

Board of Education Meeting  
January 10, 2022  
Meeting Time at 6:30 p.m.

- I. Roll Call
- II. Election of Board Officers
- III. Additions to and Adoption of the Agenda
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
  - b. Report and action on bills submitted
  - c. Approval of treasurer's statement
  - d. Approval of Board Meetings February through June
- V. Reports and comments of principals, committees, visitors
  - a. Social/Emotional Services Provided
- VI. Report of superintendent
- VII. Old Business
  - a. Summit Learning Discussion
  - b. 2022-2023 Calendar Discussion
- VIII. New Business
  - a. Board Policy Updates
  - b. Executive Session-Negotiations
  - c. Executive Session—Non-elected personal
  - d. Superintendent Contract
  - e. Employee Resignation(s)
  - f. Employee Confirmation(s)
  - g. February 14, 2022, Board Meeting agenda items
- IX. Adjournment

- *Citizens may address the board on agenda or non-agenda items only during the "Visitor" portion of the meeting. Although comments may be made on almost any matter related to the operation of schools, comments will not be allowed concerning individual students or staff members. School board meetings are private meetings held in a public setting. All patrons are welcome and all are welcome to comment during this time. Please keep in mind that the board will listen, and then if there is a concern that needs addressed the board president will have the building administrator or superintendent reach out to you.*



USD 239 North Ottawa County

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, January 10, 2022, 6:30 pm

Brigitte Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Justin Abell, Brigitte Nelson, Tyrel Owens, Brooke Pickrell, Tara Sanchez, Brandon Sauers, and Richard Shupe

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Superintendent, Chris Vignery; Board Clerk; Kim Shafer

Principals: Pat Anderson, Ryan Mortimer, Terry Moeckel

Others present: Candice Sauers, Brian Kindall, Addie Billinger, Adam Sanchez, Jody Parks, Amanda Davidson, Tarin Hauck, Amanda Rensink, Jill Daniels, Ruth Sanders and Jason Parks

President Nelson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

2. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Richard Shupe nominated Brigitte Nelson as board president.

**Motion to appoint Brigitte Nelson as school board president.**

Moved by Richard Shupe, second by Justin Abell

Final Resolution: Motion carries 5-2

Yea, by show of hands: J.Abell, B. Nelson, B.Pickrell, B. Sauers, R.Shupe

Nay, same sign: T.Owens, T.Sanchez

Tyrel Owens nominated Justin Abell as board vice president.

**Motion to appoint Justin as school board vice president.**

Moved by Tyrel Owens, second by Richard Shupe

Final Resolution: Motion carries 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: J.Abell, B. Nelson, T.Owens, B.Pickrell, T.Sanchez, B. Sauers, R.Shupe

Nay, same sign: None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.**

Moved by Justin Abell, second by Tyrel Owens

Final Resolution: Motion carries 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: J.Abell, B. Nelson, T.Owens, B.Pickrell, T.Sanchez, B. Sauers, R.Shupe

Nay, same sign: None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

Moved by Justin Abell, second by Richard Shupe

Final Resolution: Motion carries 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: J.Abell, B. Nelson, T.Owens, B.Pickrell, T.Sanchez, B. Sauers, R.Shupe

Nay, same sign: None

5. REPORT AND COMMENTS OF PRINCIPALS, COMMITTEES AND VISITORS

President Nelson asked if any visitors had any comments or questions. Brian Kindall addressed the board by thanking the new members for running and taking on the job and to our current board members and administration for their dedication. Mr. Kindall then shared a quote by Abraham Lincoln.

a. Social and Emotional Services Provided.

Jill Daniels addressed the board:

- Roles of the Home School Specialist at the grade school and counselor at the jr-sr high school
- Helping our students to see difference between right and wrong
- State has new competencies that all schools will be required to meet
- Reviewed a couple different curriculums approved by the state
- Will continue to utilize and incorporate more areas from Boys Town Social Skills, which has been in place for the last 22 years.
- Short question and answer period between Ms. Daniels and board members

Amanda Davidson addressed the board:

- Role as Mental Health Liaison through MHIT grant (Central Kansas Mental Health, Salina, Kansas)
- Assistance from counselors and case managers two days per week
- Waiver available for financial assistance for students and families needing care
- Groups at the jr-sr high school: Dungeons and Dragons, chess group, mentoring (high school students with junior high students), etc.
- Short question and answer period between Mrs. Davidson and board members

Pat Anderson had submitted her written report online, highlighted as follows:

- Nurse, Tammy Schmidt, has started the vision screening at the grade school, which will take up to two weeks for all students to be screened
- Mid-year conferences have been held with instructional staff
- Several winter assessments are scheduled during second semester
- Fall Grants were awarded to teachers by Cub Backers

Terry Moeckel had submitted his written report online, highlighted as follows:

- Fastbridge – initial testing has been completed
- High school Christmas band and vocal concert rescheduled for January 13, 2022
- KSDE Redesign Specialist, Jay Scott, was onsite for our review
- Link to a KSDE Scoreboard Ideas was provided for further reading

Ryan Mortimer had submitted his written report online, highlighted as follows:

- Winter sports numbers were provided
- Minneapolis Jr-Sr High School will host 3A sub-state basketball

## 6. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

- KESA. Superintendent Vignery reviewed the KESA process and directed the new board members to the district website for further study and review. Included in the review was the 5-year accreditation process and the district's current status.
- Quarantine. Reminder that the district follows the guidelines set by the Ottawa County Health Department. The district does have students quarantined at home; however, the difficulty exists with the lack of available substitutes for staff.
- Opaa. Superintendent Vignery directed the board to review the Opaa update provided to them by Ilene Mullen.
- Wind Day. Superintendent Vignery directed students in Minneapolis for volunteer limb pick up while board president, Brigitte Nelson, directed students in Delphos. It was a good experience for the students.
- Grade School Heating. Although all thought the heating issue at the grade school had been fixed, it now appears that it is the result of a faulty part. The part has been ordered.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Summit Learning Discussion. President Nelson gave a short review of Summit, then opened the table for discussion. Board Member Tara Sanchez, in part, indicated her concerns as follows:

- Unanswered questions from public
- Testing, Focus Areas, Projects
- Some dislike the platform

Discussion with board members, teachers in the gallery, and administration ensued. General consensus of the board is for Superintendent Vignery to again issue a short survey to grades 4 through 11 parents for their responses. Superintendent Vignery will prepare and issue the survey, but indicated that he does not want to set a precedent.

- b. 2022 – 2023 Calendar Discussion. The board provided Calendar A to NOCTA for review. In turn, proposed Calendars B, C and D were submitted to the Board. After a short discussion on the differences between the calendars, the following motion was made:

**Motion to send Calendars B and C back to NOCTA for review and vote.**

Moved by Richard Shupe, second by Justin Abell

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-1

Yea, by show of hands: J.Abell, B. Nelson, B.Pickrell, T.Sanchez, B. Sauers, R.Shupe

Nay, same sign: Tyrel Owens

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Board Policy Updates. Updates to DJE, GAAD, IIA, and JBCB policies were discussed. These policies will be set to the February 14, 2022, agenda for second reading and approval.
- b. Executive Session: Negotiations. None
- c. Executive Session: Non-Elected Personnel.

**Motion to go into executive session for 18 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel, which is justified under KOMA, in order to protect the privacy interest of the individual(s) to be discussed, and Board members will return to open session at 9:15 p.m., at which time there will be no additional discussion. Parties included in this executive session will be board members only. All others are excused. No action will be taken during executive session. Executive session for these reasons is authorized by KSA 65-4319.**

Moved by Justin Abell, second by Brandon Sauers

Final Resolution: Motion carries 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: J.Abell, B. Nelson, T.Owens, B.Pickrell, T.Sanchez, B. Sauers, R.Shupe

Nay, same sign: None

At 9:15 pm, the Board returned to open session. No action taken.

- d. Superintendent Contract.

**Motion to extend the superintendent's contract through June 30, 2024.**

Moved by Justin Abell, second by Tyrel Owens

Final Resolution: Motion carries 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: J.Abell, B. Nelson, T.Owens, B.Pickrell, T.Sanchez, B. Sauers, R.Shupe

Nay, same sign: None

- e. Employee Resignation(s). None.

**Motion to approve the early retirement application of Julie Pieschl.**

Moved by Justin Abell, second by Richard Shupe

Final Resolution: Motion carries 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: J.Abell, B. Nelson, T.Owens, B.Pickrell, T.Sanchez, B. Sauers, R.Shupe

Nay, same sign: None

**Motion to approve the resignation of Mary Hemmy.**

Moved by Justin Abell, second by Tyrel Owens

Final Resolution: Motion carries 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: J.Abell, B. Nelson, T.Owens, B.Pickrell, T.Sanchez, B. Sauers, R.Shupe

Nay, same sign: None

- f. Employee Confirmation(s)

**Motion to approve Keri Ymballa as accounts payable and board clerk.**

Moved by Justin Abell, second by Richard Shupe

Final Resolution: Motion carries 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: J.Abell B. Nelson, T.Owens, B.Pickrell, T.Sanchez, B. Sauers, R.Shupe

Nay, same sign: None

**Motion to approve Keri Base as part time custodian at the Minneapolis Jr-Sr High School.**

Moved by Justin Abell, second by Brandon Sauers

Final Resolution: Motion carries 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: J.Abell, B. Nelson, T.Owens, B.Pickrell, T.Sanchez, B. Sauers, R.Shupe

Nay, same sign: None

**Motion to approve Cleo Simoneau as high school girls assistant softball coach.**

Moved by Justin Abell, second by Richard Shupe

Final Resolution: Motion carries 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: J.Abell, B. Nelson, T.Owens, B.Pickrell, T.Sanchez, B. Sauers, R.Shupe

Nay, same sign: None

**Motion to approve Mitch Shea as high school boys assistant baseball coach.**

Moved by Tyrel Owens, second by Brandon Sauers

Final Resolution: Motion carries 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: J.Abell, B. Nelson, T.Owens, B.Pickrell, T.Sanchez, B. Sauers, R.Shupe

Nay, same sign: None

- g. February 14, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda Items

- Calendar Update

- Policy Updates – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- Summit Survey Update
- Approve Audit
- Administrator Contracts

9. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm.**

Moved by Justin Abell, second by Brandon Sauers

Final Resolution: Motion carries 7-0

Yea, by show of hands: J. Abell, B. Nelson, T. Owens, B. Pickrell, T. Sanchez, B. Sauers, R. Shupe

Nay, same signs: None

ATTEST:



Clerk, Board of Education

Unified School District No. 239

Ottawa County, State of Kansas

APPROVED:



President, Board of Education

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