

**Sublette USD #374
Official Minutes**

The Sublette Unified School District No. 374 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 6:30 pm

Members Present: Cesar Pena Cornelius Froese Lee Mason Grant Webber
Pete Dyck Cody Forester

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Rex Richardson, Superintendent; Charity Ochs-Lathen, Clerk; Bobby Murphy, Middle/High School Principal; Lyle Befort, Activities Director and Sonya Pena, Curriculum Director.

Guests: Mr. Christian Pena

Item #1 Call Meeting to Order

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

Item #2 Approve Agenda

Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Webber, to approve the agenda with the addition of 15A. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #3 Approve Minutes

Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Pena, to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022 meeting. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Dyck entered the meeting at 6:35pm

Item #4 Treasurers Report/ Approve Bills

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Pena, Mr. Froese, Mr. Mason, Mr. Webber, and Mr. Forester reviewed Purchase Orders and supporting documents presented for payment. The Board also looked over the transfers. Those were: \$10,709.22 from General to Food Service and \$3,418.12 from General to Vocational; \$55,937.86 from General Fund to At Risk; \$11,490.39 from General Fund to Four Year Old At Risk; \$5,278.19 from General Fund to Daycare; \$15,944.92 from General Fund to Bilingual; \$545.00 from General Fund to Professional Development; \$8,937.25 from General Fund to Special Education Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mr. Froese, to approve the transfers and bills and authorize payments as listed on the List of Warrants dated 10/31/22. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #5 Communications

The Board reviewed a short letter sent to the Board

Item #6 Reports

Principals:

Mrs. Lee was not present.

Mr. Murphy reported that Jostens met with Seniors to go over graduation and the Sophomores to order Class Rings. This year there will be a meal served at Prom. This will be the first one since COVID. Parent/ Teacher Conferences this year saw 59 of 60 parents attend from the MS and 128 out of 129 parents attend from the HS..

The FFA Students went to Indianapolis and had a great time. KMEA All District Honor Choir will be held in Dodge City later this month. We have many students who were selected and will be performing. The Juniors will be able to take a free ACT at the end of February.

Accreditation/ Curriculum

Mrs. Pena reported the New KESA Standard has set 1 academic goal and 1 non-academic goal. A representative from ASVAB was here to go over the new website. It was very detailed. She will be back in February, to spend a couple of hours with teachers, to give them ways to help students. The state feels there is a great deal of apathy with the ACT. Test scores are very low state wide. We are currently looking for new Site Council Members for the next 5 year KESA Cycle.

Activities Director

Mr. Befort reported HS Basketball will soon begin. There will be a parent meeting later this week. All home games have been bought out. MS Boys and Girls Basketball is in full swing. Mr. Befort asked for nominations for a HPL Service Award. He will be sending out information on requirements for nominee.

SWPRSC

Mr. Pena stated there were not enough board members present for a quorum. Therefore, no meeting was held.

HPEC

Mr. Webber did not attend but reported they have hired a new employee. Current Special Ed. State Aid funding is at 78%. Government would like to get it to 90%.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

Item #7 FFA

Christian Pena gave a presentation on FFA's trip to the National FFA Conference, in Indianapolis, Indiana. They had stops along the way, including the WWII Memorial in Kansas City and the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. They also got to visit Indianapolis Speedway. Christian shared that the FFA clubs in metro areas had a strong focus on tech and in rural areas it was ag. Christian thanked the Board for allowing them to attend the National FFA Conference.

Item #8 Fentanyl Presentation

Because Trooper Parr was unable to attend the meeting, Mr. Murphy presented a slideshow on the dangers of Fentanyl. It is the #1 killer of ages 18-45. A lethal dose is smaller than a grain of rice. It can be taken in pill form, injected, vaped or smoked. Fentanyl is so dangerous because exposure can be unintentional.

Item #9 Narcan Policy

Mr. Richardson asked the Board if they would like the district to adopt a policy regarding Narcan availability on campuses and busses. He would also like information on personnel training on high risk resuscitation.

Item #10 Vacant Board Position

Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Weber to appoint Shyree Wiswell to fill the vacant position on the Board of Education. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #11 Facility Use

The Centennial Celebration has requested use of the High School for a banquet dinner June 2-4. After consulting with Luke Soba, KASB Attorney, it was determined the law does not permit alcoholic beverages or tobacco products on premises. Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Webber to allow use of our facility for this event. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #12 Residential Improvement Grant (RIG)- Tax Abatement

RIG Tax Abatement program allows a person who owns a vacant lot, or undeveloped land, to make improvements on that property and only pay the taxes on the value of the land for the first 5 or 10 years. After that time, the full amount of taxes on the land and the improvements would be paid. This could encourage growth in our town. Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Forester to accept the RIG. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #13 Sublette/ Satanta Cooperation

The number of boys in Satanta's fifth and sixth grade are currently very low. If those numbers do not increase they will not be able to support athletics in Jr. High. There will be parent meetings scheduled to get information out on football. There is still a reluctance for some to play, and we are wanting to find out why that is.

Item #14 Disposal of District Property

The district has a few kitchen items they are no longer using. They would like to sell or give them away. Stanton County offered \$4,000 for our mats. Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Forester to approve the disposal of the kitchen items and to table the matter of wrestling mats until December meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #15 Early Dismissal December 20

Mr. Richardson felt it would be nice to dismiss school at noon on the 20th and have a catered lunch for the entire staff at 12:30p.m. This would be when checks would be handed out. He informed the Board this would shorten the available snow days from two and half to just two. Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Froese to dismiss at noon on the 20th. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #15A-Playground Equipment

The swings on the playground are old and need to be replaced. The swings have been removed because they were no longer safe. The cost to replace will be around \$11,000. There is also other playground equipment that needs to be repaired. The cost for that is \$10,000. Mrs. Lee has money in a grant that would pay for part of the repairs and plans to apply for a grant for the rest. We would like to pay for ½ of the swings now, out of Capital Outlay, and the rest to be paid next July in the new fiscal year. Mr. Webber moved, followed by Mr. Dyck to approve the purchases and repairs. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #16 Executive Session

Mr. Froese moved, seconded by Mr. Mason to go into Executive Session for 10 minutes. The motion carried 6-0. The Board reconvened at 8:40p.m. Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Mason to return to Executive Session for five minutes. The motion carried 6-0. The Board reconvened at 8:45p.m. Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Mason to again go into Executive Session for another 5 minutes. The Board reconvened at 8:50p.m. Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Froese to return to Executive Session for the final time for two minutes. The motion carried 6-0. The Board reconvened at 8:53p.m.

Item #17 Personnel Employment

Mr. Froese moved, seconded by Mr. Forester to approve ESSERIII Retention Stipends in the amount of \$2,000 Certified Employees, \$1,000 Classified Employees and \$500 HPEC Employees. The motion carried 6-0.

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Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck to approve the Supplemental Contract for Kasey Wellman for Asst. MS Track. The motion carried 6-0. Mr. Webber approved, and Mr. Forester seconded the hiring of Mr. Wayne Lee as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, to be paid ½ of the Head Coach Salary. The motion carried 6-0. Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Forester to accept the resignations of Ms. Deborah Weeks and Mr. Dustin Murphy, with gratitude for their years of service. The motion carried 6-0. Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Webber to approve the supplemental resignations of Amy Ball as HS Head Volleyball coach and Christine Zanghi as HS Asst. Volleyball coach. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #18 Superintendent's Report

Mr. Richardson just wanted to thank everybody who was able to attend the annual KASB Conference in Wichita.

Adjournment

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