

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MARCH 7, 2022
5:30 P.M.

The Board of Education of Unified School District 234, Fort Scott, Kansas, met in regular session at their offices at 424 S. Main at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Brian Allen, Gary Billionis, Danny Brown, Lynette Jackson, David Stewart, James Wood

ABSENT: Kellye Barrows

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Ted Hessong, Board Clerk Gina Shelton, Dalaina Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Connie Billionis, Bryce Daly, Daniel Koppa, Jason Silvers

OPEN THE MEETING – 5:30 P.M.

President Wood opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

CONSIDER OFFICIAL AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Billionis, and carried by unanimous vote that the board approve the official agenda.

CONSIDER CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Brown, and carried by unanimous vote that the board approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes
- b. Bills and Claims
- c. Payroll – February 18, 2022 - \$1,430,227.49
- d. Financial Report
- e. Activity Funds

PUBLIC FORUM

No patrons addressed the board. Superintendent Hessong read a letter in regard to safety precautions which was submitted by patron Tracy King.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Written reports were shared with board members and are included:

ACADEMIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dalaina Smith, Academic Director, presented and shared a written report with board members. The report is included:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ted Hessong presented a report.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Gina Shelton, Finance Director/Board Clerk, presented a report.

ESSER III UPDATE

Superintendent Hessong presented information regarding ESSER III in regard to conversations and results of meetings set up with architects to review preschool options. There was discussion regarding surveys taken and the community meetings taking place. There was discussion of additional conversations to hold and the need to market them more.

A scheduled community conversation will be held on March 8, at the Fort Scott High School Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.

CONSIDER CONTRACT FOR PRESCHOOL CENTER OPTIONS

It was moved by Mr. Billionis, seconded by Mr. Wood, and carried by unanimous vote that the board approve the following contract:

CONSIDER PRE-FUNDING OF EARLY RETIREMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

It was moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Allen, and carried by unanimous vote that the board approve the following recommendation:

CONSIDER GREENBUSH PERKINS CONSORTIUM MEMBERSHIP

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Wood, and carried by unanimous vote that the board join the Greenbush consortium for the Perkins Grant.

CONSIDER BOILER REPAIR BIDS

It was moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Stewart, and carried by unanimous vote that the board approve the following bid:

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board members shared comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:54 P.M.

It was moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Allen, and carried by unanimous vote that the board go into executive session in the board room to discuss the 2022-23 negotiation items pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and for the open meeting to resume in the board room at 7:10 p.m.

The executive session was required to protect the employer-employee negotiations.

The board invited Superintendent Hessong and Gina Shelton, Finance Director/Board Clerk, to attend the executive session.

OPEN SESSION – 7:10 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:10 P.M.

It was moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Stewart, and carried by unanimous vote that the board go into executive session in the board room to discuss the 2022-23 negotiation items pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and for the open meeting to resume in the board room at 7:17 p.m.

The executive session was required to protect the employer-employee negotiations.

The board invited Superintendent Hessong and Gina Shelton, Finance Director/Board Clerk, to attend the executive session.

OPEN SESSION – 7:17 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:17 P.M.

It was moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Allen, and carried by unanimous vote that the board go into executive session in the board room to discuss the preliminary acquisition of property pursuant to the acquisition of property exception under KOMA and for the open meeting to resume in the board room at 7:32 p.m.

The executive session was required to protect the negotiating position of the district.

The board invited Superintendent Hessong and Gina Shelton, Finance Director/Board Clerk, to attend the executive session.

OPEN SESSION – 7:32 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:32 P.M.

It was moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Allen, and carried by unanimous vote that the board go into executive session in the board room to discuss the employment of personnel for the 2022-23 school year pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and for the open meeting to resume in the board room at 7:52 p.m.

The executive session was required to protect the privacy rights of an identifiable individual.

The board invited Superintendent Hessong and Gina Shelton, Finance Director/Board Clerk, to attend the executive session.

OPEN SESSION – 7:52 P.M.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Mr. Billionis, seconded by Mr. Stewart, and carried by unanimous vote that the board approve the following employment items:

- A. Resignation of Mary Jo Harper, Eugene Ware music teacher, effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year
- B. Resignation of Kristin Duffey, Eugene Ware fifth grade teacher, effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year
- C. Resignation of William Hall, high school math teacher, effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year
- D. Resignation of Carrie Southwell, Eugene Ware third grade teacher on leave of absence, effective March 3, 2022
- E. Resignation of Jennifer Hartman, high school English teacher, effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year
- F. Retirement of Jim Pruitt, central office maintenance, effective May 12, 2022
- G. Resignation of Judy Warren, Eugene Ware paraprofessional, effective February 24, 2022
- H. Resignation of Jennifer Durkin, high school paraprofessional, effective March 11, 2022
- I. Leave of absence for Hayden Travis, Winfield Scott second grade teacher
- J. Addition of a high school counselor position and a middle school counselor position for the 2022-23 school year
- K. Employment of Suzan Durnell as the elementary instructional coach for the 2022-23 school year
- L. Employment of Jonathon Barnes as a high school social studies teacher for the 2022-23 school year
- M. Employment of Lannette Wood as a high school paraprofessional for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year
- N. Employment of Makyah Goldsby as a middle school intramural track coach for the 2021-22 school year

- O. Employment of Kathi Hall as a high school assistant softball coach for the 2021-22 school year; a stipend for Dave Martin as a high school assistant swim coach for the 2021-22 school year
- P. Addition of a high school assistant boys' tennis coach for the 2021-22 school year

ADJOURN – 7:53 P.M.

ATTEST:

Board President

Board Clerk