

**Sublette USD #374
Official Minutes**

The Sublette Unified School District No. 374 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 7, 2022 in the boardroom at the Administrative Office at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present

Cornelius Froese

Cesar Pena

Cody Forester

Pete Dyck

Grant Webber

Members Absent

Lee Mason

Others Present: Rex Bruce, Superintendent; Charity Ochs-Lathen, Clerk; Bobby Murphy, Middle/High School Principal; Rachel Lee, Elementary Principal; Lyle Befort Activities Director and Sonya Pena, Curriculum Director.

Guests – Jess Murphy, Tabitha Ferrell, Eric Ferrell, Becki Wright, Lexi Wright, Madysyn Mosttler, Brad Wright, Justin Klebba, Shyree Wiswell, Michael Goodman

Item #1 Call Meeting to Order /Approve Agenda

The President called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Dyck, to approve the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

Item #2 Approve Minutes

Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Froese, to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2022 regular meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

Item #3 Approve Bills and Authorize Payment

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Froese, Mr. Dyck, Mr. Pena and Mr. Forester reviewed Purchase Orders and supporting documents presented for payment. Mr. Froese moved, seconded by Mr. Forester, to approve the bills as listed on the List of Warrants dated 02/28/22 and authorize payment. The motion carried 4-0.

Item #4 Approve Transfers

Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Forester, to approve the following transfers: \$64,071.46 from General to At Risk; \$6,744.39 from General to Daycare; \$79,729.49 from General to Bilingual; \$8,594.26 from General to Small Rural Schools, \$9,676.27 from General to Vocational Fund and \$93,025.05. The motion carried 4-0.

Public Comments:

Mrs. Murphy informed the Board that the district had just completed KELPA testing. It is tied to funding for ESL. State Assessments will end the last day of April. She presented a list of classes they are hoping to add in the fall. The classes will fulfill the necessary requirements as well as being relatable to real life situations and interests. Given that, it is anticipated to have good participation.

Mr. Goodman, Mr. Klebba and Mrs. Wiswell all introduced themselves to the Board and presented their desire to fill the open position. Mrs. Ferrell brought a few of her ES Science Fair Students as they explained their projects that they are taking to State Competition on April 1st. Lexi Wright, Eighth Grade, also presented her project. There 12 Students who were qualifiers for State. Mrs. Karen Jury has been helping the students with their projects.

Mr. Webber entered the meeting at 6:50.

Reports

Curriculum

Mrs. Pena reported March 10th is when accreditation for KESA will be determined. The results of the five year study were presented and reviewed. Mrs. Pena shared the questions for the subjects covered in the study and the data used to support the answers given. She reviewed areas of improvement and areas in which we struggled. The intervention is in place and proving to be effective. She also touched on Kindergarten readiness, the student's IPS, High School Graduation percentage and Post Secondary Success.

Principals

Mrs. Lee reported that she was excited to say that the Morning Meetings would resume in the Gym. She said it is something that she has not been done for two years and the students have really missed it. She also said that now all students would again be eating in the lunchroom.

Mr. Murphy was happy to report there is currently no COVID testing happening. February 16-17 was Parent Teacher Conferences. There was 100% participation rate at the Middle School and 93% at the High School. The Community Pep Rally on February 9th was well attended. We hosted HS League Music. Only 3 schools brought bands due to shortage of band teachers or having to cut the program all together. Caleb Friesen was the winner of the County Spelling Bee on February 22nd. We also hosted approximately 60 kids for Kansas Leadership. We also hosted sub state Basketball. The Community bought out the Rowdy Crowd and Choir Students Entry fees and attendance couldn't have been better! Mr. Murphy also stated that he will begin his second round of formal observations for the new teachers. Seatbelts Across America will be in district for their game show and presentation reminding students to always buckle up. He also shared that guests coming to the events over the last month commented on the overall cleanliness and condition of our facility and wanted us to be sure and let our staff know the great job they do.

Activities Director

Mr. Befort reported that the Jr. High was pleased about their success with winning the League Championship against Southwestern Heights. However, he said after witnessing all the excitement surrounding Sub State, they set their sights on making it to State during their high school career. He reiterated on community comments on our facilities. MS Quiz Bowl took first at state and he ended on a high note reporting large participation in spring sports.

Superintendent:

Mr. Bruce thanked those who put in efforts to help organize all the league events we have been hosting. He said that if we do not have anyone here in Sublette take over the Summer Basketball program it will probably go to Lakin. He asked to have discussions about it again next month.

SWPRSC/HPEC

Mr. Pena reported there were not enough in attendance to SWPRSC to form a quorum so no meeting was held. Mr. Webber was not able to attend HPEC.

Item #5 Sublette/ Satanta Cooperation

Mr. Murphy reported that he is in contact with Satanta a couple times a week. They discussed combining for golf but they ended up not having any students participate. Talks continue in efforts to find ways we can help each other.

Item #6 Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel

Mr. Forester moved, seconded by Mr. Froese, to go into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance and a potential employee pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, to include Mr. Bruce and Mr. Murphy in executive session. The motion carried 5-0.

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:14 p.m.

Item #7 Resignations

Mr. Webber moved, seconded by Mr. Forester, to accept the resignations of Mrs. Ashley Winger, HS Biological and Health Science Teacher and District CTE Coordinator; Mr. Dallas Roths, District Band Director; Mrs. Katie Limon, District Daycare and Mr. Nathaniel Lee, Elementary Music Education with gratitude for their years of service. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #8 Contract Approval

Mr. Froese moved and Mr. Dyck seconded to approve the contracts for Mrs. Chrissy Zanghi, Assistant HS Track; Justin Groth, Assistant HS Boys Golf; Aileen Gonzales, Assistant MS Track and Richard Humphrey, Assistant HS Baseball. The motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

With no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Dyck moved, seconded by Mr. Forester, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5-0.

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President

Clerk

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