

**Sublette USD #374
Official Minutes**

The Sublette Unified School District No. 374 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 7, 2022 in the Boardroom at the Administrative Office at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present

Cody Forester

Pete Dyck

Lee Mason

Cesar Pena

Members Absent – Grant Webber, Cornelius Froese

Others Present

Rex Bruce, Superintendent; Charity Ochs-Lathen, Clerk; Rachel Lee, Elementary Principal; Bob Murphy, MS/HS Principal

Guests:

Becki Wright, Brad Wright, Kathy Friesen, Kenzie Haden, Andrew Reimer, Aileen Gonzalez, Avigael Gonzalez, Rosa Gonzalez, Krista Phoenix, Jack Phoenix, Ivonne Trejo, Brisa Medina, Irving Perez, Sterling Hall, Taylor Froese, Susan Lee, Trampas Moke, Candy Moke, Tina Reimer, Michael Goodman

Item #1 Call Meeting to Order /Approve Agenda

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

Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Forester, to approve the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

Item #2 Approve Minutes

Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Mason to approve the minutes of the January 10th Regular Meeting, January 12th Special Meetings, January 13th Special Meetings, January 14th Special Meeting and January 18th Special Meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

Item #3 Approve Bills and authorize payment

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Forester, Mr. Dyck, Mr. Mason and Mr. Pena reviewed Purchase Order and supporting documents presented for payment. Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Forester, to approve the bills as listed on the List of Warrants dated 1/31/2022 and authorize payment. The motion carried 4-0.

Item #4 Approve Transfers

Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck to approve the following transfers: \$15,780.43 from General Fund to Daycare; \$1,065.66 from General Fund to Vocational, \$37,643.50 from General Fund to Special Education, \$18,132.86 from General Fund to Food Service, \$288,874.25 from Supplemental General to At Risk and \$26,899.41 from Supplemental General to 4-Year Old At Risk. The motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Sterling Hall reported for Sublette Public Schools Foundation stating that there are many funds for scholarships and projects. Funding approval is based on information given by the Board of Education to determine if it falls into the guidelines and stipulations outlined by The Foundation. Funds are paid directly to the source, not the school. Aileen Gonzalez spoke about her coaching concerns and was invited to discuss matter with the Athletic Director and Superintendent.

Reports

Curriculum

Mrs. Pena was not present. Mrs. Lee was in her place and stated Mrs. Pena asked her to inform the Board there was nothing new to report.

Principals

Mr. Murphy introduced Brisa Medina and Ivonne Treno to extend an invitation to the Community Pep Rally on Thursday, February 10th 2022. They reported there would be activities for all ages. Mr. Murphy presented the Board, Mr. Bruce and Mrs. Lathen with tumblers and candy for Board Appreciation. He stated we are hosting the next MS Leadership in March. Senior Sports Recognition was well attended. KELPA testing is wrapping up in K-12. Mr. Murphy stated that the HS Psychology and the MS Science students will have Science Fair projects displayed in the halls on February 8th. There will be a canned food drive during Spirit Week. MS Scholars Bowl is in full swing. The County Spelling Bee is coming up.

Mrs. Lee reported the ES Science Fair moved to February 15th due to inclement weather. She introduced the Grade School Ambassadors. They presented their reasons for wanting to become an ambassador and explained the application process. They spoke about all the community and school projects they've completed this year and future projects they will be working on in upcoming months.

Activities Director

Mr. Befort was not present as he was coaching @SWH for MS Championship.

SWPRSC/HPEC

Mr. Pena reported on SWPRSC Board meeting and stated that Ann Raugh resigned. He stated there are many open positions.

Mr. Webber was not present to report on HPEC Board Meeting.

Superintendent

Mr. Bruce stated for the first time in a long time there were no COVID cases. He informed the Board that ESSERIII money will be in the amount of \$663,338. It will be used to pay for 2 years of After School, 2 Years of Summer School, HVAC, the cost to repair ½ the windows. Bid of \$399,000 to complete the project and also include \$20,000 for required architectural plans and help in facilitating the project. Mr. Bruce also touched on the proposal from KDHE to halt testing due to the overwhelming numbers. He stated he felt that he was reluctant to halt testing because catching positives prevented them spreading to someone else and for now he would like to continue to test as the need exists.

Item #5 Executive Session

Mr. Mason moved seconded by Mr. Forester to go into Executive Session for 10 minutes at 7:31pm to include Mr. Bruce. The motion carried 4-0. Mr. Bruce came out of Executive Session and The Board reconvened at 7:42pm. Mr. Forester moved and Mr. Mason seconded to return to Executive Session at 7:43pm for 15 minutes to include Mr. Murphy. The Board reconvened at 7:58pm. Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck to again return to Executive Session for 10 more minutes.

After reconvening at 8:08pm, Mr. Mason moved with a second from Mr. Dyck, asking for 5 more minutes in Executive Session. The Board Reconvened at 8:14pm.

Item #6 Principal Contracts

Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Forester to extend Mrs. Lee's contract and additional year and Mr. Murphy's contract 2 years. The motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

With no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

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