

## **Sublette USD #374 Official Minutes**

The Sublette Unified School District No. 374 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 2023 in the boardroom at the Administrative Office at 7:00 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Cornelius Froese      Cesar Pena      Pete Dyck      Lee Mason      Grant Webber      Shyree Wiswell

### **Members Absent:**

No members were absent.

### **Others Present:**

Rex Richardson, Superintendent; Charity Ochs-Lathen, Clerk; Rachel Lee, Elementary Principal; Bobby Murphy, Middle/High School Principal.

Guests: Liz Meyer, Jay Meyer, Shay Makings, Jacob Friesen, Greg Stoppel, Nick Leon, Tina Stoppel, Jason Vaughan, Sterling Hall and Kelly Linn.

### **Item #1 Call Meeting to Order**

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Item #2 Approve Agenda**

Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Mason, to approve the agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Item #3 Approve Minutes**

Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mr. Mason, to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2023, Regular and Special Meetings. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Item #4 Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Froese moved, seconded by Mr. Mason, to approve the following transfers: \$55,581.79 from General to At Risk; \$5,634.24 from General to 4-Year-Old At Risk; \$4,015.72 from General to Daycare; \$2,662.04 from General to Vocational Fund. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Item #5 Communications**

Nothing to report in this area.

### **#6 Reports**

#### **Principals**

Mr. Murphy reported that Homecoming events went well. The Todd Becker Foundation event on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> was well attended. The MS/HS Leadership went to a conference in Garden City. The SCCC are doing well. The Freshman will be taking the Pre-ACT on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Student-led Parent teacher conferences will be October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Activities Director**

Mr. Murphy reported for Mr. Befort, who was at a football game. HS Girls Golf was in Goodland on October 9<sup>th</sup> for Regionals. HS Volleyball will be in Leoti for the HPL Tournament on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The girls will play at Syracuse on October 21<sup>st</sup> for Regionals. HS Football is 4/2, and we will play at home against Wichita Co. on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. That night is also Sr. Recognition night, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mini

Cheer will perform at halftime. MS Volleyball was at SWH on October 9<sup>th</sup> and MS Football was at Southwestern Heights. This will be the last regular season game of the year. MS Football will complete its season, and MS Volleyball will play in the HPL Tournament in Lakin on October 16<sup>th</sup>. MS/HS HPL Cross Country meet will be at Arkalon on Thursday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, and HS Regionals will be at Meade. Preliminary HS Basketball numbers have 13 girls and 33 boys signed up. MS Basketball will be starting up very soon.

### **Curriculum**

Mrs. Pena was sick, so Mr. Murphy presented for her. He reported that the Chalk program was a work in progress, but it was going well

### **SWPRSC/ HPEC**

No attendance for reporting HPEC. Mr. Pena did not attend SWPRSC, but he reported from the minutes. He stated that a new employee was hired at the Dodge City location.

### **Item #7 Jay Meyer Recognition**

The USD 374 Board of Education honored Mr. Jay Meyer and presented him with a plaque for his 16 years of service to the district.

### **Item #8 Public Forum**

Ms. Kelly Linn spoke on behalf of the Sublette Rotary regarding the Splash Pad community project. She explained they had been approved for \$150,000 in tax credits. She stated they were asking for everything east of the walking track. She explained that tearing out any portion of the walking track is not an option because of the reinforced sections. Mr. Sterling Hall stated that he was available to answer any questions The Board may have regarding the Tax Credits, etc.

### **Item #9 Appointment of representative and alternates to HPEC Board**

There was discussion involving the appointment of a representative and alternates to the HPEC Board. It was agreed that all members would go on rotation and take turns attending in order for USD 374 to have representation. Mr. Webber will attend November's meeting. Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Webber. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Item #10 KASB Policy JBBC**

Mr. Richardson asked the Board for a first read regarding the new policy regarding acceptance of out-of-district students. The packet outlines circumstances regarding acceptance. We have currently agreed to a cap of 35 per grade, with the option to change if the need arises. We have to have our plan completed prior to the KSDE effective date of January 1, 2024. KSHSAA Bona Fide Move rule still applies to those in KSHSAA-supervised activities.

### **Item #11 Vacant Board Position**

After publishing the request for Letters of Interest for the open Board position on the USD 374 Board, none were received.

### **Item #12 Senior After Prom**

The 2024 Class Sponsors are requesting the use of school vehicles to take students to the water park in Garden City for the After Prom celebrations. After Prom funds would pay for the drivers and fuel. After Prom is not a

school-sponsored activity. Because there were questions over who, exactly, would be attending, they asked to table the item until November's Board Meeting.

**Item #13 District Calendar Committee**

Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Froese, to approve the following community members for the Calendar Committee. Denise Russom, High School; Tiffany Koehn, Middle School; Megan Elsey, Elementary School. The motion carried 6-0.

**Item #14 Disposal of District Property**

The Living Gospel Church was asking to purchase six sets of three-step risers. The Board agreed to sell for \$100 or best offer. Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck. The motion carried 6-0.

**Item #15 Splash Pad**

After several months of back-and-forth discussions involving several proposals, the Board had questions involving their obligation regarding the signed memorandum, the ability to remove any part of the track, and the tax credits. Because of this, they felt it best to table the matter to allow for time to research the issues presented before moving forward. Mr. Mason moved, followed by Mr. Webber. The motion carried 6-0.

**Item #16 Executive Session- Non-Elected Personnel**

Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mrs. Mason, to go into Executive Session to include Mr. Richardson. The motion carried 6-0. The Board reconvened at 8:57 p.m. Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck, to return to Executive Session. The motion carried 6-0. They reconvened at 9:02 p.m. Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck, to enter into Executive Session again. The motion carried 6-0. The Board reconvened at 9:07 p.m. Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Froese, for a final return to Executive Session to include Mrs. Lee. The motion carried 6-0. The Board returned to Open Session at 9:12 p.m.

**Item #17 Personnel Employment**

No Action was taken.

**Item #18 Superintendent Report**

Mr. Richardson informed the Board that the KSDE auditor will be in district later in October.

**Adjournment**

With no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Froese, 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.*

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President

Clerk

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