

**Sublette USD #374  
Official Minutes**

The Sublette Unified School District No. 374 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 2021 7:30 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent - None

Others Present:

Rex Bruce, Superintendent; Charity Ochs-Lathen, Clerk; Rachel Lee, Elementary Principal; Sonya Pena, Curriculum Director.

Guests:

Bob Murphy

**Item #1 Call Meeting to Order /Approve Agenda**

The President called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

Mr. Pena moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck, to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 4A Discussion on Cooperation Efforts Committee Appointment and #5A Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel. The motion carried 7-0.

**Item #2 Approve Minutes**

Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mr. Holloway to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 regular meeting, the March 22, 2021 and the March 31, 2021 special meetings. The motion carried 7-0.

**Item #3 Approve Bills and Authorize Payment**

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Froese, Mr. Dyck, Mr. Webber, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Pena and Mr. Mason 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 03/31/21 and authorize payment.

**Item #4 Approve Transfers**

Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mr. Mason, to approve the following transfers: \$56,751.37 from General Fund to At Risk; \$5,331.52 from General to 4-Year-Old At Risk; \$6,033.51 from Supplemental General to Daycare; \$10,672.44 to Bilingual; \$16,953.14 from General to Food Service; \$70,546.05 from General to Special Education; \$3,360.68 from General to Vocational Fund and \$712.33 from General Fund to Small Rural Schools. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Item #4A Discussion on Cooperation Efforts/ Committee Appointment**

Further talk on Cooperation/ Consolidation efforts revealed that, above all the most important factor is doing what is right for the students. The board felt the advantages would be higher student and faculty retention, and more academic opportunities or the prevention of the loss of some programs due to shortage of teachers. It was decided a committee would be formed to begin the process of moving to make some things happen. Mr. Mason and Mr. Webber volunteered to be on the committee. Mr. Pena said he would also be available to help

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum.

### **Reports**

#### Curriculum

Mrs. Pena reported that the KESA Accreditation will be April 21<sup>st</sup>. This will be to review data to see if there is progress. The LINK members are working hard to try and get the LINK grant money spent.

#### Principals

Mrs. Lee reported that State Science Fair, Division 3 Fourth and Fifth grade students all placed first. Division 2 received first and second places. The fair was held virtually.

KELPA testing- test given to ESL students to see how they are progressing. The score determines amount of ESL funding. Spring Music is up on the Sublette Elementary School Facebook Page.

The Pre K students came to spend the day with the Kindergarten students.

Students are wearing masks just for tech classes but some teachers are still wearing them.

Mrs. Lee also said the decision was made to limit guests to four per student for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion ceremony.

Mr. Marlin was not present.

#### Activities Director

Mr. Carter was not present

#### SWPRSC/HPEC

Mr. Meyer said there was nothing to report from SWPRSC and Mr. Webber stated he was not able to make it HPEC board meeting.

#### Superintendent:

Mr. Bruce stated there would be an Administrative retreat in Oklahoma City, Ok. The idea is to brainstorm and all come up with ideas for the coming year and get on the same page for the new school year.

The Link grant is paying the hotel and the Foundation Grant is paying for the meals. He reported on the huge increase in the natural gas bill due to February's extremely cold temperatures.

**Item #5 Resolution to appoint Senate Bill 40 Hearing Officer**

This item was deemed to be unnecessary at this time.

**Item #5A Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel**

Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Webber, to go into executive session to discuss candidates for employment, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA, to include Mr. Bruce and Mr. Murphy in executive session, and the open meeting will resume at 8:40 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:40 p.m.

**Item #6 Contract Approvals**

Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Pena, to approve the contracts for Maria C. "Katie" Limon, Daycare Worker and Juanita Ornelas, Daycare Director. The motion carried 7-0.

**Item #7 Resignations**

Mr. Pena moved, seconded by Mr. Holloway to accept the resignations of Kandice Dance, High School English Teacher and Lindsay Fitzgerald, District Nurse, both effective the end of the 2020-2021 School year. The motion carried 7-0.

**Adjournment**

With no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Holloway 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.*