

Board of Education Meeting
June 12, 2023
Meeting Time at 6:30 p.m.

- I. Roll Call
- II. Additions to and Adoption of the Agenda
- III. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
 - b. Report and action on bills submitted
 - c. Approval of treasurer's statement
- IV. Reports and comments of principals, committees, visitors
- V. Report of superintendent
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Book Challenge
 - b. Live Stream Meetings
- VII. New Business
 - a. 2022-2023 Budget Close Out Motion
 - b. 2023-2024 MJSHS Handbook Changes
 - c. 2023-2024 MGS Handbook Changes
 - d. Needs Assessment
 - e. Classified Salary Considerations
 - f. Executive Session-Negotiations
 - g. Executive Session- Non-elected personnel
 - h. Salary Considerations for Administration
 - i. Employee Resignation(s)
 - j. Employee Confirmation(s)
 - k. Visitors Comments
 - l. July 2023 Board Meeting agenda items
- VIII. 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, June 12th, 2023, 6:30 pm

Brandon Sauers called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Tara Sanchez.

Others Present: Superintendent, Chris Vignery; Board Clerk; Keri Ymballa

Principals: Terry Moeckel and Pat Anderson were present. Ryan Mortimer joined the meeting via zoom.

Patrons: Candice Sauers, David Crosson, Josh Braswell, and Kathy Scharplaz.

Vice President Sauers led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

Moved by Brigitte Nelson, second by Justin Abell

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

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

Nay, same sign: None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Justin Abell, second by Brigitte Nelson

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

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

Nay, same sign: None

4. REPORT AND COMMENTS OF PRINCIPALS, COMMITTEES AND VISITORS

Vice President, Brandon Sauers asked if there were any comments from visitors.

Terry Moeckel submitted his report online and reviewed it for the board. He mentioned that May wrapped up well after having prom, graduation, 8th grade field trip, and several other activities. Mrs. Kristina Harris is moving to MJSHS and a classroom has been added in the PBL room for her. The new English teacher Kacia Bowles came checked out her classroom today. He also mentioned the policy regarding substance abuse and that it hasn't been updated for 10 years. This policy needs to be revisited especially with the vaping issues that have come in recent years.

Pat Anderson submitted her report online and then reviewed it for the board as well. She mentioned that summer school had an average of 80 students enrolled and the average attendance was 65 students. They are preparing for training for Bookworms new ELA curriculum. Maintenance is painting and the new mulch arrived for the playground. She also discussed the tier scores that were included in her report.

Ryan Mortimer discussed his report via zoom. Summer is slowing down and they are ordering for fall. The main item he discussed was the state legislature that passed that home school students can now compete in school sports. This is effective July 1. They have not sent out all of the details yet. Once he knows more he will bring it to the next board meeting.

5. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent Vignery reviewed legislative that Mr. Mortimer discussed regarding home school students participating in sports. He also reviewed Nurse Tammy's annual report that shows a summary of students seen for the year. Hannah Lott has been moved to the full-time Nurse position. The district does want to replace the part-time Nurse position that Hannah was in. Two custodians are still needed as well as substitute bus drivers. All the teachers have been hired that were needed except for one 3rd grade teacher. A secretary at the grade school is still needed and two 305 para positions haven't been filled yet either.
- Javelin runway – Mr. Vignery did research on this and discussed with the board.
- Playground mulch update – They are hoping to have the mulch installed by Thursday evening. They have volunteers coming at 9:30 am on Thursday.
- Open enrollment – This is in legislature and will make it that any student from any district can enroll at USD 239. If this is approved we will have to take all out-of-district students the first year. A policy will need to be approved for measures taken if a student isn't in good standing. Class capacity levels will be set each January. They can apply between June 1 and June 30 each year. If there are more applicants than spots available then there is a drawing. A teacher's child and a sibling of current student are the only exceptions.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Book Challenge – A discussion ensued regarding keeping the book "The Journey of Coyote Sunrise" in the library at the grade school or removing it. Brigitte Nelson read the book and asked others to as well. She mentions that it was a good story and most didn't even catch any of the references that are being pointed out. Richard Shupe discussed how it isn't a required reading but maybe parents could be notified somehow when a student checks out a book that has been challenged. Brook Pickrell believes that the book encourages disrespect. Tyrel Owens isn't sure that it is 4th grade appropriate. Brooke Pickrell also mentions that there needs to be a notification system for parents if students check a book out that has been challenged. She isn't comfortable with the book in the grade school library. Needs a parental advisory on it. Richard Shupe thinks that an email to parents would be a good way to notify parents. Justin Abell mentioned that vote needs to be separate for removing the book and then a policy to email parents. Richard Shupe also mentioned that the challenge form needs updated as well.

Motion to keep the book "The Journey of Coyote Sunrise" in the MGS library.

Moved by Justin Abell, second by Brigitte Nelson

Final Resolution: Motion carries 5-1

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

Nay, same sign: B. Pickrell

- b. Live Stream Meetings – Superintendent Vignery mentioned that President Sanchez had requested looking into this option. He sent a survey to other schools if they live stream. The majority do not but a few do record it and put it on YouTube later.

Motion to live stream USD 239 Board of Education meetings.

Moved by Tyrel Owens, second by Richard Shupe

Final Resolution: Motion carries 4-2

Yea, by show of hands: R. Shupe, B. Sauers, B. Pickrell, T. Owens

Nay, same sign: J. Abell, B. Nelson

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2022-2023 Budget Close Out Motion –

I move that the Superintendent of Schools be allowed to expend the 2022-2023 legal maximum general fund budget and the 2022 – 2023 legal maximum local option budget. The Superintendent is directed to transfer dollars as available to the appropriate funds and to make necessary purchases for the 2023 – 2024 school year in accordance with available funds.

Motion to close out the 2022-2023 budget.

Moved by Tyrel Owens, second by Brigitte Nelson

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

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

Nay, same sign: None

b. 2023-2024 MJSHS Handbook Changes

- Discipline Changes – the changes made in this section are mainly wording changes. Brigitte Nelson asked some questions regarding class points. Richard Shupe asked if ISS is just a study hall and if there is anything else they can do with students in ISS. Mr. Mortimer said that it is a state law that they work on homework. He said they did add a Saturday school session and they are going to try this for one year.

Motion to approve the MJSHS 2023-2024 Handbook changes.

Moved by Brigitte Nelson, second by Justin Abell

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

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

Nay, same sign: None

c. 2023-2024 MGS Handbook Changes

- Just a few housekeeping changes and nothing major has changed or is new.

Motion to approve the MGS 2023-2024 Handbook changes.

Moved by Brigitte Nelson, second by Richard Shupe

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

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

Nay, same sign: None

d. Needs Assessment

- The requirement to review needs assessments was put in place by legislature. The board is required to review the 2022 state assessments for needs assessments. This can help determine how money is allocated to improve scores. The state wants 75% of students at a level 3 and 4. Superintendent Vignery reviewed the scores with the board. Justin Abell asked why additional substitutes for test times was included in the summary. Mrs. Anderson mentioned that some teachers think they if they had more time to collaborate that might help. Mr. Abell asked about the 14 going straight to work force and just wants to make sure we are doing all we can if students are wanting to go to college or trade school rather than workforce.

Motion to approve the USD 239 Needs Assessment.

Moved by Tyrel Owens, second by Brigitte Nelson

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

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

Nay, same sign: None

e. Classified Salary Considerations

Motion to approve the Classified salary increases as presented.

Moved by Justin Abell, second by Tyrel Owens

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

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

Nay, same sign: None

f. Executive Session-Negotiations.

The Board of Education moved to go into Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume at 8:26 pm, at which time there will be no additional discussion. No action will be taken during executive session. Executive session for these reasons is authorized by KSA 65-4319.

Moved by Brigitte Nelson, second by Justin Abell

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

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

Nay, same sign: None

8:16 pm: Six board members recessed to executive session

8:16 pm: Superintendent Vignery joined executive session

8:26 pm: the Board requested 10 additional minutes.

The Board of Education moved to go into Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume at 8:36 pm, at which time there will be no additional discussion. No action will be taken during executive session. Executive session for these reasons is authorized by KSA 65-4319.

Moved by Brandon Sauers, second by Tyrel Owens

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

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

Nay, same sign: None

8:26 pm: Six board members recessed to executive session

8:26 pm: Superintendent Vignery joined executive session

8:36 pm: the Board returned to open session.

g. Executive Session-Non-Elected Personnel.

h. Salary Considerations for Administration

Motion to approve the salary considerations for Administration as presented.

Moved by Justin Abell, second by Richard Shupe

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

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

Nay, same sign: None

i. Employee Resignation(s). None

j. Employee Confirmation(s). None

k. Visitor Comments

- David Crosson – Mr. Crosson wanted to thank the board for the opportunity to talk about the book. He is disappointed as a patron. The book may not need banned but there does need to be parental notification. The review process is also inadequate and vague. We need to make sure books have a parental advisory if needed. He also mentioned that live streaming meetings will be beneficial. He saw a letter to the editor recently and became aware of incidents that he never would have thought would happen at USD 239. Brooke Pickrell thanked Mr. Crosson and told him that she hopes it will encourage others to speak up about any concerns they have.
- Kathy Scharplaz – She is shocked that the book got approved. She really encourages a parental rating. She also agrees that meetings being recorded is a good idea.

l. July 10, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda Items

- Book review challenge form
- Library notification procedure
- CIPA hearing
- District Representatives
- Home Rule

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Moved by Tyrel Owens, second by Brigitte Nelson

Final Resolution: Motion carries 6-0

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

Nay, same signs: None

ATTEST:



Clerk, Board of Education
Unified School District No. 239
Ottawa County, State of Kansas

APPROVED:



President, Board of Education
Unified School District No. 239
Ottawa County, State of Kansas

PLEASE SIGN IN:

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ORGANIZATION

USD 239 North Ottawa County

TIME

6:30 pm

MEETING DATE

June 12, 2023

LOCATION

716 E. 7th St., Minneapolis, Kansas