

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

**Abilene, Kansas**

**March 13, 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, March 13, 2017.

**Opening of the Meeting**

**Call the Meeting to Order**

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

Debby Barbur  
Gregg Noel

Randy Gassman

Dr. Kari Porter-Murray

Jeff Bathurst arrived at 8:02 p.m. Others attending all or part of the meeting were: Superintendent - Dr. Denise Guy, Assistant Superintendent - Chris Cooper, Board Clerk - Joan Anderson, Building Administrators - Will Burton, Ethan Gruen, Tom Schwartz, and Twyla Sprouse, Abilene Reflector Chronicle - Kathy Hagaman, Hank Royer, Mike Liby, Dan Brown, Bryce Strickland, Chris Davies, Jacob Gillispie, Madisyn Riffel, Allison Beswick

**Approval of the Agenda**

Gregg Noel moved to approve the agenda with the removal of item 6.2 Regional Music Educator of the Year and the addition of 7.3 ACE Award from Dorothy Holmstrom Fund. Randy Gassman seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**Elected Officials**

**Board Member Resignation**

Gregg Noel moved to accept the resignation of Barb Brittan. Randy Gassman seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mark Wilson thanked Barb for her years of service and wished her well in her new endeavors.

**Board Vacancy Resolution**

Discussion was held as to the process of filling the vacancy once the resolution is passed.

Randy Gassman moved to adopt the following vacancy resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Board of Unified School District No. 435, Dickinson County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 25-2022 authorizes a Board of Education to fill such vacancies no sooner than fifteen (15) days following publication of notice in a newspaper having general circulation in the school district;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the clerk of the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 435, Dickinson County, Kansas, shall cause such notice to be published in the Abilene Reflector-Chronicle Newspaper.

Gregg Noel seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

### Elect New Vice-President

With the resignation of President Barb Brittan, Vice-President Mark Wilson now assumed the roll of Board President.

Gregg Noel moved to nominate Jeff Bathurst as the Vice-President and cast a unanimous ballot. Kari Porter-Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

### Consent Agenda

Dr. Guy summarized the consent agenda noting that the personnel section had been moved to the end of the meeting.

Debby Barbur moved to approve the consent agenda.

Approval of minutes for the February 13, 2017 regular meeting and February 28, 2017 Special work/study session

Approval of District Office, High School, and Middle School Finance Reports

Approval of Out of District Request

Randy Gassman seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

### **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

#### Newspaper Staff Congratulations

Kathy Hagaman, from the Abilene Reflector Chronicle, was recognized by the board for winning first place in the statewide competition for education stories in the 2017 Kansas Press Association Awards of Excellence competition. Kathy wrote an article detailing what would happen if USD 435 had to close its schools because of the state funding morass. The board thanked Kathy and presented her with a certificate.

### Action/Discussion Item

#### Summer Science Academy Donation

Mr. Hank Royer presented a check to Dan Brown for \$10,000 from the Jeffcoat Foundation to help fund this summer's Science Academy.

Randy Gassman moved to graciously accept the Jeffcoat Foundation donation from Hank Royer. Gregg Noel seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

### Class of 1967 Bench Donation

The class of 1967 would like to donate a bench to be placed outside the Abilene High School.

Debby Barbur moved to accept with gratitude the donation of the bench by the class of 1967. Gregg Noel seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

### Holmstrom Abilene Classroom Enrichment (ACE) Award

The district received a \$500 grant from the Holmstrom Abilene Classroom Enrichment Award Fund with the Community Foundation of Dickinson County, Inc. This money will be used to purchase blood pressure monitors for Molly Burton's classroom.

Gregg Noel moved to accept the ACE Award for the Science Class from the Dorothy Holmstrom fund through the Community Foundation. Randy Gassman seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

## **Facilities & Technology**

### Capital Project List

Dr. Guy presented an updated capital project list to the board. Discussion was held. Gregg Noel moved to approve the generator for the server vault. Randy Gassman seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

The board will revisit the list at the next meeting.

## **Community Engagement**

### Driver Education Fees

Dr. Guy recommended keeping the driver education fee at \$210.

## **Learning Partnerships**

### Site Council

The Eisenhower and AHS Site Council minutes were provided to the board.

## **Board-Administrator Communications**

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Administrator reports were provided to the board.

## **Legislative Update**

Dr. Guy informed the board that the legislative bills are on a roller coaster, so there is really nothing definite to report. Dr. Guy will be in Topeka Wednesday to visit with the Chair of the House K-12 budget committee.

## **Select Board Members to Dispense Diplomas**

Kari Porter-Murray and Randy Gassman will dispense diplomas at graduation.

## **Other**

Gregg Noel congratulated Will Burton on how everything went at the high school last week.

The AHS State Wrestling team will be in Topeka Wednesday to be recognized for their accomplishment.

## **Policy**

### **Approval of Amended/New Policies**

This is the second reading to the following policies: JGC - Health Assessments and Physicals; MI - Kansas Education Systems Accreditation. Dr. Guy recommended to approve these policies.

Debby Barbur moved to approve policies JGC and MI. Gregg Noel seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Policy Review**

Dr. Guy presented Policy JBC (Enrollment), JBCA (Homeless Students; Homeless Students Regulations & Complaint form), and policy JBCB (Foster Care Students; Foster Care Students Regulations) to the board for the first reading.

## **Executive Session**

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At 8:10 p.m., Jeff Bathurst moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual and matters relating to employer-employee negotiations to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest, and to return to open session in this room at 9:10 p.m. Gregg Noel seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. Dr. Guy and Chris Cooper were invited into the executive session at 8:10 p.m.

Gregg Noel left the executive session at 8:10 p.m. and returned at 8:12 p.m.

Principal Ben Smith and Assistant Principal Will Burton were invited into executive session at 8:27 p.m.

Randy Gassman left executive session at 8:33 p.m. and returned at 8:39 p.m.

The Board returned to the open session at 9:10 p.m.

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Debby Barbur left executive session at 9:13 p.m.

Ben Smith and Will Burton left executive session at 9:18 p.m.

Debby Barbur returned to the executive session at 9:18 p.m.

Ron Wilson was invited into executive session at 9:18 p.m.

The Board returned to the open session at 9:30 p.m.

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The Board returned to the open session at 9:35 p.m.

Personnel Update

Debby Barbur moved to approve the personnel update list as presented. Gregg Noel seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held concerning the trees along 14th street and the process of the board vacancy.

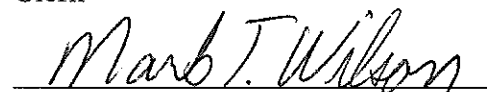
Adjournment

Kari Porter-Murray moved to adjourn. Jeff Bathurst seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.



Clerk



President

Personnel Update  
Action for March 13, 2017

**Resignations and Retirements**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
Certified	Christy Whitehair	Eisenhower 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	Resigned
Classified	Michelle Homman	Kindergarten Aide	Resigned

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

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Classified	Jill Hummel	After School Program Substitute
Certified	Casey Bell	AHS Assistant Track Coach
Certified	Alex Moyer	AHS Art Teacher
Certified	Jenna Delay	AMS Principal
Certified	Chris Delay	Transfer from AMS Communications Teacher to AHS Journalism Teacher
Certified	Sarah Zey	Eisenhower 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
Certified	Jordan Everett	Eisenhower 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

**Employment – Substitute Teachers**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
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**Current positions open – March 13, 2017**

Kindergarten Aide  
AMS Communications Teacher  
McKinley Elementary Principal  
Kennedy 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher  
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.