concert will be held on May 11 and has also been somewhat affected by our schedule and the timing in receiving ratings. However, we do look forward to our student performances in the Fine Arts.
- I met with the Seniors to go over end of year procedures and plans for Graduation. After rehearsal on May 14, we plan to again do a "Senior Walk" through the hallways of the elementary and middle school.
- I do encourage you to plan on attending graduation. With the smaller stage, our procedure in handing out diplomas is a little bit different. For those of you who are a parent of a Senior, you will have the opportunity to award your child their diploma.

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

Todd Hague, High School Assistant Principal/AD:

#### **CHS Past Events:**

- State Forensics was held (virtually) this past weekend. We had three qualifiers and two participants. Jordan Stoeher earned a I rating and a perfect 25 point score in Informative Speech. Tess Bennett performed an excellent Prose piece. Jalyn Turner and Tess qualified for Improvised Duet Acting, but Jalyn had to be out of town for a funeral and unable to perform.
- We are nearing the end of the regular season for Spring sports.
  - Baseball is currently 10-2, leading the CPL and second in Regional standings.
  - Softball is currently 13-1, leading the CPL and first in the Regional standings.
  - Golf hosts our home tournament on Tuesday and league will be next Tuesday
  - Track has won or finished second in nearly every meet. We have Hesston and League left to finish the regular season.
- We recently hosted our MS and HS track meets. We had great weather, attendance and performances for the meets. Students, parents and community members all volunteered to host the meets. We continue to receive compliments from visiting teams and fans about the quality of our facilities and the efficiency of our track meets!
- We honored Ron Ball at our home track meet, thanking him for 33 years of coaching pole vault for Cheney students. This year is his first year of retirement from the position.

#### **CHS Upcoming Events:**

- Cheney will host Regional Softball on May 17 and 18
- Regional baseball is at Kingman, Track is at Holcomb and Golf is at Kingman

### **CMS PRINCIPAL'S BOE REPORT**

Ron Orsak, Middle School Principal

#### **CMS Past Events:**

- We had students compete in the state Robotics competition at Derby on Saturday, April 17th. One of our teams qualified to keep in the World competition. It will be held virtually this year.
- All the principals were part of the interview team in regards to the IT Director and Curriculum director. We had several great candidates and some very good interviews. I believe we have selected the best people for each position. I am even more excited for our district moving forward.
- We have completed all the state assessments in ELA for each grade level, 7th grade Math and the 8th grade Science. 6th and 8th grade Math should be completed on Wednesday, May 12th. We waited on these due to the change in schedule it was necessary to make due to Covid.
- On Wednesday, April 28th, the 8th grade did their annual Career Presentations. They did a great job. Some of the elementary students come over and walk around. I'm always impressed with how our students are willing to work with younger students.
- We held a 6th grade band and 7&8th grade vocal concert in the middle school gym on Tuesday, May 4th.
- Wednesday, May 5th was the annual "Move Up" day. We hosted the 5th grade students and did tours for them. This was also when Student Council candidates gave speeches.
- The league track meet happens on Thursday, May 6th at Belle Plaine. Based on performances at previous meets, we should do well.

#### **CMS Upcoming Events:**

- On Friday, May 14th the 8th grade will do their annual service day by helping out with the CES Field day.
- The 8th grade recognition and awards assembly will be held on Monday, May 17th at 9 am in the auditorium. Parents will be able to attend. As long as the students do not owe any fees, work, or equipment, they will be released at the conclusion of the assembly.
- Also on Monday, May 17th, we will be having a type of Field day for our 6th and 7th grade students. This is a small token to make up for them missing out on the Camp Out for the past two years. We will provide a hot dog lunch and have several activities for them to take part in.
- Tuesday, May 18th is the last day of school for the students. We will have an awards ceremony for 7th grade at 8:30 am and 6th grade at 10 am.



## **CES PRINCIPAL'S BOE REPORT**

Marc Woofter, Elementary School Principal

### **CES Past Events:**

- The elementary is finishing State and local testing. So far, the local results have come in much higher than anticipated. It is exciting to see the growth that our students have made this year. The State Assessment results will come in the latter part of May or early June.
- The fundraising assembly was fun for the kids as they were able to silly string Mrs. Tolar and Mrs. Watson. They will celebrate meeting their goal on May 18th with a hotdog picnic on the playground.
- Preschool screening was last week. Our numbers are up from this year. At this time there have been 17 three year old students screened and 23 four year old students screened.
- I had the opportunity to interview several seniors this week. I was very impressed with how they handled themselves in an interview setting. I would have hired all of them.

### **CES Upcoming Events:**

What an exciting time to be at the elementary school. One can feel the energy and excitement flowing through the hallways.

- While the goal is to keep everything as normal as possible, there are activities happening every day until the end of the year. One event that occurs every year is the track and field day. This is scheduled for May 14th.
- Planning for Kindergarten Jumpstart is underway. At this time it is scheduled for the last three weeks in July. There are currently two teachers that have agreed to teach.
- Kindergarten roundup is scheduled for May 6th. We will run three sessions. Currently, there are 38 slots filled.

## **DIRECTOR'S BOE REPORT:**

Lori Kutilek, Elementary Teaching and Learning Director

### **CES Past Events:**

- At the time of this writing, State Assessments are 85% complete. The process has gone smoothly with very little glitches in technology. 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 or early June.
- The Outside Visitation Team report to the BOE has been postponed until the June meeting. We are pleased with what the team had to say about our progress and growth.
- Spring Benchmark testing will be complete by May 7th in Reading and Math for grades K-8. Preliminary numbers are promising in spite of the pandemic. Kudos to our teachers and students for keeping relationships and relevance as priorities and keeping Cheney students learning and moving forward.

### **CES Upcoming Events:**

- Kindergarten Round up will be held this Thursday, May 6th from 5:30-7:00. All incoming Kindergarten families are invited to learn about the excitement of Kindergarten 21-22!
- The end of the year activities are always exciting and this year is no exception. We count ourselves blessed to have been in school, on-site for the entirety of the 2020-21 school year.
- Grades PK-2 will be learning a new Tier I core curriculum for ELA this summer. Dates to be determined. We are excited to put more of the Science of Reading into our youngest classrooms.

## **8. BOE Reports:**

Member Julie Peintner attended the last SPED meeting and reported they discussed what to do with employee records and tabled the discussion again for the June meeting.

## **9. Executive Session:**

At 8:51pm, it was moved by Brandt Ditgen and seconded by Julie Peintner 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 9:30pm. Motion carried 6-0. Present were the Board of Education and Superintendent Grover.

The Board resumed the regular meeting at 9:30pm.

\*KOMA Kansas Open Meetings Act

## **10. Job Offerings/Resignations:**

It was moved by Brandt Ditgen and seconded by Julie Peintner to approve the following job offerings. Motion carried 6-0

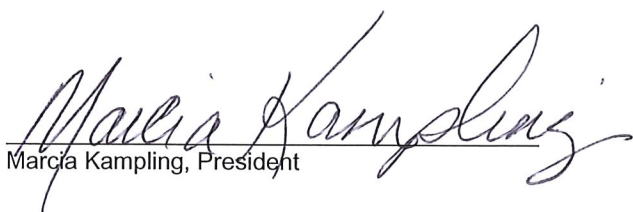
- Sarah McCormick - CHS Head Girls Basketball Coach
- Jill Albers - Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- Brian Watts - Director of Technology
- Kim Bachard - CMS/CHS Head Maintenance

It was moved by Rusty Slusser and seconded by Brandt Ditgen to accept the following resignations. Motion carried 6-0

- Kori Hague: CMS Track Coach
- Chandra Kendall: CMS Volleyball Coach

**11. Adjourn:**

President Marcia Kampling adjourned the meeting at 9:33pm.

  
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Marcia Kampling, President

  
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Kelly Walters, Deputy Board Clerk