

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

Abilene, Kansas

November 17 , 2016

The Board of Education of Abilene Unified School District No. 435 met for a special meeting retreat at the Brookville Hotel, 105 East Lafayette Avenue at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2016.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by President Barb Brittan with the following members in attendance:

Mark Wilson
Debby Barbur

Gregg Noel

Randy Gassman

Board member Jeff Bathurst arrived at 5:25 p.m. and board member Dr. Kari Porter-Murray arrived at 5:50 p.m. Others attending all or part of the meeting were: Superintendent - Dr. Denise Guy, exiting Board Clerk - Angie Schneider, entering Board Clerk - Joan Anderson, Dr. Brian Jordan from the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) and Building administrators - Ben Smith, Will Burton, Ron Wilson, Ethan Gruen, Tom Schwartz and Dr. Twyla Sprouse.

Approval of the Agenda

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

A break was requested at 5:11 p.m. to eat dinner in the Brookville dining room. There were no objections and the meeting reconvened at 6:02 p.m.

Work/Study Session

Board Goal Setting

The Kansas Association of School Boards' Dr. Brian Jordan was in attendance to walk board members and administrators through the process of adjusting and extending our current Strategic Plan. Handouts and a Power Point presentation were used.

A summary of our current plan was given along with the new Kansas Educational Systems Accreditation (KESA) system that will soon be required by the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE).

Individual Plans of Study (IPS) were also discussed. Brian guided board members in discussion of how the merging of these things could look for our district.

Board members and administrators broke up into groups to discuss items in our Strategic Plan that need to be adjusted for the short term and long term.

Policy

Approval of Amended Policies

Denise shared KASB recommended changes to the following polices: AEB-School Year and Learning Opportunities, JEF-Requisitions, FC-Memorials, Funerals and Naming of District Facilities, GAF-Staff-Student Relations, GAOC-Use of Tobacco Products and Nicotine Delivery Devices for Staff and new policy KGB-Concealed Observations. A motion was made by Gregg Noel to approve the amendments/new policy as presented. Jeff Bathurst seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

At 9:35 p.m., Mark Wilson 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 confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorship to protect the privacy rights of a corporation, partnership, trust, etc. with regard to their financial affairs and to return to open session in this room at 9:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Gregg Noel and the motion carried unanimously. Denise was invited to join the executive session.

The meeting reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mark Wilson to adjourn the meeting. Debby Barbur seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.



Clerk



President