

**Sublette USD #374
Official Minutes**

The Sublette Unified School District No. 374 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2023 in the boardroom at the Administrative Office at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Cody Forester
Grant Webber

Cornelius Froese
Cesar Pena

Shyree Wiswell
Pete Dyck

Members Absent – Lee Mason

Others Present:

Rex Richardson, Superintendent; Charity Ochs-Lathen, Clerk; Rachel Lee, Elementary Principal; Bobby Murphy, High School Principal; Sonya Pena, Curriculum Director

Guests:

Steve Schneider

Item #1 Call Meeting to Order /Approve Agenda

The President called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Froese, to approve the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #2 Reorganization of The Board

Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Froese, to appoint Mr. Pena as President of the Board. The motion carried 5-0. Mr. Pena moved, seconded by Mr. Froese, to appoint Mr. Webber as Vice President. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #3 Approve Minutes

Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Froese, to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2022 Board Meeting, with correction. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #4 Approve Transfers

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Froese, Mr. Dyck, Mr. Forester, and Mr. Pena reviewed Purchase Orders and supporting documents presented for payment as listed on the List of Warrants dated 12/31/2022 and the following transfers: \$52,776.50 from General Fund to At Risk; \$10,435.38 from General Fund to 4-Year-Old At Risk; \$4,707.11 from General to Day Care; \$16,082.73 from General Fund to Bilingual and \$2,678.65 from General to Vocational Fund. Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Webber to approve payments and transfers. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #5 Communications

The Board received a Thank You note from Mrs. Lee.

Item #6 Reports

Principals: Mr Murphy reported to the Board that JV Teams were in Ulysses and MS Teams were at SW Heights. He thanked the Board from his whole faculty and staff for the Christmas lunch and the Retention Bonus. He said everyone appreciated both very much. MS/HS Choir and Band Christmas Concert returned to the auditorium and had a very nice turnout. All the games and activities that had been canceled in December, due to illness, have been rescheduled. In-service on January 4th went well. Snowball Dance is Saturday, January 13th, along with many other activities over the next several weeks.

Mrs. Lee reported that both the Pre-K-Third and the Fourth-Sixth Christmas programs, along with the Spelling Bee are this month. She requested some repair/ replacement be done to a set of doors at the Elementary School.

Curriculum: Mrs. Pena echoed Mr. Murphy's report of a good In-service. Updates on State Assessments have been done. ASVAB was in district and went over options for career interest classes.

Mrs. Wiswell entered the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Activities: Mr. Murphy reported for Mr. Befort, who was at ballgames at SW Heights. MS Basketball Season is over the end of January this year, which is earlier than usual. There was a JV Girls' game added to the schedule. HS Varsity Girls are 2-5 and HS Varsity Boys are 5-2. Next week is the High Plains League Tournament. The High Plains League meeting is January 12th, at which time seeding for the tournament will be determined. Coach Le is offering Power Lifting. It is currently a non-negotiated item. There are 11 students participating.

SWPRSC- Mr. Pena stated the SWPRSC was no new business to report.

HPEC- Mr Webber did not attend the meeting. Therefore, nothing was reported.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Steve Schneider, owner of Thunder Strikes Bowling Center, informed the Board that Dodge City High School uses Thunder Strikes to practice and host meets. They will be hosting 4 meets this year. Mr. Schneider said it is a lot of fun and invited the Board to watch. He thinks a bowling program in Sublette would be successful and beneficial to the students.

Item #7 COVID Policy

Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Webber to keep our current COVID policy. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #8 KASB Policy Book- The Board was given a segment of the KASB Policy Book updates. Because the time needed to read and understand, Mr. Webber moved, Seconded by Mr. Froese, to table the item until February's Board meeting, to allow Board members more time to review. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #9 Facility Use-

Bike Across Kansas is asking for permission to use our facilities for an overnight stop on June 10th, 2023. Due to Summer Basketball and an event the prior weekend, Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck to find out more information and table this until the next meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #10 Executive Session- Non-Elected Personnel

Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Webber to go into Executive Session for 10 minutes. The motion carried 6-0. The Board reconvened at 7:35p.m. Mr. Forester moved, Seconded by Mr. Dyck to again return to Executive Session. The motion carried 6-0. At 7:45p.m. the Board reconvened. Mr. Froese moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck to return to Executive for another 5 minutes. The motion carried 6-0. The Board returned to Open Session at 7:50. At 7:54 p.m. Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mr. Forester, to return to Open Session for another 5 minutes. The motion carried 6-0. The Board returned to Open Session at 7:59p.m.

Item #11 Personnel Employment

There was no action taken on this item.

Item #12 Superintendent Report-

Mr. Richardson reported he had received many thanks from faculty and staff for the breakfast and retention bonuses.

Adjournment

With no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Forester, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

NOTE: These minutes are not considered official until approved by the Board at its next regular meeting.

President

Clerk

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