

**U.S.D. #338 Valley Falls  
Board of Education Meeting  
March 6, 2023  
6:30 P.M.**

**Minutes**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER  
The meeting was called to order by President, Donny Smith, at 6:30 P.M. in the library.  
Present: Donny Smith, Aaron Sprang, Kimberly Kirkham, Caleb Clark, Jesica Clark, Jesse Nickelson, Georgia Hollis, John Hamon and Brenda Henson.
  
2. Recess to tour the greenhouse.  
The Board left the library at 6:30 P.M. and returned at 6:41 P.M.
  
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA  
Motion by Caleb Clark second by Jesica Clark to approve the agenda as amended.  
Yes 7                      No 0
  
4. REVIEW BOARD NORMS & BOARD GOALS
  
5. COMMENTS FROM PATRONS AND GUESTS  
  
None.
  
6. CONSENT AGENDA
  - a. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings.
  - b. Approve Treasurer's Report and Approval of Warrants.
  - c. Receive Keystone Board Meeting Report.
  - d. Receive Site Council Minutes.
  - e. Receive CCC Minutes.
    - i. Approve CCC Bylaws.
  - f. Receive Recreation Commission Minutes. There was no meeting.
  - g. Receive Health/Wellness Committee Minutes.
  - h. Approve resignations as follows: Margo Ellerman as Middle School Volleyball Head Coach and Middle School Head Girls' Basketball Coach and Seth Cooper as Middle School Assistant Volleyball Coach.
  - i. Approve hiring as follows: Jennifer Lotspeich as Elementary Teacher (Column 1, Step 9) + \$500.00 signing bonus. Amanda Vanderharr as Middle School Track Head Coach. Sway Schmelzle as Middle School Assistant Track Coach. Troy Smith as Middle School Assistant Track Coach if there are over 30 participants.

- j. The Board received a written report in the Board packet from Susan Grey and Greg Morgan.

Motion by Aaron Sprang second by Georgia Hollis to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Yes 7 No 0

Old Business

7. Information Items

- a. The Board received a Superintendent report regarding Reality U; Website/Social Media Survey; 2 Hour Delay Survey; and spring sports numbers of participants.

New Business

8. Information Items

- a. The Board did not receive any written communications.

9. Discussion Items

- a. The Board discussed District Goals as follows: Enhance Student Learning Opportunities; Staffing Issues-Effective Use, Attract and Retain; and Increase Parent and Community Involvement.
- b. The Board discussed a bond construction and track update regarding Fisher Tracks.
- c. The Board discussed the District Health and Wellness Plan.

10. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Motion by Kimberly Kirkham second by Jesica Clark to approve to use Healthy Futures-Free Dental Program-Laura Gigstad for the 2023-24 school year.

Yes 7 No 0

- b. Motion by Jesica Clark second by Kimberly Kirkham to approve to provide transportation for the second grade field trip to Lego Land and out-of-state travel.

Yes 7 No 0

- c. Motion by Jessica Clark second by Georgia Hollis to approve to provide transportation for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Kansas City Zoo and out-of-state travel.  
Yes 7 No 0
- d. Motion by Jessica Clark second by Georgia Hollis to approve to provide transportation for the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to UrbanAir.  
Yes 7 No 0
- e. Motion by Jessica Clark second by Kimberly Kirkham to approve FCCLA's request for a bus and a van for transportation for STAR Leadership Conference and \$1000.00 to support student costs and \$380.08 for sponsor expenses to be distributed to the FCCLA activity fund.  
Yes 7 No 0
- f. No action taken regarding the EMC property insurance.
- g. No action taken regarding the summer mowing bids.
- h. No action taken regarding the donation of field turf from VFAA.
- i. Motion by Georgia Hollis second by Aaron Sprang to close Fund 8020 (Old Shop Fund) and transfer those funds to Fund 8015 (Ag Ed).  
Yes 7 No 0
- j. Motion by Kimberly Kirkham second by Aaron Sprang to approve to accept the Fisher Tracks bid proposal, to include the black structural spray for the track, and to not exceed \$451,000.00.  
Yes 7 No 0
- k. Motion by Georgia Hollis second by Jessica Clark to go into executive session beginning at 7:53 P.M. to discuss matters of non-elected personnel that relates to performance and future potential contracts pursuant to the exception relating to personnel under KOMA, K.S.A. 75-4319 et seq. The board will reconvene in this room at 8:03 P.M. Greg Morgan, Stacy Cervantez and John Hamon were present during the session. Stacy Cervantez left the session at 8:19 P.M. The Board extended the executive session until 8:10 P.M. The Board extended the executive session until 8:15 P.M. The Board extended the executive session until 8:20 P.M. The Board extended the executive session until 8:25 P.M. The Board extended the executive session until 8:30 P.M.  
Yes 7 No 0

The Board meeting returned to open session at 8:31 P.M.

1. Motion by Georgia Hollis second by Jesica Clark to go into executive session beginning at 8:32 P.M. to discuss matters of negotiations and contracts for the fiscal year 2024 pursuant to negotiations under KOMA, K.S.A. 75-4319 et seq. The board will reconvene in this room at 8:42 P.M. The Board extended the executive session until 8:47 P.M. The Board extended the executive session until 8:52 P.M. The Board extended the executive session until 8:57 P.M. The Board extended the executive session until 9:02 P.M.  
Yes 7 No 0

The Board meeting returned to open session at 8:58 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 8:58 P.M.