

**Sublette USD #374
Official Minutes**

The Sublette Unified School District No. 374 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2022 in the boardroom at the Administrative Office at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present

Lee Mason

Cesar Pena

Pete Dyck

Grant Webber

Cody Forester

Members Absent:

Cornelius Froese

Others Present

Rex Richardson, Superintendent; Charity Ochs-Lathen, Clerk; Bob Murphy, Middle School/High School Principal; Sonya Pena, Curriculum Director; Lyle Befort, Activities Director
Guests – Gary Sechrist

Item #1 Call Meeting to Order /Approve Agenda

The President called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Item #2 Approve Transfers

Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Mason, to approve the following transfers: \$10,488.19 from General to At Risk; \$330.76 from General to 4-Year Old at Risk; \$6,984.10 from General to Bilingual; \$416.98 from General to Vocational; \$783.30 from General to Special Education. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #3 Approve Bills and Authorize Payment

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Forester, Mr. Mason, Mr. Pena, Mr. Dyck, reviewed Purchase Orders and supporting documents presented for payment. Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck, to approve the bills as listed on the List of Warrants dated 08/31/22 and authorize payment. The motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

Reports

Principals

Mr. Murphy reported that enrollment numbers were up slightly. Prom and after prom are going in the right direction. He reminded the board that the after prom event was not a school sponsored event and the buyouts will not be able to sponsor that. Dinner for Prom will return to the school this year. This is the first time in several years. FFA Officers and Ms. Meyer will be headed to the State Fair in Hutchinson. Senior Banners are up in the halls. Wednesday, September 28 KAYS and MLO will have a “Think Before You Post” presentation open to students and the community. Mr. Murphy was excited to report that almost all of our home games are bought out. There will be talk about how to handle concerns with future buyouts. E-Walkthrough evaluations have begun and aside from a few hiccups all is going well. Things are going well with the shared band teacher. Satanta is helping us with a shared English Comp. teacher, albeit virtually. Mr. Murphy said he will be present this year to operate the power tools during the construction of floats.

Mrs. Lee was ill so Mrs. Pena reported for her. She just stated that Pre-K was adjusting well to all day school. There are approximately 70-80 kids every day in the After School program. Social and Emotional development along with health is being taught during the morning meetings.

Curriculum- Mrs. Pena said the new ELA Curriculum at the High School is having issues with the student materials being backordered. It can be accessed online but the internet doesn't seem to be holding up to the demand of this program so teachers are having to print a lot of material. MCCS conference was in Wichita and Mrs. Pena stated it was very informative and nice to be able to attend a conference in person. She stated that Intervention at the High School is going very smoothly and we are one of the few schools in the state successfully operating this at the MS/HS level. While other schools across the state are supposed to be implementing this, they are taking the hit on accreditation instead.

Activities Director – Mr. Befort reported that Sublette Coop was so happy with their sponsorship on the football game, they now want to buy out a basketball game. MS Volleyball is 0-, B team is 2-0. MS Football is 0-2. HS Volleyball is 3-1 and HS Football is 1-1. Girls golf is doing well and Coach Feaster is recovering after being out several days with an injury. Mr. Befort covered for her while she was out. While the last two JV Football games have been cancelled by the other teams, it looks like they should be able to play the rest of the scheduled games.

SWPRSC/HPEC

Mr. Webber reported that HPEC is focusing their efforts on Autism education.

Mr. Pena said the SWPRSC meeting he attended was very short. He stated there was a new para hired that is doing great work and they would like to get her to the level of a certified teacher.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item #4 Revenue Neutral Rate Resolution

Mr. Pena stated this matter was voted on in the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing prior to the Board Meeting.

Item #5 2022-2023 Budget

Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Mason, to approve the 2022-2023 Budget. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #6 State Qualifying Events

It was discussed to try and come up with a more uniform way of deciding what the district would be responsible for paying and for what the teams/ clubs would have to come up with. There have been a lot of inconsistencies in the past and the district feels a more uniform approach is needed. While they did not make a decision now, Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Webber to discuss the item again in October. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #7 KASB Goal Setting

Mr. Gary Sechrist from KASB was present to work with the Board and Mr. Richardson on future goal setting. The expectations were as followed: teacher retention, handling maintenance in a timely manner, effective communication with all stakeholders, educating the board on various matters and knowledge shared to keep them out of legal matters. The common goals set were: building a positive culture with all stakeholders, attract quality staff and ensure all students across all levels are challenged. Mr. Sechrist reminded the Board that state

Statute requires two reviews of the “new” Superintendent by the board. The first coming within 60 days of the start of the first semester. The second coming within 60 days of the second semester. This would place the first in October and the second in March.

Item #8 Board Vacancy

The board discussed whether or not to appoint a member to fill the vacancy or if having an election is at all possible.

Item #9 COVID Safe Operating Procedures

The board had a copy of procedures regarding COVID handling. The board wanted clarification on who was required to take tests. Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck to adopt these procedures as policy with the exception of 11E. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #10 Tennis Court

The donor would like to come to December’s meeting and talk about some of the details regarding this matter. We would like to opportunity to discuss how maintenance issues will be handled to determine if it will be a shared effort/ expense with other entities or sole responsibility of the district.

Item #11 Trash Contract

The district is currently receiving services through Collectia because they pick up twice a week. Because the cost is so high, we would like to look at other options such as SCWMS to get a quote to see if they would be willing to pick up for us twice a week if they are picking up for others twice a week.

Item #12 Memorials

The board discussed whether or not they would be willing to display a memorial, plant a tree, set a bench etc. as a memorial. Mr. Webber moved and Mr. Mason seconded to uphold KASB Policy and declined any visible memorials. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #13 Bank Signatures

An oversight of removing names/ signatures from a couple of accounts was recently discovered. Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mr. Mason to remove Mr. Bruce and Mr. Meyer from accounts #130982 Dale McClain Memorial Scholarship Account and #150878 Flex Spending Account and add Board President Cesar Pena. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #14 Executive Session- Non Elected Personnel

Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Webber to go into Executive Session at 9:25. The motion carried 5-0. The Board reconvened at 9:30pm.

Item #15 Personnel Employment

Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Weber to approve the pay to Mrs. Blackwood to correct the error in her contract from the 2021-2022 School Year. The motion carried 5-0.
Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Forester to pay \$500 for mentor teacher stipends to those individuals serving as mentors. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #16 Superintendent Report

Mr. Richardson asked the Board to report who would be attending fall conference in Wichita.

Adjournment

With no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Webber 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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