

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

Abilene, Kansas

April 10, 2017

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, April 10, 2017.

Opening of the Meeting

Call the Meeting to Order

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

Debby Barbur

Jeff Bathurst

Dr. Kari Porter-Murray

Gregg Noel (arrived at 7:47 pm)

Others attending all or part of the meeting were: Superintendent - Dr. Denise Guy, Assistant Superintendent - Chris Cooper, Board Clerk - Joan Anderson, Building Administrators - Ben Smith, Ron Wilson, Ethan Gruen, Tom Schwartz, and Twyla Sprouse, Abilene Reflector Chronicle - Christina Cannon, Mike Liby, Diana Wildman, Marlo Zumbrunn, James Stout, Corey Casteel, Tom Taplin, Josh Peterson, Nick Peterson, Ibet Silva, Rachel Prichard, Noah Butler, Darrin Wildman, Emma Widman, Rebecca Swartz, Talon Combes, Janet Meyer, Myranda Patrick, Kody Busing, Jade Koch, Megan Lady, Cody Wuthnow, AHS State Wrestlers

Approval of the Agenda

Jeff Bathurst moved to approve the agenda. Kari Porter-Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Guy summarized the consent agenda noting the retirement of bus driver James Price and accounts payable clerk Ethel Jacobson. She also introduced student teacher Alex Kunkel who was selected to fill the middle school communications teacher position.

Debby Barbur moved to approve the consent agenda.

Approval of minutes for the March 13, 2017 regular meeting and March 23, 2017 special meeting
Approval of District Office, High School, and Middle School Finance Reports
Approval of Personnel Update

Jeff Bathurst seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

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.

Presentations

Regional Music Educator of the Year

Marlo Zumbrunn was recognized for being selected as the Regional Music Educator of the Year. Dr. Guy presented her with a certificate of recognition. Principal Ron Wilson spoke about the great qualities of Mrs. Zumbrunn.

Recognition of State Wrestlers

The Abilene State Wrestling team and coaches were recognized. Each wrestler stated their weight class and where they placed at state. The coaches were also introduced. It was noted that the wrestlers were recognized in Topeka on the House and Senate Floors.

State & Regional Wrestling Coach of the Year

James Stout was recognized for being named the State and Regional Wrestling Coach of the Year. Dr. Guy presented him with a certificate of recognition. Mr. Stout credited his awards to his wrestlers' achievements and to his assistant coaches.

Newspaper Staff Recognition

Ron Preston was not present to receive his recognition, but Dr. Guy introduced Christina Cannon who took Kathy Hageman's position with the Abilene Reflector Chronicle.

Doin' It Right Staff Spotlight

Diana Wildman was selected as the Doin' It Right Staff for the month of April. Diana is a para at McKinley and has worked at Abilene for 10 years. She was described as a person who is here for the kids and a team player.

Gwendolyn Jordan and Family Fund for Music Education Grant

The Abilene Middle School received a \$2400 grant from the Gwendolyn Jordan and Family Fund for Music Education that is with the Community Foundation of Dickinson County. Debby Barbur moved to graciously accept the grant. Jeff Bathurst seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Facilities & Technology

Legislative Update/Yearend Budget Projections

Dr. Guy updated the board on the proposed legislative funding formula stating that it was positive for the district. She also presented an estimated yearend budget projection which included \$700,000 in capital outlay projects and \$80,000 for Instructional Resources. With this proposal, the district would over spend by \$268,408, which would spend down some of the reserves just as the board had wanted.

Items for Disposal

A list of item for disposal was compiled by Dave Canfield. Jeff Bathurst moved to approved the list of items for disposal. Debby Barbur seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0

Capital Project List

Dr. Guy presented the capital project list totaling \$701,091. Discussion was held. Kari Porter-Murray moved to approve the capital outlay project list as presented. Debby Barbur seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Garfield Purchasing Proposal

Gilmore and Associates sent a letter asking the board to sign a letter of agreement to stop negotiations on Garfield for 60 days while Gilmore and Associates completed their study and get a possible proposal back to the district for the purchase of Garfield. Discussion was held. Kari Porter-Murray moved to approve the 60-day Gilmore Proposal starting today. Jeff Bathurst seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Community Engagement

Free Summer Lunch Program Update

Food Service Director, Kyleen Harris, updated the board on the free summer lunch program available to kids ages 1 - 18 years old. It will be at the McKinley school starting June 5. Adults are allowed to eat, but will be charged \$3.50 per meal. There will be activities incorporated into the program.

Food Service 2017-2018 Meal Price Increase Proposal

Food Service Director, Kyleen Harris requested a \$.15 increase in lunch prices. This would allow the district to stay within the federal guidelines. The breakfast prices would remain the same. Jeff Bathurst moved to approve the increase as proposed. Debby Barbur seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Student Development

2017-2018 Instructional Resources

Chris Cooper updated the board on the new proposal for instructional resources. The total cost would be \$71,837.57. The Dave Ramsey's Personal Finance is sponsored by Astra Bank at no cost to the district.

Gregg Noel arrived at 7:47.

Debby Barbur moved to approve the 2017-18 Instructional Resources as presented. Jeff Bathurst seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

MTSS Behavior Information

Chris Cooper presented a powerpoint presentation on data collected concerning attendance, office discipline referrals, and course grades. Dr. Guy stated that the data is compiled every 9 weeks to see the progress. The information also showed the trends at each building level. The staff will continue to look at the information, integrate it, make sure it is sustainable, and then merge it with the KESA process.

Social Worker Proposal

Dr. Guy presented a proposal to hire a social worker in place of a 1st grade teacher. This would relieve some of the administrators duties and would benefit the students. Discussion was held. Gregg Noel moved to advertise for a social worker. Debby Barbur seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Learning Partnerships

Site Council

The Kennedy Site Council minutes were provided to the board.

2017-2018 KASB Membership Renewal/Legal Assistance Fees

The KASB Membership and Legal fees remained at \$11,022 and \$1,650 respectively. An optional \$1,500 season pass for seminars and training was also submitted by KASB. Discussion was held. The board will revisit the proposal at the May board meeting.

Board-Administrator Communications

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Administrator reports were provided to the board.

Abilene Cares Coalition

The Abilene Cares Coalition, which consists of community leaders and individuals, identified needs of children in the community. Dr. Guy shared some of their ideas and the action plan drafted to help those children with needs.

Other

None

Policy

Approval of Amended/New Policies

This is the second reading to the following policies: JBC - Enrollment; JBCA - Homeless Students; JBCB - Foster Care Students and Regulations. Dr. Guy recommended to approve these policies.

Gregg Noel moved to approve policies JBC and JBCA and JBCB. Jeff Bathurst seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Policy Review

Dr. Guy presented Policy JGFGBA (Student Self-Administration of Medications) and policy JRB (Release of Student Records) to the board for the first reading. Gregg Noel inquired about approving the policies at the meeting. Dr. Guy recommended them for approval.

Gregg Noel moved to approve policy JGFGBA and policy JRB. Debby Barbur seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session

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At 8:33 p.m., Jeff Bathurst moved to go into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual, also, matters relating to employer-employee negotiations to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest, and for preliminary discussion relating to the acquisition of real property to protect the district's financial interest and bargaining position and to return to open session in this room at 9:40 p.m. Gregg Noel seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. The board took a break from 8:33 p.m. until 8:40 p.m. Dr. Guy, Chris Cooper, and Twyla Sprouse were invited into the executive session at 8:40 p.m.

Principal Twyla Sprouse left executive session at 8:54 p.m.

Principal Tom Schwartz was invited into executive session at 8:54 p.m.

Principal Tom Schwartz left executive session at 9:06 p.m.

Principal Ethan Gruen was invited into executive session at 9:06 p.m.

Principal Ethan Gruen left executive session at 9:22 p.m.

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Discussion was held concerning common core and assessments.

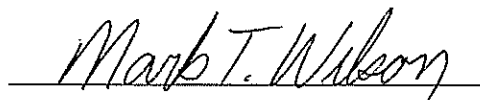
Adjournment

Gregg Noel moved to adjourn. Jeff Bathurst seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



Clerk



President

Personnel Update
Action for April 10, 2017

Resignations and Retirements

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
Classified	Adam Gantenbein	AHS Asst Football Coach	Terminated
Classified	Steve Riedy	AHS Head Girls Basketball Coach	Resigned
Classified	Jim Price	Bus Driver	Retired
Classified	Ethel Jacobson	Accounts Payable/Board Treasurer	Retired
Classified	Melissa Dannefer	Eisenhower Aide	Resigned

***Employment, Transfers and Other Action**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Classified	Cody Pitts	Kindergarten Aide/Food Service Checker
Classified	Hannah Willey	Summer Tech Help
Classified	Chris Davies	Summer Tech Help
Classified	Jerry Hitchcock	Transferred from sub Bus Driver to full time Bus Driver
Certified	Alix Kunkle	7 th Grade Communications Teacher
Classified	Daniel Chindamo	Sub Bus Driver

Employment – Substitute Teachers

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Certified	Kayla Peck	Substitute Teacher
Certified	Patricia Stout	Substitute Teacher
Certified	Cathi Smith	Substitute Teacher

Current positions open – April 10, 2017

Eisenhower Aide
Accounts Payable/Board Treasurer??
AHS Head Girls Basketball Coach
AHS Asst Football Coach
McKinley Lunchroom Supervisor
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.