

USD 306 SOUTHEAST OF SALINE
5056 E. K-4 Highway Gypsum, KS 67448
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

April 12, 2021

The meeting of the USD 306 Board of Education was held on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Board Members present by zoom: Steve Bartholomew, Dwight Conley, Jill Ade, Jimmy Shelby, Justin Knopf (6:34), Lori Blake (6:45) & Charisse Nurnberg (8:46).

Board Members Not present: None

Others Present: Roger Stumpf, Superintendent; Kelsey Loader, Clerk of the Board
Cassie Gorman, Elementary Principal; Rhonda Wright, Secondary Principal;
Wayne Sager Asst. Principal and Andy Hanson, IT Director by zoom and attached list.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Vice-President Steve Bartholomew.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United State of America.

A motion was made by Jill Ade and seconded by Dwight Conley to approve the agenda as presented. Carried 4-0

Justin Knopf entered the meeting (6:34)

A motion was made by Jill Ade and seconded by Jimmy Shelby to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried 5-0

Approve KASB Annual Membership, Season Pass & Legal Assistant Fund

Acceptance of GSCF Grants

 \$1,445 for STEAM

 \$5,000 for a Plasma Cutter

 \$5,000 for Technology Lab Improvements

Acceptance of Kansas Book Festival Grant \$950

Acceptance of Kansas Volunteer Commission for Youth Civic Engagement \$280

Acceptance of gift from Melissa & Casey McCoy for Elementary programs.

Rules & Procedures for SB40

Monthly Financial Statements

Board of Education Minutes:

 March 8, 2021

 March 29, 2021

Public Forum:

Mrs. Melissa Heckroft addressed the Board regarding the importance of adding an additional Kindergarten section.

Presentations:**Summer Food Program:**

USDA has extended the Summer Food Program through September 30, 2021 allowing us to provide the breakfast and lunch program as we did for the summer of 2020.

A motion was made by Jill Ade and seconded by Justin Knopf to approve the summer foods program as presented. Carried 5-0

Lori Blake entered the meeting (6:45)

Transportation Proposal:

James Seidel with the Transportation Department provided a proposal related to the electrical stipend to bus drivers during the winter months.

A motion was made by Jill Ade and seconded by Lori Blake to adopt the new electrical reimbursement rate for transportation as proposed. Carried 6-0

Summer Academic Camps:

Mr. Stumpf provided a brief overview of plans for a summer academic camp being planned at SES. The intent of the camp is to regain lost learning for students K-6th grades due to the pandemic.

Staffing review:

Mr. Stumpf and the Board of Education discussed the need for an additional Kindergarten Teacher based upon current enrollment projections and how that additional position should be funded.

A motion was made by Jill Ade and seconded by Justin Knopf to add a third Kindergarten section for the 2021-22 school year and pay for the position out of the general fund. Carried 6/0

SEL Curriculum:

The Counseling and Administrative teams have spent many hours researching Social Emotional programs and have chosen Character Strong as the best fit for Southeast of Saline. The board watched a demonstration and Ms. Wright answered implementation questions.

A motion was made by Lori Blake and seconded by Steve Bartholomew to purchase the Character Strong program and pay for the associated professional development out of ESSER II funds. Carried 5/1

Charisse Nurnberg entered the meeting (8:46)

Progress Monitoring Report:

Ms. Wright and Mrs. Gorman provided the Board of Education information on dual credit, ACT and State & Local Accountability Data.

Communications:

Board of Education

Board President Lori Blake congratulated the Leadership Team on the Kansas Can Star Recognition accomplishments for 2020. She also shared as KASB President, she was able to attend the National School Boards Association virtual conference and received a lot of good information. KASB's Women's Leadership Conference will be held in Manhattan next week with space still available through the virtual option. The Board sponsored Top 10% Leadership event will be held April 2st at 10:00 a.m. Lori shared how important it is to reach out to our legislatures on the decisions they are in the process of making, directly affecting public education. Jill Ade updated the Board on the Gypsum Summer Youth program details.

Superintendent:

Mr. Stumpf echoed Lori Blakes appeal to reach out to our legislature. The Transparency Bill recently passed has put school districts in a huge bind trying to create the budget for next year barely closing out this year. Legislatures have not passed a budget at this point, adding to the difficulty to plan ahead and meet deadlines. Mr. Stumpf also shared a preliminary budget on how we plan to allocate our ESSER II dollars.

Principals:

Ms. Wright provided the Board of Education a list of year end events. Mrs. Gorman shared how improved the handwriting of 5th & 6th grade has progressed. Mr. Sager had nothing additional to add to his written report.

Ms. Rhonda Wright and Mr. Wayne Sager left the meeting (9:22)

Break: 9:22

Resumed: 9:30

Executive Session:**Personnel**

A motion was made by Dwight Conley and seconded by Steve Bartholomew that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing job performance of specific nonelected personnel and that the board return to the open meeting in this room at 9:37 p.m. o'clock. An executive session is necessary to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual or individuals and is an exception granted by the Kansas Open Meetings Act. Seven board members, Superintendent and Mrs. Cassie Gorman entered in executive session. Carried 7-0

Mrs. Cassie Gorman left the meeting (9:39)

Negotiations

A motion was made by Dwight Conley and seconded by Jimmy Shelby that the board go into executive session for the purposes of discussing and identifying possible negotiations topics for the 2021-22 Professional Employees Contract and that the Board return to the open meeting at 9:49 p.m. o'clock in this room. Entering executive session to discuss employer-employee negotiations is an allowable exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act. Seven board members and the Superintendent entered into executive session. Carried 7-0

Reconvened at 9:49

A motion was made by Dwight Conley and seconded by Jill Ade to approve the hiring of Jerry Winters, Custodial and accept the resignation of Hailey Harp, Elementary Counselor. Carried 7-0

A motion was made by Dwight Conley and seconded by Jill Ade to approve the hiring of Maggie Westhoff, Elementary Teacher. Carried 7-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jill Ade and seconded by Steve Bartholomew. Carried 7-0

The Meeting was adjourned by President Lori Blake at 9:52 p.m.

approved as printed _____
amended _____

Kelsey Loader
Clerk of the Board