

**Sublette USD #374
Official Minutes**

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

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: None

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

Guests – Janie Welsh, Tina Stoppel, Greg Stoppel, Nick Leon, Kelly Davis-Linn

Item #1 Call Meeting to Order /Approve Agenda

The President called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Forester move, seconded by Mr. Mason. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #2 Approve Minutes

Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Froese, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023 regular meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #3 Treasurer's Report/ Approve Transfers

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Froese, Mr. Dyck, Mr. Pena, Mr. Forester, Mr. Mason and Mrs. Wiswell reviewed Purchase Orders and supporting documents presented for payment. \$103,395.67 from General to At Risk; \$9,314.18 from General to Daycare; \$35,105.70 from Supplemental General to Bilingual; \$4,760.02 from General to Vocational Fund and \$33,947.49 from General to Special Education. Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Mason, to approve the bills as listed on the List of Warrants dated 02/28/23 and authorize payment and transfers. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #4 Communications

The Board received Words of Thanks from the Lyle Befort Family for Memorial Flowers, and from Steve Schneider thanking Mr. Pena for taking time to attend a Dodge City High School Bowling Meet at Thunder Strikes.

Reports:

Principals

Mr. Murphy reported that the percentage of parent participation for MS/HS Parent Teacher Conferences in February was down. He felt it was due to the threat of inclement weather that day. HS Piano Students, Lexi Wright and Chloe Trayler, both received 1 Ratings at State. We recently hosted MS Leadership Conference and HS League Music Contest. Rachel Froese qualified for State KMEA Honor Choir. FFA just completed recruitment week. MLO held a blood drive and there were 30 donors present. Mrs. Bird took MS students and one HS student to SCCC for Regional Science Fair. 28 MS Students qualified for State.

Mrs. Lee stated that Parent Teacher Participation was at 96%. Mrs. Lee, Ms. Avritt and Mr. Richardson are currently working on an After School Grant. It was Dr. Seuss Week last week. It was also the 100th day of school and the 100th Birthday of Sublette. The students celebrated by having Jarrod Weeks present a slide show spanning the last 100 years and a generous donation allowed all the students to receive a shirt and donut.

Curriculum

Currently working on Purchase Orders for next year. Savvas will be used for HS Social Studies and GW for MS/HS Health. Cimarron visited to hear about our interventions. SWPRSC will hopefully be providing some in-service for paras as well.

Activities Director

HS B-Ball is over. Girls ended 2-19 and boys ended 12-10. Spring sports began February 27. This includes MS/ HS Track, Softball, Baseball and Boys Golf. MS Track has 15 girls and 24 boys. HS Track as 14 Girls and 27 Boys. Softball has 10 Sublette girls and 15 from Satanta. Baseball has 20 boys and Boys Golf has 12. League Music was in Lakin March 7. HS Track is hosting a Corn Hole Tournament. Deerfield will be in the HPL B-Ball tournament beginning next year, bringing the number to 8. They are still wanting full participation in the HPL League. Coach Le took a group of athletes to compete in a Power Lifting Meet in Wakeeney and they did well. Rachel Froese set a new meet record by lifting 175lbs. Consideration is being given to adding power lifting to our athletics offerings.

Counselor

Nearly all of the KELPA testing has been completed. Juniors had the opportunity to take the ACT last week. The state of Kansas presents a student with one opportunity to take it for free. 31 students took advantage of this. State assessments will begin after Spring Break. SCCC has started the Saints Ahead program which allows any HS student the opportunity to take a college course through them for \$50/ course. This will begin in the fall. There is good interest in the Vo-Tech program as well. Seniors have been offered 31 Scholarships for which to apply, and 10-15 more local scholarships that have not yet been opened for application.

SWPRSC

Rates are being discussed and will more than likely increase next school year.

HPEC

Mr. Webber was not present to report.

Public Comments:

There was no public comment.

Item #5 June 2022 KASB Policy Updates

Mr. Richardson recommended the Board adopt the policy as presented. Mr. Mason moved, Mr. Dyck seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #6 Classified Evaluations

Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Mason to approve the Classified Evaluation form as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #7 Sublette Rotary

Mr. Leon, Ms. Davis-Linn, Mrs. Welsh and Mrs. Stoppel presented a Community Splash Pad project. It will be 100% privately funded. It would include shade elements, additional landscaping and benches. The area being considered is in the area of the walking track south of the High School. There are many things to consider but asking if we would have interest in helping with this project.

Item #8 Haskell County Revitalization

This is an effort to encourage citizens to make improvements on their current property or to build new. For the first five years after improvement/ build, one would be taxed only on the original value. Projects must be approved and a minimum amount spent. This applies to commercial, residential, and rural improvements. The Board agreed to publish Notice of Public Hearing for the Establishment of a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Haskell County.

Mr. Webber entered the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Item #9 Facility Use Request

Mr. Brett Blackwood is asking to use the auditorium to meet with members of the community for help with Medicare. Mr. Webber moved, Seconded by Mr. Dyck. The motion carried 7-0.

Item #10 Capital Outlay Projects- Long Range Planning

Mr. Richardson, Mr. McMullen and Mrs. Ball toured facilities to look at large project expenses. This was done to get an idea about expensive projects that will need to be considered in the near future. These included things such as: HVAC Units, doors, floor refinishing, district vehicles, windows, track resurfacing and bigger gas line.

Item #11 Executive Session- Negotiations

Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Mason to go into Executive Session for five minutes regarding Negotiations, to include Mr. Richardson. The motion carried 7-0. The Board returned to Open Session at 8:26 p.m.

Item #10 Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel

Mr. Forester moved, Mr. Froese seconded to go into Executive Session for 20 minutes regarding Non-Elected Personnel to include Mr. Richardson. The motion carried 7-0. At 8:47 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session. Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Mason to return to Executive Session for five minutes, to also include Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Lee. The motion carried 7-0. The Board returned to Open Session at 8:53p.m. Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Froese to go back into Executive Session for another 5 minutes. The motion carried 7-0. After returning to Open Session at 8:59 p.m., Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Mason to again go into Executive Session for three minutes. The motion carried 7-0. The Board reconvened at 9:03pm. Mr. Pena moved, seconded by Mr. Forester to return to Executive Session for five minutes. The motion carried 7-0. The Board again reconvened at 9:08 p.m. and Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Lee left the meeting. Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Mason to go back into Executive for another 5 minutes. The motion carried 7-0. The Board reconvened at 9:14. Mr. Forester moved and Mr. Mason seconded to return to Executive Session for ten minutes. The motion carried 7-0. The Board reconvened at 9:24 p.m..

Item #11 Personnel Employment

Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Webber to accept the resignation of Mr. Michael Lower, Head High School Secretary, with gratitude for years of service. The motion carried 7-0. Mr. Froese moved, seconded by Mr. Forester to hire Ms. Linda Keeney as High School Secretary and Ms. Karen Snovelle as Head High School Secretary. The motion carried 7-0. Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Froese, to accept the resignation of Ms. Kieara Stokes, Second Grade Teacher and HS FACS. The motion carried 7-0. Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Mason to hire Ms. Jennifer Hansen as Kindergarten Teacher. The motion carried 7-0.

Item #11 Superintendent Report

Mr. Richardson said he had nothing to report.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Froese to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

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

President

Clerk

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