

# Unofficial Minutes

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Regular, In-Person/Zoom Meeting

Wabaunsee USD #329 Junior High, Paxico

6:00 PM

Board Member Justin Frank called the meeting in order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Board members Kelly Oliver, Jerome Hess, Justin Frank and Jim Vopata were present. Board member Tony Conrad was present via zoom. Board members Don Frank and Callie Meinhardt were absent.

There were additions to the agenda which included: Personnel: Approve employment and executive session for negotiations. Jerome Hess moved to approve the Agenda with additions. Vopata seconded. Motion carries 5-0

Written reports were submitted by the building Principals, Technology Director Josh Nisly and Food Service Supervisor Deb Westhoff.

Board member Kelly Oliver moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included: approve minutes from the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting; approve payment of bills; BOE officer elections date July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022; BOE meeting dates/times-2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00pm at 213 E. 9<sup>th</sup>, Alma, KS (October meeting at MHE, March meeting at WJH) adopted at the July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 BOE organizational meeting; Declare weight room stereo system surplus; and approve out of district students. Motion to Consent Agenda. Vopata seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Old and new business, Mr. Starnes updated the board on COVID, new definition of close contact and the isolation period. Mr. Starnes went over the bond calendar and the possible savings of having schools in one or two locations. The Board discussed how they would proceed with the bond and what the next steps are. The Board discussed what the next steps are for the Paxico Middle School. Justin Frank moved to approve the bid for a new 59 passenger gas bus from Midwest Transit Equipment. Kelly Oliver seconded. Motion carried 5-0

At 6:40pm Board member Justin Frank moved to go into executive session to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships under KOMA, with the open meeting to resume in the board room at 6:50pm. Vopata seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Starnes was included in the session. The Board reconvened at 6:50pm. At 6:51pm, Board member Justin Frank moved to go into executive session to discuss the latest proposal for increasing the base pay rate from the teachers pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:01pm. Kelly Oliver seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Starnes was included in the session. The Board reconvened at 7:01pm.

Board member Justin Frank moved to approve Employment, accept resignations/retirement and Approve transfer of duties. These included: Employment: Mitch Baumchen—emergency substitute, Landry Cogburn—substitute teacher and Clint Thompson—Transportation Director. Jerome Hess seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Starnes informed Board members about the \$4,075 check from EMC-City of Alma's insurance company for damages from the ice storm last year. Mr. Starnes asked the board, due to district population changes we may need to look at redrawing our BOE member districts.

Board member Justin Frank moved to adjourn. Tony Conrad seconded. Motion carried 5-0. The open meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Board Clerk  
Michelle Gehrt