

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2017
12:00 P.M.**

The Board of Education of Unified School District 234, Fort Scott, Kansas, met in special session at their offices at 424 S. Main at 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jamie Armstrong, Vanessa Poyner, Jordan Witt, Janet Braun, Michelle Hudiburg, Gary Billionis

ABSENT: Michelle Parker

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Bob Beckham, Clerk Gina Shelton

OTHERS PRESENT: Connie Billionis, Jason Silvers

OPEN THE MEETING – 12:00 P.M.

President Armstrong opened the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 12:01 P.M.

It was moved by Mrs. Poyner, seconded by Mr. Billionis, and carried by unanimous vote that the board go into executive session to discuss 2017-18 personnel employment pursuant to personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel and for the board to reconvene in the board room at 12:15 p.m.

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

The board invited Superintendent Bob Beckham and Gina Shelton, Board Clerk, to attend the executive session.

OPEN SESSION – 12:15 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 12:15 P.M.

It was moved by Mrs. Poyner, seconded by Mr. Billionis, and carried by unanimous vote that the board go into executive session to discuss 2017-18 personnel employment pursuant to personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel and for the board to reconvene in the board room at 12:25 p.m.

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

The board invited Superintendent Bob Beckham and Gina Shelton, Board Clerk, to attend the executive session.

OPEN SESSION – 12:25 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 12:25 P.M.

It was moved by Mrs. Poyner, seconded by Mr. Billionis, and carried by unanimous vote that the board go into executive session to discuss 2017-18 personnel employment pursuant to personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel and for the board to reconvene in the board room at 12:35 p.m.

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

The board invited Superintendent Bob Beckham; Gina Shelton, Board Clerk; and Connie Billionis, Deputy Clerk, to attend the executive session.

OPEN SESSION – 12:35 P.M.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Mr. Witt, seconded by Mrs. Hudiburg, and carried by unanimous vote that the board remove the following employment matters to be voted on separately:

- h. Transfer of Renee Scales, high school paraprofessional, to middle school special education teacher for the 2017-18 school year
- p. Employment of the following supplemental personnel for the 2017-18 school year
 - Leah Carter – Middle School Winter Intramural Sponsor
 - Bo Graham – Middle School Winter Intramural Sponsor

The motion also included rewording item “h” to read Transfer of Renee Scales, high school paraprofessional, to middle school emergency/long-term substitute special education teacher for the 2017-18 school year.

It was moved by Mrs. Hudiburg, seconded by Mrs. Braun, and carried by unanimous vote that the board approve the following employment matters:

- A. Resignation of Brandy Duncan, Eugene Ware third grade teacher, effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year

July 10, 2017

Brandy Duncan
18480 S 1000 Rd
Nevada, MO 64772

Dear Mr. Beckham:

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation effective immediately. After much consideration, I will be leaving education and moving in a different direction in my career path.

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to teach in your district. I have truly enjoyed my time at USD 234. The district is full of wonderful staff and students that I will dearly miss.

Respectfully,

Brandy L Duncan

B. Resignation of Brett Kramer, high school social science/physical education teacher, effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year

July 27, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter as my formal notice of resignation from my position as a history teacher at Fort Scott High School and Learning Center, effective on Thursday, July 27, 2017. I appreciate the opportunity I have had the past eleven years to work with the youth of Fort Scott.

Sincerely,

Brett Kramer

C. Resignation of Keysha Green, high school paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year

7/25/17

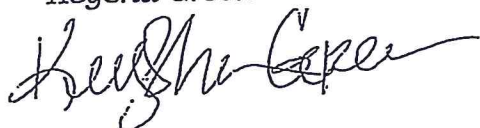
To the Board Education,

I am resigning from my position with USD 234, I have enjoyed my time there.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Keysha Green

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keysha Green". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

D. Resignation of Jessica Marsh, Winfield Scott paraprofessional, effective July 21,
2017

USD 234 Fort Scott Mail - Fwd: Resignation letter

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Connie Billionis <cbillionis@usd234.org>

Fwd: Resignation letter

Bob Beckham <bbeckham@usd234.org>
To: Connie Billionis <cbillionis@usd234.org>

Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 2:40 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Jessica Marsh <jmarsh@usd234.org>
Date: Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 10:24 PM
Subject: Resignation letter
To: Joy Mcgee <jmcghee@usd234.org>, Bob Beckham <bbeckham@usd234.org>

Dear Joy, Bob, and USD234,

First off I would like to start off by saying Thank You for everything everyone in this district has shown, taught, encouraged me, and even became like family over the last 10 years, I have learned so much from every one across the district and am so deeply grateful for it all. It is with great regret that I am submitting my resignation from my position at USD234 as of July 21st, 2017. After lots of praying, shedding tears and the what if's, I have accepted another job that is going to better things for my family. This was a very hard decision and fill hart broken but I am excited for a new chapter in my family life.

Thank you again and I will miss every one dearly!
Jessica Marsh

Bob Beckham
USD #234 Fort Scott
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E. Resignation of Sandra Beth, high school paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year

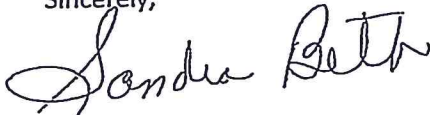
August 1, 2017

Mr. Shawn Thomas
Principal
Fort Scott High School

Dear Shawn:

I will not be returning to FSHS as a para for the 2017-18 school year. I appreciate working for the district throughout the years.

Sincerely,


Sandra Beth

- F. Transfer of Vicki Sewell, high school/middle school science teacher, to middle school science teacher only for the 2017-18 school year
- G. Transfer of Carrie Southwell, Eugene Ware fifth grade teacher, to Eugene Ware third grade teacher for the 2017-18 school year
- I. Termination of Richard Smith, Eugene Ware custodian, effective August 4, 2017
- J. Termination of Steve Powell, Eugene Ware custodian, effective August 7, 2017
- K. Addition of a four-hour middle school custodial position for the 2017-18 school year
- M. Addition of a 4.5 hour, Monday through Thursday, preschool cook for the 2017-18 school year
- N. Employment of Jill Couch as a Eugene Ware fifth grade teacher for the 2017-18 school year

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BOB BECKHAM
Superintendent



GINA SHELTON
Business Manager

DATE: August 8, 2017

TO: Board of Education Members

FROM: Bob Beckham, Superintendent

I would like to make the following recommendations for the 2017-18 school year:

- Transfer of Vicki Sewell, high school/middle school science teacher, to middle school science teacher only
- Transfer of Carrie Southwell, Eugene Ware fifth grade teacher, to Eugene Ware third grade teacher for the 2017-18 school year
- Transfer of Renee Scales, high school paraprofessional, to middle school special education teacher for the 2017-18 school year
- Transfer of Stewart Guss, Winfield Scott custodian, to Eugene Ware custodian for the 2017-18 school year
- Termination of Richard Smith, Eugene Ware custodian, effective August 4, 2017
- Termination of Steve Powell, Eugene Ware custodian, effective August 7, 2017
- Addition of a four-hour middle school custodial position
- Addition of a 4.5 hour preschool cook, Monday through Thursday
- Employment of Jill Couch as a Eugene Ware fifth grade teacher for the 2017-18 school year

- N. Employment of Taylyn Schwartz as a high school social studies/physical education teacher for the 2017-18 school year
- O. Employment of Toni Hart as a 4.5 hour preschool cook, Monday through Thursday, for the 2017-18 school year
- P. Employment of the following supplemental personnel for the 2017-18 school year
 - Tracy Homan – High School Wellness Coordinator
 - Lori Nelsen – Middle School Wellness Coordinator
 - Pam Brown – District Wellness Coordinator
 - Angie Kemmerer – Middle School History Day Sponsor
 - Angie Bin – High School Fall Musical Director
 - Mary Jo Harper – High School Musical Assistant
 - Taylor Schilling – High School Musical Assistant
 - Alvin Metcalf – Middle School Wrestling Coach

It was moved by Mr. Billionis, seconded by Mr. Witt, and carried by unanimous vote that the board approve the transfer of Renee Scales, high school paraprofessional, to middle school emergency/long-term substitute special education teacher for the 2017-18 school year.

It was moved by Mr. Witt, seconded by Mrs. Poyner, and carried by the following vote to approve the employment of Leah Carter and Bo Graham as middle school winter intramural sponsors:

YES – Armstrong, Poyner, Braun, Witt, Hudiburg
 NO – Billionis

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Gina Shelton, Board Clerk, presented a summary and answered questions about the 2017-18 budget.

ADJOURN – 1:02 P.M.

ATTEST:

 Board President

 Board Clerk