

**Sublette USD #374
Official Minutes**

The Sublette Unified School District No. 374 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 2021 in the boardroom at the Administrative Office at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: Lee Mason

Others Present:

Rex Bruce, Superintendent; Charity Ochs-Lathen, Clerk; Monty Marlin, Middle/High School Principal; Sonya Pena, Curriculum Director;

Guests:

Sterling Hall, Frank Wiebe, Cornelius Guenter

Item #1 Call Meeting to Order /Approve Agenda

The President called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Mr. Pena moved, seconded by Mr. Froese to approve the agenda with the addition of Item #4a - Sublette Public Schools Foundation Annual Report. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #2 Approve Minutes

Mr. Holloway moved, seconded by Mr. Froese to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 regular meeting and the Special Meetings on January 4, 5 and 6, 2021. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #3 Approve Bills and Authorize Payment

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Froese, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Dyck, Mr. Meyer and Mr. Pena reviewed Purchase Orders and supporting documents presented for payment. Mr. Pena moved, seconded by Mr. Froese, to approve the bills as listed on the List of Warrants dated 01/31/21 and authorize payment. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #4 Approve Transfers

Mr. Holloway moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck, to approve the following transfers: \$56,728.79 from General to At Risk; \$5,331.52 from General to 4-Year-Old At Risk; \$4,057.31 from Supplemental General to Daycare; \$10,516.83 from General to Bilingual; \$12,250.97 from General to Food Service; \$39,265.45 from General to Special Education; \$1,600.39 from General to Small Rural Schools; and \$2,356.97 from General to Vocational Fund. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Webber entered the meeting at 6:39pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

Cornelius Guenter questioned if the School District would consider easing up on the mask requirements. He felt the requirements were too strong considering the COVID cases were very low in our county. Jay Meyer stated there is no change in orders from the County Health Department or the State. Mr. Meyer also stated that the strict rules in wearing the masks eliminates an entire class to be quarantined if a student tests positive. Mr. Guenter also said he felt that sending a student home for having mask down was a little too strict. Mr. Bruce said that issue is handled the same as any other student who exhibits defiance. Mr. Guenter also had questions as to why counties had different mask requirements. Mr. Bruce explained that the Board of Education elected to follow the suggestions of the County Health Department and no deviate from that. Other counties Health Departments either had different guidelines or the elected officials in those counties decided not to mandate. It was also asked why a visiting school had so many more spectators than we had. Mr. Marlin stated that it was simply because the school in question had more players, therefore were allowed more spectators.

Reports

Curriculum

Mrs. Pena reported on our new Individual Plan of Study (IPS) that MS/HS Students have begun using. She presented on one of the student's IPS. All must exhibit career interest, pathway classes taken, test scores and overall grades. The students can also use this template to upload clubs, organizations, photos etc. It is to be used to help students have all necessary information in one place to help keep them organized and focused. It will help when applying for scholarships or applying to college. Kids have to be allowed access to the page for two years. If they wish to use it longer it can then be transferred to them to own and continue to contribute. It can also be used to help in work based learning. Mr. Bruce mentioned that South Gray has a very well developed work based program and suggested we look into getting something like that developed for students who choose to go that route. Sonya said that Hugoton also has a very good work based program as well.

Principals

Mrs. Lee was not present.

Mr. Marlin reported that parent/teacher conferences will be student led this year using the IPS system Sonya presented. They can send links to those they wish to be a part of the conferences and all set up a time to participate together. It can be done from any device. If a student does not have a parent able to attend, Mr. Marlin and Mrs. Holloway will be available to sit in with a student. As always, if there is an issue that needs to be addressed directly with a teacher, a parent can call and set up a time to meet in person. Mr. Marlin also reported that NHS has 12 new members inducted into our local chapter. There were also three students who qualified for the county spelling bee. He also touched on the assembly KDOT put on with the SAFE program. It was about 55 minutes, interactive and the students loved it.

Activities Director

Mr. Marlin presented for Mr. Carter who was not able to attend. He reported that MS Basketball was over last Saturday. Sublette took three teams to the Semi Finals. Scholars Bowl Regional had 7 teams present with the

top team going to State. We placed third. We have a make-up game with Cimarron coming up and one more home game in two weeks. That night will be Sr. Night and we will host Stanton Co. He also reported that all games have been videoed for our fans to be able to watch.

SWPRSC/HPEC

Mr. Meyer attended the SWPRSC meeting but said there really was nothing to report. Mr. Webber was not able to attend the HPEC meeting.

Superintendent:

Mr. Bruce reported there had been a student injured in shop class causing damage to the fingers on both hands. The District is looking into what caused the injury. He reported we received \$54,391 for Round 1 in ESSR money. With that the district purchased new Chromebooks and provided internet access to homes without. He is estimating that Round 2 ESSR at \$237,971. Funds have to be spent by some time in 2023. Mr. Bruce would like to use funds for BEST 2 After School program and our Summer School program to allow it to continue for at least three more years and use as much as possible for Student Learning items. The County received \$832,000 in SPARK money of which the school district received \$181,000 in which we used for PPE for COVID. We also received (2) \$5,000 grants. Mr. Bruce provided a handout with information on how we receive funding based on student count and how each student is weighted. It all determines how much funding we will receive in the upcoming school years.

Item #4a Sublette Public Schools Foundation Annual Report

Mr. Sterling Hall gave the Sublette Public Schools Foundation annual meeting report. He reported the fund three major Scholarships, four Grants and provide funding for the weekend backpack meals along with other projects throughout the year.

Item #5 Executive Session – Negotiations

Mr. Holloway moved, seconded by Mr. Pena, to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Superintendent Evaluation and Administrative Contracts. The motion carried 6-0.

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Holloway moved, Seconded by Mr. Pena to go back into Executive Session for 20 more minutes. The motion carried 5-0. The Board reconvened at 8:40. Mr. Holloway moved followed by Mr. Pena to go back into Executive Session for 20 more minutes. The Board reconvened at 9:00pm.

Item #6 Superintendent Evaluation

The Superintendent Evaluation was included as part of the discussion during Executive Session.

Item #7 Contract Approvals

Mr. Holloway moved seconded by Mr. Froes to approve the Administrative Contract for Rachel Lee, Grade School Principal. The motion carried 6-0. Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mr. Pena to approve the Certified

Contracts for Bob Murphy, MS/HS Principal, Jessica Murphy, MSHS Counselor and Dr. John Le HS Science teacher and head HS Football Coach. The motion carried 6-0. Mr. Webber moved, carried by Mr. Dyck to approve the second half of Debbie Weeks contract as additional the additional Fifth Grade Teacher. The motion carried 6-0

Item #8 Resignation

Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mr. Pena, to accept the resignation of Sally Bruce, Grade School Counselor, with gratitude for her many years of service to the district. The motion carried 6-0

Adjournment

With no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Holloway moved, seconded by Mr. Pena, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

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

President

Clerk

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