

# Unofficial Minutes

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Regular Meeting

In-Person

Wabaunsee District Office

6:00 PM

**Call to Order:** Board Vice President Tony Conrad called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Board members Justin Frank, Jerome Hess and Kelly Oliver were present. Board members Don Frank and Callie Meinhardt were absent.

**Additions to Agenda:** Board member Justin Frank moved to approve the additions to the agenda: Approve Employment: 7-12 head Cheer Coach/Pep Club Sponsor-Cheryl Lewis and 7-12 Assistant Cheer Coach/Pep Club Sponsor-Kristin Berroth. Resignation: WHS Assistant Softball Coach-Garrett Eck. Kelly Oliver seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Written Reports:** submitted by the building Principals, Technology Director Josh Nisly, Transportation Director Clint Thompson and Food Service Supervisor Deb Westhoff.

Board member Don Frank arrived at 6:02pm.

**Consent Agenda:** Board member Kelly Oliver moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included: approve minutes from the April 11th, 2022 regular meeting; approve payment of bills; approve variance request, revoke out of district student per JBC BOE policy and accept KESA report. Motion to Consent Agenda. Jerome Hess seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**Old and New Business:** Bond-Board members agreed to sell the modulars at the Paxico Middle School separately if they had buyers. Board members discussed the next steps for the bond. Board member Justin Frank moved to approve the KASB membership/KASB Legal Services. Justin Frank seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

RESPECT Project: Religious Expression Supports Positive Equity-Centered Teaching. Jerome Hess moved to approve the Respect Project. Tony Conrad seconded. Motion carried 4-1. Kelly Oliver opposed.

Kansas Historical Sites Board of Review: The property at Paxico Rural High School will be considered by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review for nomination to the national Register of Historic Places and the Register of Historic Kansas places (state register) at their next meeting.

Budget: Superintendent discussed where the district was at with the budget.

6<sup>th</sup> graders participation in KSHSAA sanctioned activities per Athletic Director Weisshaar's recommendation: Athletic Director Jeron Weisshaar and coach Brandi Miller were present to discuss the declining Junior High student numbers and how it was affecting the sports teams. This would also include the request to break out Junior high sports as A and B teams vs. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams. This would allow the district to continue fielding teams for MEL competition.

This would not include football and wrestling as 6<sup>th</sup> graders are not able to participate in those two sports in Junior High. Board member Callie Meinhardt arrived at 6:41pm. Justin Frank moved to approve having the 6<sup>th</sup> graders participate in KSHSAA sanctioned activities per Athletic Director Weisshaar's recommendation. Jerome Hess seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Gas Bus: due to not having the bus that was bid on arriving between 280-300 days from the bid, we will cancel the bid/PO that was good for 180 days with Midwest Bus. Tony Conrad moved to approve the low bid of \$86,826.00 from Kansas Truck Equipment Co. Inc. for a July 1<sup>st</sup> delivery. Justin Frank seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

At 6:50pm, Board member Justin Frank moved to go into executive session to discuss individual base performance and non-elected personnel under KOMA, with the open meeting to resume in the board room at 7:00pm. Dr. Troy Pitsch and Mr. Brad Starnes were included in the session. Tony Conrad seconded. Motion carried 6-0. The open meeting resumed at 7:00pm.

**Personnel:** Board member Justin Frank moved to approve employment, accept resignations/retirement, approve transfer of duties. These included: Approve Employment: 7-12 head Cheer Coach/Pep Club Sponsor-Cheryl Lewis and 7-12 Assistant Cheer Coach/Pep Club Sponsor-Kristin Berroth. Accept Resignations/Retirement: WHS Boys Assistant Basketball Coach-Jess Rutledge, By Resolution-USD 329 At-Large Board Member-Jim Vopata, WHS/WJH Wrestling Head Coach-Jamy Dunbar, WHS English Teacher-Miriam Barton, WJH Teacher/Coach-Chloe Smith. WHS Assistant Softball Coach-Garrett Eck. Approve Transfer of Duties: Principal configuration plan-Steve Oliver-WHS/WJH principal, Kari Kephart-MHE/AES principal, Jeron Weisshaar-WHS/WJH assistant principal/AD. Kelly Oliver seconded. Motion carried 6-0

Board Vacancy: Justin Frank motioned to not fill the vacancy on the board. Kelly Oliver seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

**Superintendent/ Board Member's Forum:** Mr. Starnes spoke about the end of year breakfast on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am for the district staff, the High School graduation on May 15<sup>th</sup> and the Junior High promotion day on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** Board member Justin Frank moved to adjourn. Kelly Oliver seconded. Motion carried 6-0. The open meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Board Clerk  
Michelle Gehrt