

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, April 8, 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, Leonard Weber
SUPERINTENDENT: Mary Ellen Welshhon
CLERK: Mandy Shipley
PRINCIPALS: Carey Fose, Sharris Werner
GUESTS: Lance Baar, Miranda Marez-Scanlon, Betha Thummel, Ellie Thummel, Camryn Gourley, Harper Mauck, Jaylen Herl

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

The Board and all in attendance recited the flag salute.

Mandy Shipley took roll call attendance. Six members were present.

The agenda for the Board meeting was approved as presented (Beckman/White 6-0).

The Board welcomed the guests present.

Communications to the Board included executive session to address matters affecting students.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:03 PM to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception related to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA for 3 minutes with the Board, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Sharris Werner, Carey Fose and Jaylen Herl present, returning to open session at 7:06 PM in the District Boardroom (White/Oelke 6-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:07 PM to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception related to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA for 5 minutes with the Board, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Sharris Werner, and Carey Fose present, returning to open session at 7:12 PM in the District Boardroom (White/Oelke 6-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:13 PM to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception related to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA for 5 minutes with the Board, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Sharris Werner, and Carey Fose present, returning to open session at 7:18 PM in the District Boardroom (White/Oelke 6-0).

The Board discussed Appendix K in the JR/SR High Student/Parent Handbook with the guests present and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

Betha Thummel, Ellie Thummel, Camryn Gourley, Harper Mauck, and Jaylen Herl exited the Board meeting at 7:23 PM.

The Board conducted an interview in open session with board vacancy candidate, Haley Herrick.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:30 PM to discuss winter coach evaluations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 20 minutes with the Board, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Sharris Werner, Carey Fose, Lance Baar and Miranda Marez-Scanlon present, returning to open session at 7:50 PM in the District Boardroom (Oelke/Baalman 6-0).

Lance Baar and Miranda Marez-Scanlon exited the Board meeting at 7:51 PM.

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented (Weber/White 6-0).

- a) Approve Current Bills
- b) Approve March Treasurer's report
- c) Approve March Activity Funds
- d) Approve March Fund Balance Summary
- e) Approve March 18, 2024 Board minutes
- f) Approve Professional Leave
- g) Approval of Gifts and Grants Awards
 - none

Department reports were reviewed.

Transportation/Maintenance: no updates

Large Scale Projects: The remaining auditorium lighting updates are scheduled to be installed the week of April 15-19 by McClelland Inc.

NWKTC: Billi Beckman gave a brief update and minutes from the latest meeting were provided for the Board to review. The NWKTC Board honored Billi Beckman for 30 years of public service with their organization by establishing an annual scholarship in her name. Members of the USD 412 Board of Education recognized and congratulated her on the honor.

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.

There were no handbook recommendations to review.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:25 PM to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA for 10 minutes with the Board only, returning to open session at 8:35 PM in the District Boardroom (White/Weber 6-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:37 PM to discuss certified teacher evaluations 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 8:47 PM in the District Boardroom (White/Beckman 6-0).

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

The Board moved to appoint Haley Herrick to the USD 412 Board of Education to fill the member position vacated by Michael Bultena (White/Weber 6-0).

She will take the oath of office and officially join as a Board of Education member at the May 13, 2024 regular Board meeting.

The Board moved to remainder 29 student laptops and donate them to the Class of 2024 (Beckman/Oelke 6-0).

The Board took a break at 8:50 PM and returned to open session at 8:54 PM in the district board room.

Haley Herrick exited the Board meeting at 8:54 PM.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:55 PM to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for one hour with the Board, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Sharris Werner, and Carey Fose present, returning to open session at 9:55 PM in the District Boardroom (Oelke/White 6-0).

The Board moved to accept the retirement of Albert Leibold as High School Foreign Language Teacher, with regrets (Beckman/Weber 6-0).

The Board moved to approve resignations as listed (Weber/White 6-0):

Andrea Lowry – Junior High Science Teacher (upon completion of 23-24 contract)

Noah Nelson – Head High School Boys Basketball Coach

The Board moved to approve 2024-2025 winter coaching contracts as listed (Oelke/Beckman 6-0):

Easton Slipke – Head High School Girls Basketball

Jodi Rogers – Head Junior High Girls/Assistant High School Girls Basketball

Peyton Rogers – Assistant Junior High Girls Basketball

Taylor Rall – Assistant High School Boys Basketball

Miranda Marez-Scanlon – Assistant Junior High Boys Basketball

Clayton Schamberger – Assistant Junior High Boys Wrestling

The Board moved to approve 2024-2025 sponsor contracts as listed (Weber/Baalman 6-0):

Leah Heskett – High School CO-NHS, High School FCA, Junior High STUCO

Jackie Campbell – High School CO-NHS

Kim Robben – Grade School STUCO

Tennille Giancola – High School STUCO

Cheryl Schwarz – High School STUCO

Sherry Franklin – High School Academic Bowl

Carmen Simon – Junior High Academic Bowl
Miranda Marez-Scanlon – Junior Class Sponsor
Amanda Cheney – Head High School Cheer Sponsor

The Board moved to approve 2024-2025 new hires/staff updates as listed (White/Beckman 6-0):

Steven Peterson – 7-9 Science Teacher
Austin Poppert – 7-12 Industrial Arts Teacher
Lauren Jones – Kindergarten Teacher

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 10:08 PM to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception related to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA for 10 minutes with the Board, Mary Ellen Welshon, Sharris Werner, and Carey Fose present, returning to open session at 10:18 PM in the District Boardroom (Baalman/Beckman 6-0).

Michael Bretz adjourned the meeting at 10:20 PM.

MICHAEL BRETZ, PRESIDENT

Approved this 13th day of May, 2024

MANDY SHIPLEY, CLERK