

**Sublette USD #374
Official Minutes**

The Sublette Unified School District No. 374 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 8, 2022 in the boardroom at the Administrative Office at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent –None

Others Present- Renee Phoenix, Ashley Clune, Eryn Stokes, Brandy Leon, Kiah Feaster, Alisha Swift, Travis Leverett, Trevor Leverett, Emily Leverett, Debbie Weeks, Leah Wright, Tracie Burcham, Brenda Wilcox, Liz Meyer, Kelly Matteson, Kieara Stokes, Leigh Bird, Tabitha Ferrell, Shawna Norman, Elizabeth Meyer, Emily Holmes, Kaitlyn Davis, Austin Davis, Michelle Leonard, Melodee Penner, Jess Murphy, Megan Isaac, Tina Reimer, Patti Isaac, Andrea Simmons, Lory Hernandez, Juanita Chavarria, Traci Parr, Michelle Avritt, Krista Groth, Brandy Mata, Johnathon Ornelas, Alex White, Marlene Martens, Erica Boone, Elizabeth Ochoa, Amber Garetson, Amy Freeman-Miner, Susan Lee, Jessica Ordonez, Paige Torres, Olivia Noah

Rex Richardson, Superintendent; Charity Ochs-Lathen, Clerk; Bob Murphy Middle/High School Principal; Rachel Lee, Elementary Principal; Lyle Befort, Activities Director and Sonya Pena, Curriculum Director.

Item #1 Call Meeting to Order /Approve Agenda

The President called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mr. Froese, to approve the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #2 Approve Minutes

Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr Forester, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 regular meeting. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #3 Approve Bills and Authorize Payment

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Forester, Mr. Froese, Mr. Webber, Mr. Pena and Mr. Dyck reviewed Purchase Orders and supporting documents presented for payment. Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mr. Forester, to approve the bills as listed on the List of Warrants dated 07/31/22 and authorize payment. The motion carried 5-0.

Public Forum

There was no public forum

Reports

Curriculum- Mrs. Pena reported that 4 of the teachers had taken and passed their Praxis prep. All teachers are preparing for in-service on August 24-26 and return to school on August 30.

High School- Mr. Murphy reported that Senior students worked concession stands at the Fair to raise money. The High School is preparing for enrollment on August 9-10. August 29th is Open House and hot dog feed for the MS/HS Students and families. They are working around Elementary School times so that families with younger students can attend. Grocery store donated the buns for hot dogs. Mrs. Wren is taking photos for the Sr. Banners and Brandee Goode is printing them. Be the SPARK Grant was awarded to the KAYS. It was \$5,000 and with it they purchased a treadmill, 3 different kinds of bicycles and a rowing machine. The training room has gotten cleaned up and organized. Mr. Alvarado and Mr. Murphy will be meeting to go over Ms. Clune's shared schedule. Discussions will continue on cooping with football and other efforts. He also spoke about the code of conduct to be expected for all SCCC students.

Jess Murphy presented ways the district will be changing the way they figure GPAs to get more in line with other districts and colleges.

Mr. Webber didn't have anything new to report for HPEC.

Mr. Pena stated the SWPRSC didn't have anything new to report and that meeting had been budget related and all was well.

Item #4 Introduction of Staff

Building leaders introduced all the staff that was in attendance.

Item #5 Approve District Handbooks

After having the opportunity to look over the handbooks and with no changes, Mr. Froese moved, Seconded by Mr. Forester to approve the Handbooks. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #6 Disposal of District Property

Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Webber to approve the hold onto and store the wrestling mats for a while until we are certain about our plans for them. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #7 Approve MS/HS Athletic Handbook

Mr. Holloway moved, seconded by Mr. Froese to approve the MS/HS Athletic Handbook. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #8 Ratify Negotiated Agreement

Mr. Froese moved, seconded by Mr. Webber to ratify the negotiated agreement. The motion passed 5-0.

Item #9 eWalkthrough Evaluations

Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Lee spoke on the importance of having this available to them and how much it helped them with their teachers in reviewing and finding strengths and weaknesses. They are thankful for the district deciding to move forward with this program.

Item #10 Budget Publication

Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck to publish the Budget for USD 374 as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #11 Cross Country

Because of declining participation in Cross Country, it was discussed about whether or not to continue this program. However, for this year, the Board agreed there were enough participants to continue with the program. Mr. Froese moved, seconded by Mr. Webber to allow the program to continue for another year. The motion passed 5-0.

Item #12 Fund Raisers

Mr. Murphy spoke about the possibility of selling out games for fund raisers. If a business agrees to buy out a game, they get a sticker for their window for other students to see and let them know that they have already sponsored and student will not go to them again. It helps eliminate businesses being hit up over and over. It gives the businesses the opportunity for recognition and advertising as well. There are three different levels of sponsorship. Everyone agreed this sounded like a really good idea.

Item #13 Part Time Student Policy

Mr. Richardson talked about the state requirements to allow students to attend public schools part time who are otherwise enrolled in a private school or who are home schooled. Because of this, a policy was written to outline requirements. Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Froese to adopt the policy. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Mason entered at 7:46pm.

Item #14 Tennis Courts

Lawrence Hoerman asked the Board if they would be interested in receiving a donation of a tennis. The court would be constructed on land the school currently owns. The district said they would be interested but would like to find out more information and would like help in maintaining nets and surfaces etc. Conversations will continue.

Item #15 Families First COVID Response Act

Federal law has expired Families First COVID Response act. Moving into the 2022-2023 school year, the district would like to continue with those same guidelines. We will also continue to align with our county health department's suggestions. Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Webber to continue with this. The motion carried 6-0.

Item #16 Executive Session- Non- Elected Personnel

Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Webber to go into Executive Session. The motion carried 6-0. The Board Reconvened at 9:07pm. Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Webber to return to Executive Session. The motion carried 6-0. The Board reconvened at 9:12pm. Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Froese to return to Executive Session. The motion carried 6-0. The Board reconvened at 9:17pm. Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck to return again to Executive Session. The motion carried 6-0. The Board Reconvened at 9:23pm. Mr. Forester moved, followed by Mr. Pena to go into the final Executive Session. The motion carried 6-0. The Board Reconvened at 9:28pm.

Item #17 Personnel Employment

Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Mason to approve the resignation of Kristy Klebba. The motion passed 6-0.

Item #18 Superintendent Report

Mr. Richardson reported that Mike Hunter with Friona Cattle donated all the ground beef for our district picnic to be held at 7pm on Tuesday August 23.

Item #19 Dual Credit Classes

Mrs. Murphy is proposing dual credit classes. She stated that classes would be offered through EduKan. She stated that ACT scores would be used to help determine a student's eligibility and capability for taking these classes. She said safe falls are in place to ensure that the classes are up to standard. Mr. Pena moved, Seconded by Mr. Forester to allow for dual credit classes to be offered. The motion passes 6-0.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Mason to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0.