

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

Abilene, Kansas

October 9, 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, October 9, 2017.

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:

Debby Barbur
Dr. Kari Porter-Murray

Randy Gassman
Jennifer Waite

Gregg Noel
Mark Willson

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, Will Burton, Jenna Delay, Ethan Gruen, Laura Baldwin, and Twyla Sprouse, District Technology Coordinator - Mike Liby, Abilene Reflector-Chronicle - Kathy Hagaman, Kyle Becker, Chris West, Parker Gentry, Richie Clemente, and Trey Hoerner

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Dr. Guy summarized the following items on the consent agenda, noting the retirement of Rod Riffel and Duane Emig under Personnel Update:

Approval of minutes for the September 11, 2017 regular meeting
Approval of District, High School, and Middle School finance reports
Approval of Personnel Update
Surplus Items
Approval of Out of District Attendance Requests
Approval of Individual Development Plans for Certified Staff

Mark Wilson moved to approve the consent agenda. Gregg Noel 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 during the audience with patrons section.

Presentation

German Language Diploma Schools

Abilene High School received distinction as one of the first official German Language Diploma Schools in Kansas. Meagan Meneley described the process it took to attain this distinction and the how it will benefit the students.

Dr. Guy presented her itinerary for the study tour to Germany that she will be going on. She will be touring Universities, Technical Schools, and “Gymnasiums”.

Bullying Prevention Month - K12 Multi Tiered System of Support Behavior Overview

Chris Cooper presented the MTSS Behavior Essential Components and how they work together. This program emphasizes how to teach and maintain positive behaviors.

ACT Presentation

Principal Ben Smith updated the board on the ACT scores over the last several years. USD 435 is above the State and National averages for this past year in all 4 categories of the college readiness benchmark. Graduation rate at AHS was 95% for 2017.

Facilities & Technology

Capital Outlay Update - AHS sign - Eisenhower playground

The consensus of the board is to have the AHS sign letters painted a dark bronze at a cost of \$500.

Principal Ethan Gruen updated the board concerning the Eisenhower playground.

Learning Partnerships

Approval of Site Council Memberships

The District, AHS, and Eisenhower Site Council memberships were presented to the board.

Gregg Noel moved to approve the Site Council memberships. Jennifer Waite seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Site Council Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The District and AHS Site Council meeting minutes were presented to the board.

Kari Porter-Murray moved to accept the minutes. Mark Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Action/Discussion Items

Community Foundation of DK Co Grant

The AHS Music department received a \$500 from the Jerry and Peggy Hitchcock Charitable Giving Fund through the Community Foundation of Dickinson County. The money will be used for storage units. AHS also received another \$500 from the Wendell and Nancy Gugler Charitable Giving Fund through the Community Foundation of Dickinson County to be used for an “Escape Room”.

Randy Gassman moved to accept the 2 grants from the Community Foundation. Mark Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grant

McKinley has received a \$3000 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to purchase books for the lower reading level students.

Randy Gassman moved to accept the Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grant. Jennifer Waite seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Abilene High School Thespian Club

By-Laws for a Thespian Club were presented to the board. In order for students to attend the Thespian Conference in January, they have to belong to a Thespian Club.

Debby Barbur moved to approve the AHS Thespian Club By-Laws. Randy Gassman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Board-Administrator Communications

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Administrator reports were attached for the board members to review.

National School Lunch Week

National School Lunch week is October 9 - 13. Plans are underway to celebrate this week with kitchen staff.

National School Bus Safety Week

National School Bus Safety week is October 16 - 20. Plans are underway to celebrate this week with bus drivers.

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

The KASB Convention/Delegate Assembly is December 1 - 3 in Wichita. Rooms have been reserved at the Hyatt. Gregg Noel will be attending as the Delegate and Jennifer Waite will attend as the Alternate Delegate. Jeff Bathurst, Dr. Guy, and Chris West will also be attending. Other board members wanting to attend should let the board clerk know by November 17.

Other

None

Policy

Approval of New Policies/Procedures

This was the boards first reading of Policy and Procedures DFAC and GAN.

Executive Session

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Gregg Noel moved that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss an individual pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume in the board room at 8:45 p.m. Mark Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Dr. Guy and Chris Cooper were invited into the executive session.

The Board returned to the open meeting at 8:45 p.m. No action was taken.

Gregg Noel moved that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss financial affairs or trade secrets of a corporation pursuant to the exception for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume in the board room at 8:55 p.m. Randy Gassman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Dr. Guy and Chris Cooper were invited into the executive session.

The Board returned to the open meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Garfield Building Update

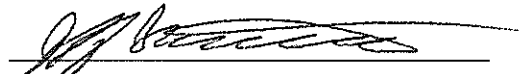
Gregg Noel moved to approve the addendum to the Real Estate Purchase Agreement of Garfield which extends the deadline to November 20, 2017. Kari Porter-Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.



Clerk

President

Personnel Update
Action for October 9, 2017

Resignations and Retirements

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
Classified	Janis Haugh	Title I Reading Aide (St. Andrews)	Resigned
Classified	Dan Chindamo	Sub Bus Driver	Resigned
Classified	Bill Christner	Asst. HS Track Coach	Resigned
Classified	Rod Riffel	Bus Driver	Retiring
Classified	Duane Emig	Kennedy Custodian	Retiring

***Employment, Transfers and Other Action**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Classified	Elizabeth Baier	Title I Reading Aide (St. Andrews)
Classified	Tammy Shaffett	Sub Bus Driver & Sub Cook
Classified	Debbie Roper	Transfer from Full Time to Sub Bus Driver
Classified	Jonathan Brundage	Sub Bus Driver
Classified	Kari Lynn Bowers	Sub Cook
Classified	Eric Dannefer	Transfer from Sub Bus Driver to Full Time Bus Driver

Employment – Substitute Teachers

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Certified	Karla Funk	Substitute Teacher
Certified	Heather Adams	Substitute Teacher
Certified	Katy Keener	Substitute Teacher
Classified	Vernetta Wells	Substitute Para/Aide
Classified	Jannifer Hasenbank	Substitute Para/Aide
Classified	Kristina Hawley	Substitute Para/Aide
Classified	Amanda Maybee	Substitute Para/Aide
Classified	Hannah Balman	Substitute Para/Aide
Classified	Tammy Shaffett	Substitute Para/Aide

Current positions open – October 9, 2017

Custodian
Asst. HS Track Coach
Booster Kindergarten Aide
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.

