

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

Abilene, Kansas

October 8, 2018

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, October 8, 2018.

Opening of the Meeting

Call the Meeting to Order

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

Kyle Becker
Jennifer Waite

Randy Gassman
Chris West

Gregg Noel
Mark Wilson

Others attending all or part of the meeting were: Interim Superintendent - Gary Nelson, Assistant Superintendent - Chris Cooper; Board Clerk - Joan Anderson; District Technology Coordinator - Mike Libby; Administrators - Dr. Ben Smith, Will Burton, Jenna Delay, Ethan Gruen, Laura Baldwin, and Dr. Twyla Sprouse; Abilene Reflector-Chronicle reporter - Kathy Hagaman; Varney & Associates representative - Eric Kientz; Deb Foltz, Gary Foltz, Monica Elias, Emily Burt, Patricia Duer, Jason Morton, Dakota Morton, Stanton Morton, Tanner Harwood, Carson Fairchild, Josh Duer, Maxwell Callahan, Robin Schlesener, Toby Weishaar, Adam Weishaar, Braydon Surritte

Approval of the Agenda

Gregg Noel moved to approve the agenda. Randy Gassman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda

The board reviewed the following items on the consent agenda:

Approval of minutes for the September 10, 2018 regular meeting, and the September 19, 2018 special meeting

Approval of district, high school, and middle school finance reports

Approval of Personnel Update

Approval of Out of District Attendance Requests/Recommendations

Approval of Individual Development Plans for Certified Staff

Gregg Noel moved to approve the consent agenda. Randy Gassman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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

None

Audience With Patrons

No one from the audience addressed the board at this time.

Action/Discussion Items

Varney & Associates 2017-2018 Audit Report

Eric Kientz from Varney & Associates distributed and summarized the 2017-2018 audit report for the board.

Randy Gassman moved to accept the audit report as presented. Mark Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Presentation

Bullying Prevention Month

The board reviewed the district's Bullying Prevention Plan and Policies. Superintendent Nelson noted that the statute number had changed.

Anonymous Reporting App

Dr. Smith updated the board on the new anonymous reporting app, P3Campus, that is available for students to use when they have a concern about another student or peer safety. All students have this app on their iPad and have been instructed on how to use it. Discussion was held.

Building Trades House

The building trades house has been changed to a two-year project. Dr. Smith stated that this allows students more time to learn this trade and to produce a better quality product. Discussion was held.

Facilities & Technology

Capital Outlay Projects

Superintendent Nelson had received input from the vocational teachers concerning the vocational capital outlay project. Consensus of the board is to keep this project moving forward.

Technology Update

Assistant Superintendent Chris Cooper updated the board on the technology committee meeting(s). The recommendation was to purchase 830 iPads at \$295 each and cases at \$39 each for grades 2-8 on a 4-year lease with the option to sell after 3 years. (The students should have the iPads by Christmas.) More time and input is needed before a recommendation will be made for AHS and Kennedy schools.

Kyle Becker moved to approve the lease purchase on the 830 iPads and cases for grades 2-8 on a 4-year lease plan. Jennifer Waite seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Learning Partnership

Approval of Site Council Memberships

Abilene Middle School presented their SITE Council membership list to the board.

Mark Wilson moved to approve the SITE Council membership list as presented. Jennifer Waite seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

SITE Council Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The AMS and Eisenhower SITE council meeting minutes were available for the board to review. Jennifer Waite moved to approve the minutes. Randy Gassman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Board-Administrator Communications

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Administrator reports were available for the board to review.

National School Lunch Week

National School Lunch Week is October 15-19. Plans are underway to celebrate this week with the kitchen staff.

National School Bus Safety Week

National School Bus Safety Week is October 22-26. Plans are underway to celebrate this week with the bus drivers.

Other

Chris Cooper informed the board that the ACT test will be given here in Abilene on February 20, 2019, and will be paid by the state. This test is for every Junior who wants to take it and any Senior who has not taken the test before.

Policy

New/Amended Policies

Superintendent Nelson summarized the changes to the following KASB policies and forms: DFAC - Procurement Federal Program; DFE - Investment of Funds; DIC - Inventories; DJB - Resolution to Establish Petty Cash Fund; DJB - Petty Cash Accounts; DJEB - Quality Control. This was the second reading.

Gregg Noel moved to approve the policies changes. Jennifer Waite seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Executive Session

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At 8:42 p.m., Gregg Noel moved that the board go into executive session at 8:50 p.m., along with Superintendent Nelson and Mr. Cooper, to discuss potential properties for office/classroom space pursuant to the exception for preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume in the board room at 9:05 p.m. Kyle Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The board returned to the open meeting at 9:05 p.m.

At 9:05 p.m., Gregg Noel moved that the board go into executive session to discuss potential properties for office/classroom space pursuant to the exception for preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume in the board room at 9:15 p.m. Mark Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Nelson and Mr. Cooper were invited into executive session.

The board returned to the open meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Other

Discussion was held concerning the football stadium and field.

Adjournment

Gregg Noel moved to adjourn. Chris West seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.



Clerk



President

Personnel Update
Action for October 8, 2018

Resignations and Retirements

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
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*Employment, Transfers and Other Action

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Classified	Tracy Kuecker	After School Program Teacher
Classified	Tiffany Rahe	McKinley Title I Reading Aide
Classified	Laura Callihan	Kennedy Title I Reading Aide
Classified	Diane Howser	Transfer from DDE Cook to DDE Breakfast
Classified	Janet Kopka	Substitute Food Service (starting 8-16-18)
Classified	Penny Baker	Transportation sub to part time driver

Employment – Substitute Teachers

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Certified	Sondra Knitter	Substitute Teacher
Certified	Aubrie Schartz	Substitute Teacher
Certified	Tisha Bielefeld	Substitute Teacher
Certified	Becky Evers	Substitute Teacher

Current positions open – October 8, 2018

Payroll Clerk
ABC Lead Teacher Kennedy
Superintendent
Bus Driver
Eisenhower ASP Head Teacher
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.