

**TENTATIVE BOARD MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
NORTHEAST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 246  
CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS**

**December 12, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Northeast Unified School District No. 246, Crawford County, Kansas, was held on Monday, December 12, 2022 in the Northeast High School Music Room, 1003 E. South Street beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Andrea Allen                      Joseph Polhlopek                      Dan Boley                      Gary Lofts

The following members were absent:

Evan Winder                      Deborah Russell                      Matt Zamora

Also Present:    Dr. Ray Streeter, Superintendent                      Tiffany Forester, Board Clerk  
                         Kevin Mitchelson, Board Attorney                      Russ Cramer, High School Principal  
                         Chris Hattabaugh, Junior High Principal                      Kerstin Womble, Elementary Principal  
                         Cory Strong, SRO                      Jennifer Turner, Parent  
                         Gauge Tomasi, Student

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Polhlopek opened the board meeting at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and then President Polhlopek shared the district mission statement. James Vilmer was not present to speak to the board, as originally scheduled. Jennifer Turner requested to speak to the board:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - STUDENT MATTER - 6:02 P.M.**

It was moved by Mr. Lofts, seconded by Mr. Polhlopek, and carried with a unanimous vote that the board go into a closed, executive session for thirty minutes to discuss a matter affecting a student exception under KOMA. The open meeting will resume at 6:32 p.m in the high school music room.

The executive session was required to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed.

The board invited Jennifer Turner, Russ Cramer, Ray Streeter, and Kevin Mitchelson to attend the executive session.

Jennifer Turner exits the executive session at 6:28 p.m.

Gauge Tomasi was invited into the executive session at 6:29 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION - 6:32 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - STUDENT MATTER - 6:33 P.M.**

It was moved by Mrs. Allen, seconded by Mr. Lofts, and carried with a unanimous vote that the board go into a closed, executive session for an additional thirty minutes to discuss a matter affecting a student exception under KOMA. The open meeting will resume at 7:03 p.m in the high school music room.

The executive session was required to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed.

The board invited Gauge Tomasi, Russ Cramer, Ray Streeter, and Kevin Mitchelson to attend the executive session.

Gauge Tomasi exits the executive session at 6:44 p.m.

## **REGULAR SESSION - 7:03 P.M.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Mr. Boley, seconded by Mrs. Allen, and carried with a unanimous vote to approve the following items and additions to the agenda:

- a. Approval of Agenda
  - Addition of b. Alice Training for Officer Strong under Discussion Items
  - Addition of c. Food Pantry Donation from CNB under Action Items
- b. Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2022
- c. Approval of Bills and Financial Reports

### **REPORTS**

- a. Technology Report
- b. Transportation Report
- c. Maintenance Report
- d. Food Service Report
- e. Athletic Director Reports
- f. Principal Reports
- g. Superintendent Report
  - State tax revenues for the month of November were \$642.3 million which is 2.5% more than last November.
  - The KASB Conference was held in early November in Wichita. This was a great learning experience and Dr. Streeter would like to invite board members to attend the conference with him next year.
  - KASB Policy Updates are still in the works and will be approved once the documents are complete.
  - KESA Update
  - An administrator meeting was held on December 7th and the following items were discussed:
    - One hour session on December 16th to focus on posting learning objectives daily in the classroom and the impact it has on student learning.
    - Promoting the district app at basketball games to improve communication with all stakeholders.
    - Discussion on how to empower the teachers to become teacher leaders within the building/district to promote continuous learning and improvement.
- h. Board Member Report
  - Mr. Lofts provided the Interlocal minutes from the November 9, 2022 meeting.
  - Mr. Boley gave an update on the happenings at CTEC.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. SEK Interlocal indicator 10 information and process

Due to the disproportionate number of SPED students in our district, KSDE has communicated with the Interlocal and our district a plan to address the high number of SPED students and what measures we are addressing to find the root cause of the issue. With coordination from the Interlocal, the state has been contacted about getting a team from TASN to come and assist with this process.

- b. ALICE Training for Officer Strong

Cory Strong, SRO, will be attending an ALICE training in Strong City the last week of December. This training will certify him to be an ALICE instructor. With this certification he will then be able to train the district staff.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Pickleball/Tennis Court Update

Mike Dixon came to visit about his idea of resurfacing the current courts with a track-like material that he has patented. He guarantees its durability and anticipates it will hold up for between 8-10 years. He brought samples of the resurfacing product for the board to look at. Still waiting on other bids to be submitted for this project before making a recommendation to the board.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Cooler Bids

It was moved by Mr. Boley, seconded by Mr. Polhlopek, and carried by a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of a new walkin cooler, with a ten year limited warranty, for the elementary school at a cost of \$39,235 from Joe Harding.

- b. Storage Building - DCS Services

It was moved by Mr. Polhlopek, seconded by Mr. Lofts, and carried with a unanimous vote to approve the budget proposal to have DCS bid out the storage building and concrete work. DCS will then get a percentage of the total cost of the project.

- c. Food Pantry Donation from CNB

It was moved by Mr. Boley, seconded by Mrs. Allen, and carried by a unanimous vote to accept the donation to the food pantry from Community National Bank in the amount of \$125.00.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL - 7:31 P.M.**

It was moved by Mr. Boley, seconded by Mr. Lofts, and carried with a unanimous vote that the board go into a closed, executive session for five minutes to discuss personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The open meeting will resume at 7:36 p.m in the high school music room.

The executive session was required to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed.

The board invited Russ Cramer, Ray Streeter, and Kevin Mitchelson to attend the executive session.

**REGULAR SESSION - 7:36 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - STUDENT MATTER - 7:37 P.M.**

It was moved by Mr. Boley, seconded by Mrs. Allen, and carried with a unanimous vote that the board go into a closed, executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss a matter affecting a student exception under KOMA. The open meeting will resume at 7:52 p.m in the high school music room.

The executive session was required to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed.

The board invited Ray Streeter and Kevin Mitchelson to attend the executive session.

**REGULAR SESSION - 7:52 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS - 7:53 P.M.**

It was moved by Mrs. Allen, seconded by Mr. Lofts, and carried with a unanimous vote that the board go into a closed, executive session for thirty minutes to discuss a confidential matter exception under KOMA. The open meeting will resume at 8:23 p.m in the high school music room.

The executive session was required to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed.

The board invited Don Janezic via speaker phone, Randy Dunn via speaker phone, Ray Streeter, and Kevin Mitchelson to attend the executive session.

**REGULAR SESSION - 8:23 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - STUDENT MATTER - 8:24 P.M.**

It was moved by Mr. Boley, seconded by Mr. Lofts, and carried with a unanimous vote that the board go into a closed, executive session for ten minutes to discuss a matter affecting a student exception under KOMA. The open meeting will resume at 8:34 p.m in the high school music room.

The executive session was required to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed.

The board invited Russ Cramer, Ray Streeter, and Kevin Mitchelson to attend the executive session.

**REGULAR SESSION - 8:34 P.M.**

There was no action taken on the student matter and the administrators recommendation stands.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- a. It was moved by Mr. Lofts, seconded by Mrs. Allen, and carried with a unanimous vote to employ Karen Holland as the High School Art Teacher for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

**ADJOURN - 8:35 P.M.**

It was moved by Mr. Polhlopek, seconded by Mr. Boley, and carried with a unanimous vote that the board adjourn.

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**Tiffany Forester, Board Clerk**