

**Minutes of the Board of Education
Unified School District No. 435
Dickinson County**

Abilene, Kansas

December 12, 2016

The Board of Education of Abilene Unified School District No. 435 met for their regular monthly meeting in the boardroom of the district office at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2016.

Opening of the Meeting

Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Barb Brittan with the following board members in attendance:

Randy Gassman
Mark Wilson

Dr. Kari Porter-Murray
Debby Barbur

Gregg Noel

Others attending all or part of the meeting were: Superintendent - Dr. Denise Guy, Assistant Superintendent - Chris Cooper, Board Clerk - Joan Anderson, Building Administrators - Ron Wilson, Ethan Gruen, Tom Schwartz and Dr. Twyla Sprouse, Abilene Reflector Chronicle representative - Kathy Hageman, Kennedy Art Aide/Character Aide - Sarah Canfield, AHS English Teacher - Vicki Cooper, AHS Communications Teacher - Heidi Stohs, Coonrod and Associates - Scot Wolfington, Coonrod and Associates - Jack Austin, HTK - Keith Blackburn, Dave Canfield, Leslie Hoffman, Presley Clark, April Pipes, Kristen Reed, Chloe LaCombe, Madisyn Riffel, Cody Wuthnow, Kody Busing, Maya Robinson, Talon Combes, Jacob Gillespie, Ryan Wilson, Parker Base, and Carter Wildey,

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Gregg Noel to approve the agenda. Randy Gassman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Guy summarized the consent agenda. Mark Wilson suggested going back to having the student who wants to graduate early, write a letter to the principal explaining their reason for the request. This letter would be included for board members to read before acting on the request.

Mark Wilson moved to approve the consent agenda.

Approval of minutes for the November 14, 2016 regular meeting and the November 17, 2016 retreat meeting

Approval of District Office, High School, and Middle School Finance Reports

Approval of Personnel Update (attached)

Approval of Out of District and Transportation Requests (none)

Approval of one Early Graduation Request

The motion was seconded by Dr. Kari Porter-Murray and it carried unanimously.

Discussion of any item(s) removed from the Consent Agenda

None

Audience With Patrons

No one from the audience addressed the board during the audience with patrons section.

Presentations

Doin' It Right Spotlight

Dr. Guy announced that the December Doin' It Right Spotlight goes to Sarah Canfield. Sarah is the Art Aide/Character Aide at Kennedy. A short video was shared that contained praises for Sarah from fellow Kennedy staff. Sarah's positive attitude and willingness to help were just two of the many items mentioned. Board members thanked Sarah.

Jeff Bathurst arrived at 7:07 p.m.

Dr. Sprouse, Kennedy Principal, presented Sarah with the certificate.

AHS Reading Support System

Vicki Cooper and Heidi Stohs gave a presentation on the AHS MTSS Reading System. The presentation "Growth in Reading at the High School Level" outlined the process used to help students attain and maintain the necessary reading level. It also showed how the documented information was used in other areas of the school for a positive result. Board members inquired about different aspects of the process.

Elks Club Donation

The Elks club made a \$500 donation for the culinary arts trip. Debby Barbur moved to accept the donation from the Elks club. Gregg Noel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Facilities & Technology

Bond Project Update

Scot Wolfington and Jack Austin from Coonrod & Associates and Keith Blackburn from HTK were present to update the board on the bond projects and answer questions. It was reported that the district saved \$415,000 from the guaranteed maximum price. The Board discussed other projects that might be funded with this savings. It was also noted that the punch list would be finished over the Christmas break and that the closeout paper work should be available in the next month.

Review Capital Project Requests

Board members reviewed possible capital projects again and were asked for additions. The list will be updated and brought back to the board.

Learning Partnerships

Site Council Agenda and Meeting Minutes

Site Council meeting agendas and minutes were provided by several schools for board review and information.

Board-Administrator Communications

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The Building Administrator reports gave an update to the board members on happenings at each school.

Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) Convention/Delegate Assembly Report

Board members Barb Brittan, Gregg Noel, and Mark Wilson attended the KASB annual convention and delegate assembly December 2-4, 2016. Barb Brittan reported on the delegate assembly and Mark and Gregg gave reports from the different sessions they attended.

Abilene 5 Star Schools Motto and Tagline

Dr. Guy explained how the Abilene Motto, 5-Star Education in a 5-Star Hometown, and the tagline, #Abilene5starschools, came into being and how the tagline works. Dr. Guy encouraged everyone to use both and to add the motto and tagline to their correspondence.

Other

None

Policy

Policy Review

Dr. Guy shared KASB's recommended changes to the following policies: CN - Public Records; DFAB - Standard of Conduct of Federally Funded Contracts; GBU - Ethics; GAK - Personnel Records. This is the Board's first look at the amended policies.

Executive Session

At 8:19 p.m., Mark Wilson made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. for discussion of personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual and to return to open session in this room at 9:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jeff Bathurst and the motion carried unanimously. A break was taken from 8:19 p.m. until 8:25 p.m. Dr. Guy was invited into the beginning of the meeting. She left at 8:31 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

At 9:25 p.m., Gregg Noel made a motion to enter into Executive Session for discussion of personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual and to return to open session in this room at 9:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kari Porter-Murray and the motion carried unanimously.


The meeting reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

At 9:55 p.m., Dr. Kari Porter-Murray made a motion to enter into Executive Session for discussion of personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual and to return to open session in this room at 10:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Gregg Noel and the motion carried unanimously.

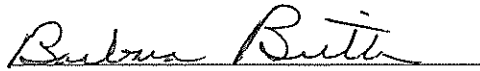
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Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mark Wilson to adjourn the meeting. Gregg Noel seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.



Clerk



President

Personnel Update
Action for January 9, 2017

Resignations and Retirements

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
Certified	Sarah Geiger	AHS Journalism Teacher	Retiring
Certified	Leslie Hoffman	Kennedy 1 st Grade Teacher	Retiring
Classified	Chris Casteel	McKinley Lunchroom Supervisor	Resigned

***Employment, Transfers and Other Action**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Classified	Amy Miller	Transfer from sub to AHS Full Time Baker
Classified	Margo Fulton	Transfer from sub to AHS Full Time Cook

Employment – Substitute Teachers

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Certified		

Current positions open – January 9, 2017

Kennedy 1st Grade Teacher
AHS Journalism Teacher
McKinley Lunchroom Supervisor
AHS assistant baseball coach
ABC afterschool program subs
Substitute bus drivers
Substitute food service
Substitute custodians
Substitute teachers

*Upon receipt of signed contracts, the Board of Education President is authorized to sign.

