

**Sublette USD #374
Official Minutes**

The Sublette Unified School District No. 374 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 13, 2021 in the boardroom at the Administrative Office at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present

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

Members Absent:

None

Others Present

Rex Bruce, Superintendent; Charity Ochs-Lathen, Clerk; Bob Murphy, Middle School/High School Principal; Rachel Lee, Elementary School Principal; Sonya Pena, Curriculum Director; Lyle Befort, Activities Director; Paula Leverett, District Secretary.

Guests –Jill Garetson, Sara Wiebe, Susie Giesbrecht, Tina Reimer, Cody Forester

Item #1 Call Meeting to Order /Approve Agenda

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Mason, to approve the agenda with the addition of Item #10 Resignation and Item #11 Contract Approval. The motion carried 7-0.

Item #2 Approve Minutes

Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mr. Pena, to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting, August 23 and September 7th 2021 Special Meetings. The motion carried 7-0.

Item #3 Approve Bills and Authorize Payment

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Mason, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Pena, Mr. Dyck, and Mr. Froese reviewed Purchase Orders and supporting documents presented for payment. Mr. Holloway moved, seconded by Mr. Froese, to approve the bills as listed on the List of Warrants dated 08/31/21 and authorize payment. The motion carried 7-0.

Item #4 Approve Transfers

Mr. Pena moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck, to approve the following transfers: \$834.46 from General to Day Care; \$5,542.62 from General to Food Service; \$5,048.93 from General to Bilingual.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was discussion on why the crosswalk on the east side of the Grade School was not monitored. Mrs. Lee said she doesn't have enough people to help in the mornings but agreed to the suggestion of asking for weekly volunteers if necessary.

Reports

Curriculum

Mrs. Pena reported they have completed Year 4 of our 5 year accreditation cycle and the report was sent into the state by the accreditation team. She reported the findings were that Parent Teacher Conference participation was at 97% participation rate. That is the highest it's ever been. Added into curriculum this year are Speech and Financial Literacy. The areas that need improving are the need for more student Social Emotional support, with special focusing at the High School level, Individual Plans of Study, High School Graduation Rates and Post Secondary success. Also, the high school will try to eliminate late practice for sports teams to see what kind of impact that has on student athletes. Because of State Assessments being a little low there will be spontaneous assessments to help keep things on track. The positives reported are KESA Implementation, PLCs strong in communication and development and large enrollment in the after school program.

The accreditation team would like us to find ways to improve on our graduates completing their education at two and four year colleges or obtaining certification through a vocational/ technical school.

Principals

Mrs. Lee reported that they have modified their morning meeting routine. She said there are 104 students enrolled in after school and the daily average is over 80. The focus in after school is community service, enrichment, fitness and homework help/ tutoring.

Lunch allows for 33 kids in the lunchroom. Those not in the lunchroom eat lunch in their classrooms. There are rotations to allow time for all kids to have lunchroom time.

Mr. Murphy reported that the Back to School Bash was a huge success with a lot of participation from the staff and students along with the community. He said class elections are done for organizations and that senior banners were up in the halls and will be moved around throughout the year to be seen to really showcase the seniors. Mr. Murphy was excited to report that the fundraiser for the Bustillos family was successful. COVID "Test to Stay/ Play" has resulted in keeping 51 of 58 students tested in school who, by previous COVID guidelines, would have had to go home. Because of COVID, Homecoming has been moved to October 1st.

Activities Director – We have added five new football players to the team. Due to injuries we are down to 13 players. The game this week was canceled due to injury and illness. We have 22 volleyball players, 6 girls golf, 4 HS cross country. Middle School has 16 football player but were down to 12 due to illness, 19 volleyball and 1 cross country. As of the date of this meeting, there were 36 students coming in at 6:30am for COVID testing.

SWPRSC/HPEC

Mr. Meyer reported that SWPRSC budget was good this year. Next year will be tighter.
Mr. Webber did not attend HPEC meeting.

Superintendent:

Mr. Bruce informed the board on the guidelines for COVID testing. The school will not be doing any testing on students third grade and younger. If a student tests positive, they have to go home per CDC guidelines. They will have to quarantine for 10 days, or if symptomatic, until they have been symptom free for 72 hrs. Others exposed and not vaccinated can test to stay every day for 10 days. If the exposed is fully vaccinated, they will test on day three and day seven.

In the event that COVID requires us to implement alternative learning options. State Legislatures passed a law that states a student shall receive no more than 40 hrs. of remote learning a year.

Item #5 Executive Session- Non Elected Personnel

Mr. Pena moved, seconded by Mr. Webber to go into Executive Session for 15 minutes. The motion carried 7-0. The Board reconvened at 8:37pm and asked for an additional 15 minutes. That motion was made by Mr. Pena and seconded by Mr. Webber. It carried 7-0. The Board reconvened at 8:53pm.

Item #6 Resignation

Mr. Pena moved, seconded by Mr. Webber, to approve the resignation of Mr. Bruce, with gratitude for his 18 years of service to the district. The motion carried 7-0.

Item #7 Contract Approval

Mr. Pena moved, seconded by Mr. Froese to hire KASB to aid in the district's search for a Superintendent. The motion carried 7-0.

Item #8 SWKSBasketball

This item will be tabled until October's Board Meeting.

Adjournment

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