

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

**Abilene, Kansas**

**July 10, 2017**

The Board of Education of Abilene Unified School District No. 435 met for their regular monthly meeting in the board room of the district office at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2017.

**Opening of the Meeting**

**Call the Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Mark Wilson with the following board members in attendance:

Debby Barbur

Jeff Bathurst

Gregg Noel

Dr. Kari Porter-Murray

Jennifer Waite

Others attending all or part of the meeting were: Assistant Superintendent - Chris Cooper, Board Clerk - Joan Anderson, District Technology Coordinator - Mike Liby, Kyle Becker, and Chris West.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Debby Barbur moved to approve the agenda. Gregg Noel seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**Election of Officers**

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Gregg Noel moved to elect Jeff Bathurst as President. Debby Barbur seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Newly elected president Jeff Bathurst opened the floor for vice-president nominations. A motion was made by Mark Wilson to approve Gregg Noel as vice-president. Kari Porter-Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**Consent Agenda**

Chris Cooper summarized the items on the consent agenda noting that several of the items pertain to the yearly organizational meeting.

Gregg Noel moved to approve the consent agenda.

Approval of minutes for the June 12, 2017 regular meeting and the June 20, 2017, special meeting

Approval district finance reports

Personnel Update

Approval of Out of District and Transportation Requests

Approval of Board Appointments for 2017-2018

Approval of 2017-2018 Annual Renewal of Operational Items

Approval of 2017-2018 Employee Appreciation Dates

Approval of Resolutions for: Exemption from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), Payment of Bills With Discount, Rescinding All Policy Actions Made During 2016-2017/Adoption of All Written Policies for 2017-2018, 2017-2018 Home Rule, Destruction of Old Records  
Approval to access Contingency Reserve Fund

The motion was seconded by Mark Wilson. Motion carried 6-0.

**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.

**Learning Partnerships**

**Board Member Appointed Positions**

Chris Cooper summarized the list of board member appointed positions noting that there were two positions that needed to be filled which former board member Barb Brittan held. Kari Porter-Murray volunteered for the Hearing Panel position and Jennifer Waite volunteered for the Abilene Public Schools Endowment Association Board position. A motion was made by Mark Willson to approve board members to the appointed positions as presented. Gregg Noel seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**Approval of Resolution for 2017-2018 Regular Board Meetings**

A recommendation was presented to leave the regular board meetings in 2017-18 at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of every month. Discussion was held. Kari Porter-Murray moved to approve the recommendation as presented. Debby Barbur seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**Facilities & Technology**

**Surplus Buses**

Three buses were recommended to be sold as surplus. Discussion was held. Mark Wilson moved to approve selling the three surplus buses. Gregg Noel seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**Student Development**

**2017-2018 Handbook**

This was the second reading of the certified, classified, substitute, and Athletic/Activity handbooks and the first reading of the AMS handbook. Discussion was held concerning staff also being familiar with the student handbooks relevant to that staff member's position. Consensus of the board was to add a statement in the certified and classified handbooks to such extent. Discussion was also held concerning increasing the substitute pay.

Mark Wilson moved to approve all the handbooks as presented with the addition of the familiarity clause in the certified and the classified handbook and, in the substitute handbook, increase the substitute pay by \$5 in each category. Debby Barbur seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

## **Board-Administrator Communications**

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Nothing was discussed during this portion of the meeting.

### **Back to School Social for Staff**

The back to school social for staff will be Wednesday, August 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

### **Budget**

Chris Cooper informed the board that a special meeting will need to be set to publish the budget. Discussion was held. The meetings will be held on July 26th at 7:00 a.m. and July 31st at 7:00 a.m.

### **Other**

The board was updated on the absence of the media.

## **Policies**

### **New/Amended Policies**

Policy JGCA - Local Wellness reflects current federal law and is a mandatory policy for those schools participating in the federal Child Nutrition programs.

Mark Wilson moved to approve policy JGCA. Gregg Noel seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

## **Executive Session**

At 7:51 p.m., Gregg Noel moved to go into executive session to discuss options for changing the pay rate for certified and classified staff pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume in the board room at 8:21 p.m. Mark Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Chris Cooper was invited into the executive session.

Mark Wilson left executive session at 8:04 p.m.

The board returned to the open meeting at 8:21 p.m.

At 8:21 p.m., Gregg Noel moved to go into executive session to discuss options for changing the pay rate for certified and classified staff pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume in the board room at 8:36 p.m. Kari Porter-Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Chris Cooper was invited into the executive session.

The board returned to the open meeting at 8:36 p.m.

At 8:36 p.m., Gregg Noel moved to go into executive session to discuss options for changing the pay rate for certified and classified staff pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume in the board room at 8:46 p.m. Debby Barbur seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Chris Cooper was invited into the executive session.

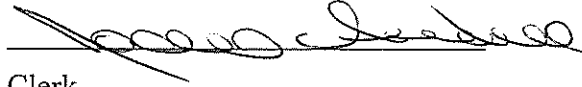
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Discussion was held, but no action was taken.

**Adjournment**

Debby Barbur moved to adjourn. Gregg Noel seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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Clerk

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President

Personnel Update  
Action for July 10, 2017

**Resignations and Retirements**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
Classified	Donna Strauss	Eisenhower Cook	Resigned

**\*Employment, Transfers and Other Action**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Classified	Heather Henkle	Transfer from Bus Driver/Helper to Transportation Director
Certified	Cheri Tajchman	Transfer from 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science to 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science
Classified	Beth Meahl	Payroll Clerk
Classified	Kylie Lee	DO Receptionist
Classified	Diane Howser	Transfer from Sub cook to Eisenhower Cook
Classified	Marcy Strong	Transfer from Sub cook to McKinley Cook
Certified	Bertina Barrett	Transfer from Kennedy Kindergarten to 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade

**Employment – Substitute Teachers**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
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**Current positions open – July 10, 2017**

AHS Asst. Cheer Coach  
AMS Baker  
Bus Driver  
Booster Kindergarten Aide  
Eisenhower ASP Head Teacher  
Eisenhower Aide  
McKinley Lunchroom Supervisor  
Substitutes ABC afterschool program  
Substitute bus drivers  
Substitute food service  
Substitute custodians  
Substitute teachers

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

