

**Sublette USD #374
Official Minutes**

The Sublette Unified School District No. 374 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 2021 in the boardroom at the Administrative Office at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present

Cesar Pena	Jay Meyer	Pete Dyck
Lee Mason	Cornelius Froese	Grant Webber

Members Absent – Dave Holloway

Others Present

Rex Bruce, Superintendent; Charity Ochs-Lathen, Clerk; Sonya Pena, Curriculum Director; Bob Murphy, High School Principal.

Guests

Cody Forester, Steve Schneider

Item #1 Call Meeting to Order /Approve Agenda

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

Mr. Pena moved, seconded by Mr. Mason, to approve the agenda with the addition of item #4A. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #2 Approve Minutes

Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mr. Pena to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021 Special Meeting and the November 17, 2021 Regular Meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #3 Approve Bills and Authorize Payment

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Froese, Mr. Dyck, Mr. Webber, Mr. Mason, Mr. Meyer and Mr. Pena reviewed Purchase Orders and supporting documents presented for payment. Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Froese, to approve the bills as listed on the List of Warrants dated 11/30/21 and authorize payment. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #4 Approve Transfers

Mr. Pena moved, seconded by Mr. Mason, to approve the following transfers: \$13,449.74 from Supplemental General to 4-Year-Old At Risk; \$1,359.84 from General to Day Care; \$18,687.00 from General to Food Service; \$30,810.40 from General to Special Education; and \$2,309.34 from General to Vocational Fund. The motion carried 6-0.

Item#4A Joint Committee Report

Mr. Webber reported that as conversations have opened up with Satanta, they realize there would be advantages to the two districts helping each other when needed. Both districts have agreed to continue conversations to see if some joint efforts can happen.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Steve Schneider informed the Board that Dodge City High School has been bringing their JV and Varsity Bowling teams here for practice and will host 3 meets here this season. He was wondering what it would take to get a bowling team in Sublette. He said the regular season is January-February with finals in March.

Reports

Curriculum

Mrs. Pena reported that LINK ended last year and they have requested to extend with the money left over. It will have to be used for adaptive school. Finals and assessments were going on the week of December 13-17th, 2021. January 3rd, 2022 will be an In Service day. She is currently working with KESA accreditation which is due the end of February, 2022.

Principals

Mr. Murphy reported he had a Zoom meeting with JAG to learn more about their program. The Jr./ Sr. High Community That Cares survey is completed. Powder Puff Football and Iron Man Volleyball fundraisers went well. Waiting on results of the PTO Coffee Bar. Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Pena presented to Kiowa County on intervention practices. All District Honor Choir had 8 participants. FFA's trip to Indianapolis went well. MS/HS Band and Choir concert will be on December 16th. First home Basketball game will be December 14th and there will be a bake sale and spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Senior Parents to raise funds for the After Prom Party. The Sophomore Class is hanging Christmas lights for people in the community. The MS/ HS Faculty had their own Christmas get together at Baron's Steakhouse in Garden City. Mr. Murphy commended the staff and our substitutes for pulling together during the most recent COVID outbreak to make sure all classes were covered.. He also reported a substantial reduction in the number of students who were ineligible. Snowball will be January 8th, 2022

Activities Director – Mr. Murphy presented for Mr. Befort who was at MS Basketball games. He said the HS Girls went 0-3 and the HS Boys went 1-3 in the Cimarron Tournament. Sublette will be hosting Sub State Basketball and Regional Scholar's Bowl. The Football program is working on reconditioning some helmets and purchasing some new. Farm Bureau will be buying out the Basketball game with Satanta hosting Sublette on December 17th, 2021 along with providing popped corn for everyone. Mr. Murphy stated we had received a bid of \$20,000 for the cost to move the football goal posts to accommodate next year's 8 Man schedule. We also will be consulting with KSHSAA to see if it would be possible/ feasible to add bowling to our sports line up.

SWPRSC/HPEC

Mr. Meyer stated the annual audit report went well for SWPRSC. Mr. Webber stated there was nothing new to report for HPEC and their next meeting would be December 16.

Superintendent

Mr. Bruce informed the Board that different school organizations were raising money for families in the community who were in need. MLO, KAYS and FCCLA had fund raisers and well over \$1,000 had been raised. He also spoke of the McKinney Vento Grant in which the district had received approval. It is used to spend on the homeless. We have used it on a qualifying family to house them in a hotel for several days and purchase clothes, bedding and necessary home goods. They have children in the district. Mr. Bruce also stated that this school year is tougher with legislation. He reported that most districts were receiving more funding but test results were not improving. The District Christmas party will be December 15, 2021 at 6:30pm. We will have door prizes purchased from district employees who own their own product based business. COVID numbers spiked for a few weeks but are currently going back down. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Bruce are certified to give PCR Tests.

Item #5 Review Superintendent Questions

The Board was presented with the top 24 question based on the most popular. If the Board has seven members they will choose three questions to eliminate. If it remains a six person board they will keep 24 questions.

Item #6 Superintendent Salary Range

The Board discussed and agreed upon a salary range for the new Superintendent.

Item #7 Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel

Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mr. Pena, to go into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance and potential new employee, pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, in executive session, and to reconvene to open session in the conference room at 8:45 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #8 Superintendent Sick Leave Compensation

Mr. Webber moved and Mr. Froese seconded to approve the Sick Leave Compensation for Mr. Bruce. The motion carried 6-0

With no further Business before the Board, Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Pena to adjourn. 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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