

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 412
SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 412 met for their Regular Board meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM the Hoxie Grade School Library located in Hoxie, KS.

PRESENT WERE

BOARD MEMBERS:	Devan Castle, Michael Bretz, Billi Beckman, Jennifer Carder, Leonard Weber, Reba White
SUPERINTENDENT:	Mary Ellen Welshhon
CLERK:	Mandy Shipley
PRINCIPALS:	Carey Fose, Sharris Werner
GUESTS:	Lance Baar, Miranda Marez-Scanlon, Tom Feldt, Leah Heskett, Izzie Baier, Makenna Heim, Addison Bieker

Devan Castle called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mandy Shipley took roll call attendance.

The agenda for the Board meeting was approved as presented (Carder/Weber 7-0).

Devan Castle welcomed the guests present.

January is Board appreciation month. As an elected and unpaid position, being a Board of Education member is a selfless commitment to the success of our schools. Many of them have dedicated much of their adult lives to the service and advocacy efforts of our students and district. If you see a Board member out in the community be sure to thank them for their dedication to USD # 412.

The Board members had several cards thanking them for their service on the Board from both elementary and JR/SR High students.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:05 PM to discuss summer weight lifting evaluations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Sharris Werner, Carey Fose, Lance Baar, and Miranda Marez-Scanlon present, returning to open session at 7:20 PM in the Hoxie Grade School Library (White/Beckman 7-0).

Lance Baar and Miranda Marez-Scanlon left the meeting at 7:21 PM.

Communications to the Board included reminders about the Board election process. For the 2023 election year USD 412 has four at-large positions. The deadline to file for the Board is June 1, 2023, with the general election taking place in November, and any newly elected Board members taking office in January of 2024.

Tom Feldt held a discussion with the Board and provided a list of summer maintenance projects for their review and answered any questions. They discussed transportation purchases, keyless entry doors district-wide, kitchen flooring and oven updates, and several other items. He also discussed a project that Elementary Principal Sharris Werner has been working on involving serving lunch to elementary students at the elementary. They have been working on the logistics of this move and were given a consensus of the Board to continue exploring the possibility.

Leah Heskett, Izzie Baier, Makenna Heim and Addison Bieker left the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Tom Feldt then discussed any updates he had regarding large-scale projects with the Board. More details about the auditorium lighting project will be shared at the February meeting; the High School courtyard project is waiting on the installation of the shade structure, and the district is still on par to update/renovate the track in one to two school years.

Tom covered transportation and maintenance related information in the previous two discussions and left the Board meeting at 8:24 PM.

The Board took a break at 8:25 PM and returned to open session at 8:30 PM in the Hoxie Grade School Library.

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented (Weber/Baalman 7-0).

- a) Approve Current Bills
- b) Approve Treasurer's report
- c) Approve Monthly Budget Summary
- d) Approve Activity Fund Reports
- e) Approve December 12, 2022 Board Minutes
- f) Approve Professional Leave
- g) Approve Gift and Grant Awards
 - Childcare Aware grant for startup costs & salaries
 - Sheridan County Community Foundation grant for Reading is Fun program
 - Grant from fund managed by Harry Joe Pratt for Reading is Fun program

Department reports were reviewed.

NWKTC: There were no minutes and no update for this entity

NKESC: Leonard Weber attended the December meeting on behalf of Jennifer Carder and the minutes from that meeting were provided. Jennifer was selected to represent the negotiations team for NKESC for the 2023-2024 school year

Food Service: The Board reviewed a report provided by Food Service Director, Tammy Schamberger.

Technology (Board Goal #2): The Board reviewed a report provided by Mandy Shipley.

Guidance Department (Board Goal #3): The Board reviewed a report provided by guidance counselor, Tennille Giancola.

Administrator Reports: Carey Fose, Sharris Werner and Mary Ellen Welshhon provided updates on their respective buildings and the district.

The Board moved on to address the items under Old Business.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:10 PM to discuss administrative evaluations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 30 minutes with the Board and Mary Ellen Welshhon present returning to open session at 9:40 PM in the Hoxie Grade School Library (Beckman/Carder 7-0).

The Board moved on to address the items under New Business.

The Board was presented with and discussed options regarding the 2023-2024 one-page calendar. The Board will discuss further and approve the calendar at the regular February Board meeting.

The Board reviewed bids for technology purchases for the 2023-2024 school year and moved to approve bids from Apple, Bluum & KCAV as presented (Weber/White 7-0).

The Board moved to approve the purchase of a 2020 Ford EcoSport from Tom Feldt for USD 412's Driver's Education program for the amount presented (White/Carder 6-1).

Michael Bretz voted no on the motion for the Driver's Ed vehicle purchase.

The Board moved to hold Board Officer elections and establish meeting dates and times for the 2023-2024 school year at the regular July 10, 2023 Board meeting (Weber/White 7-0).

The Board moved to approve the December 2022 Board policy updates as presented (Carder/White 7-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 10:05 PM to discuss summer weight lifting contracts, resignations and new hires/staff updates pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 40 minutes with the Board, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Sharris Werner and Carey Fose present, returning to open session at 10:45 PM in the Hoxie Grade School Library (White/Weber 7-0).

The Board moved to approve summer weight lifting contracts as listed (Carder/White 7-0).

High School boys summer weights: **Lance Baar**

High School girls summer weights: **Lichelle Baar**

Junior High boys & girls summer weights: **Miranda Marez-Scanlon**

The Board moved to accept resignations as listed (Weber/Beckman 7-0).

Madison Niblock: resigned as head Junior High girls' basketball coach and assistant Junior High track coach after the completion of the 2023 spring track season.

Kellie Tice: resigned as assistant Junior High girls' basketball coach

Devan Castle adjourned the meeting at 10:48 PM.

DEVAN CASTLE, PRESIDENT

Approved this 13th day of February, 2023

MANDY SHIPLEY, BOARD CLERK