

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, March 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the District Board Room located in Hoxie, KS.

PRESENT WERE

BOARD MEMBERS: Michael Bretz, Reba White, Billi Beckman, Brett Oelke, Mitchell Baalman  
SUPERINTENDENT: Mary Ellen Welshhon  
CLERK: Mandy Shipley  
PRINCIPALS: Carey Fose, Sharris Werner  
GUESTS:  
ABSENT: Leonard Weber

Michael Bretz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Board and all in attendance recited the flag salute.

Gabe Coronado, Isaac Dierks, Andre Vaughn, Kane Epp, and Tennille Giancola entered the board meeting at 7:01 PM.

Mandy Shipley took roll call attendance. Five members were present. Leonard Weber was absent.

The agenda for the Board meeting was approved as presented (Beckman/White 5-0).

The Board welcomed the guests present.

The senior students present at the meeting addressed the board with plans for their senior trip. The Board gave a consensus to greenlight the trip.

Gabe Coronado, Isaac Dierks, Andre Vaughn, Kane Epp, and Tennille Giancola exited the board meeting at 7:07 PM.

Communications to the Board included a written report from Guidance Counselor, Tennille Giancola as well as administration informing the Board that senior Levi Gleason had been presented with a scholarship from the Rudd Foundation earlier in the day. The scholarship is a great honor and the Board conveyed their congratulations to Levi for this incredible achievement.

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented (Oelke/White 5-0).

- a) Approve Current Bills
- b) Approve February Treasurer's report
- c) Approve February Activity Funds
- d) Approve February Fund/Cash Balance Summary

- e) Approve February 12, 2024 Board minutes
- f) Approve Professional Leave
- g) Approval of Gifts and Grants Awards
  - Hoxie Hotrodders - \$2,000 (\$1,000 for each building)

Department reports were reviewed.

**Transportation/Maintenance:** no updates

**Large Scale Projects:** An update on progress with the auditorium lighting was discussed. Most of the electrical work is complete and we are now waiting on the installation by McClelland.

**NWKTC:** Billi Beckman gave a brief update and minutes from the latest meeting were provided for the Board to review.

**NKESC:** Michael Bretz gave a brief update, and minutes from the latest meeting were provided for the Board to review.

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

**Administrator Reports:** The Board held discussion with and reviewed reports provided by Sharris Werner, Carey Fose and Mary Ellen Welshhon and their respective buildings/district.

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

The Board discussed the current Board Vacancy. The target date to interview interested candidates is April 8, 2024 at the regular Board meeting. Anyone interested in interviewing for the vacancy and/or with questions on the position or vacancy should contact Mandy Shipley, Board Clerk, at the district office: 785-675-3258 or email: [mshipley@hoxie.org](mailto:mshipley@hoxie.org).

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

The Board gave consensus to establish to the Kansas Department of Education a local option budget percentage ceiling of 33% for the 2024-2025 budget year.

There were no handbook recommendations to review.

The Board took a break at 7:53 PM and returned to open session at 7:58 PM in the district board room.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:59 PM to discuss the opening letter for negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board only, returning to open session at 8:14 PM in the District Boardroom (White/Beckman 5-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:20 PM to discuss certified teacher evaluations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 20 minutes with the Board, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Sharris Werner, and Carey Fose, returning to open session at 8:40 PM in the District Boardroom (Oelke/White 5-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:41 PM to discuss the Elementary Principal evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 10 minutes with the

Board and Mary Ellen Welshhon present, returning to open session at 8:51 PM in the District Boardroom (Oelke/Beckman 5-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:53 PM to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 10 minutes with the Board, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Sharris Werner, and Carey Fose present, returning to open session at 9:03 PM in the District Boardroom (Bretz/Beckman 5-0).

The Board moved to accept the resignation of Mike Porsch as Head High School Wrestling Coach, with regrets (Bretz/Oelke 5-0).

The Board moved to approve resignations as listed (Beckman/Bretz 5-0):

**Celeste Schippers** – Head High School Cheer Sponsor

**Brenton Boese** – Assistant Junior High Football Coach

The Board moved to approve new hires & staff updates as listed (Beckman/White 5-0):

**Andrea Graham** – transfer from Kindergarten Teacher to Elementary At-Risk Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year

**Maggie Koster** – At-Risk Specialist for the 2024-2025 school year

**Miranda Marez-Scanlon** – High School Girls 2024 Summer Weights Sponsor

**Darnelle Keith** – Full-time PreK paraprofessional effective March 19, 2024.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:09 PM to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Sharris Werner, and Carey Fose present, returning to open session at 9:24 PM in the District Boardroom (Beckman/White 5-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:25 PM to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception related to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA for 25 minutes with the Board, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Sharris Werner, and Carey Fose present, returning to open session at 9:50 PM in the District Boardroom (Beckman/White 5-0).

Michael Bretz adjourned the meeting at 9:51 PM.

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MICHAEL BRETZ, PRESIDENT

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024

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MANDY SHIPLEY, CLERK