

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

Abilene, Kansas

September 9, 2019

The Board of Education (the “Governing Body”) 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, September 9, 2019.

Opening of the Meeting

Call the Meeting to Order

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

Jeff Bathurst (arrived at 7:10)

Randy Gassman

Gregg Noel

Jennifer Waite

Chris West

Mark Wilson

Others attending all or part of the meeting were: Superintendent - Greg Brown, Assistant Superintendent - Chris Cooper, Board Clerk - Joan Anderson, District Technology Coordinator - Mike Liby, Administrators - Dr. Ben Smith, Will Burton, Jenna Delay, Derek Berns, Mindy Sanders, Dr. Twyla Sprouse; Abilene Reflector-Chronicle reporter - Kathy Hagaman, Piper Jeffrey representative - Clayton Kelley, Veronica Murray, Robert Keener, Makenna McGivney, Chesney Sprinkle, Jordan Henkle, Kayley Taylor, Olivia Howie, Chloe Ward, Amanda Brown, Anthony Brown, Anna Zey, Destin Schmidt, Shiann Oberding, Savannah Stout, Scout Tokoi, Alexis McCoy, Mitchell Burkett

Approval of the Agenda

Gregg Noel moved to approve the agenda. Randy Gassman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda

The following items were on the consent agenda:

Approval of minutes for the August 12, 2019, regular meeting and the August 19 & 20, 2019, special meetings

Approval of District Office, 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

New/Amended Policies (2nd reading)

Surplus

Randy Gassman moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Gregg Noel seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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

CEO Entrepreneurial Course

Veronica Murray from the Dickinson County Economic Development Corporation gave a presentation on the Midland Institute Entrepreneurial program. This program is about Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) for students by partnering them with the business world. Students from participating schools in Dickinson County are required to apply in order to be accepted in the program. The program is limited to 20 students and will start in the Fall of 2020. The schools will see which courses this program would line up with to count as credits for the students.

Community Foundation of Dickinson County

The Parents As Teachers program received a \$5000 grant from the Community Foundation of Dickinson County. This is part of a multi-year grant.

Chris West moved to approve the PAT grant donation. Jeff Bathurst seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

AHS Scoreboard Donations

Funds in the amount of \$14,273.22 were raised & donated by Mr. Thomas Arevalo for new scoreboards in the high school gymnasium. Stock was also donated to the school for the scoreboard. Since the school did not have a procedure in place for selling the stock, the Community Foundation of Dickinson County assisted with that process. The stock sold for \$8,546.43. The two donations would fund the scoreboard, but not the installation cost. Discussion was held.

Randy Gassman moved to accept the donations. Jennifer Waite seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Refinancing the Bond

Clayton Kelley from Piper Jaffray highlighted the savings the district would receive if the 2014 Bond was refinanced. The downward trend of interest rates and the growth of the district were factors that contributed to the presented savings. Discussion was held.

Gregg Noel moved to adopt the Resolution entitled “**A Resolution Authorizing The Offering For Sale Of Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019, of Unified School District No. 435, Dickinson County, Kansas (Abilene).**” Randy Gassman seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

The President declared the Resolution duly adopted by the Governing Body and the Clerk designated the same Resolution No. 090919.

Student Development

AHS Requests for Out-of-State Travel

The list of AHS out-of-state travel requests was presented. Discussion was held.

Jeff Bathurst moved to accept the out-of-state travel requests. Mark Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7 0.

Playground Considerations

Dr. Twyla Sprouse informed the board that the Kennedy playground was in need of repair and an ADA update. She requested that Matt Cline of Landscape Structures be contacted. Discussion was held. The board instructed Dr. Sprouse to proceed with contacting Mr. Cline. Jennifer Waite and Chris West volunteered to help with the playground process.

AHS E-gaming Club

A request was made by Anthony Brown and Mitchell Burkett to form an E-gaming club. The students in the club would compete against other schools in the E-gaming league. The criteria was presented and three students demonstrated how the competition worked. Discussion was held. The board strongly opposed any shooting games and wanted the games to be rated under the age of 17.

Chris West moved to approve the E-gaming Club with the stipulations discussed. Gregg Noel seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Learning Partnership

Approval of SITE Council Memberships

The AHS and AMS SITE Council membership lists were presented. Discussion was held.

Randy Gassman moved to approve the SITE Council lists as presented. Jennifer Waite seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Board-Administrator Communications

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The administrator reports were presented for review.

Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) Annual Convention

The KASB annual convention is December 6-8 at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita. Board members will contact the board clerk if they will be attending. The board will select the voting and alternate delegates at the October meeting.

Capital Outlay Projects

The capital outlay board task force chose the Vo-Ag building and greenhouse as the top priority for the capital outlay projects. The bus barn and stadium were also selected as future projects. Discussion was held. The board hopes to have a definite decision on how to proceed with the Vo-Ag building and greenhouse by December.

District Goals/Strategic Plan

Superintendent Brown combined the board goals from the KASB goals workshop with the district's five-pillar strategic plan. He highlighted the need to keep the five-year strategic plan at the forefront noting that the accreditation cycle coincides with the strategic plan. Discussion was held. The board will upgrade the strategic plan in January.

Executive Session

Personnel

At 8:52 p.m., Randy Gassman moved that the board go into executive session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume in the board room in 20 minutes. Gregg Noel seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. The board recessed until 9:00 p.m. Greg Brown was invited into executive session.

The board returned to the open meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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The board returned to the open meeting at 9:40 p.m.

At 9:40 p.m., Gregg Noel moved that the board go into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume in the board room in 15 minutes. Jennifer Waite seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Greg Brown was invited into executive session.

The board returned to the open meeting at 9:55 p.m.

At 9:55 p.m., Randy Gassman moved that the board go into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume in the board room in 10 minutes. Gregg Noel seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The board returned to the open meeting at 10:05 p.m.

At 10:05 p.m., Gregg Noel moved that the board go into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume in the board room in 2 minutes. Chris West seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The board returned to the open meeting at 10:07 p.m.



Discussion was held concerning the district's pledges at Astra Bank. The consensus was to stay with the current way the bank handles pledges.

Adjournment

Gregg Noel moved to adjourn. Jennifer Waite seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

10-14-19
Date


Clerk

President

Personnel Update
Action for September 9, 2019

Resignations and Retirements

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
Classified	Charlotte Jenne	Kennedy Breakfast Supervisor	Resignation
Classified	Kylie Lee	Payroll Clerk	Resignation
Classified	Christine Rogge	Technology Assistant	Retirement
Classified	Mackenzie Matavosky	McKinley Lead ASP Teacher	Resignation

***Employment, Transfers and Other Action**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Classified	Sara Mitchell	Kennedy Title I Aide
Classified	Sarah Juhl	Food Service Substitute
Classified	Jenny Wilkins	AMS After School Program Teacher
Classified	Becca Lahr	Kennedy After School Program Teacher
Classified	Marie Ebersole	Sub Bus Driver
Classified	Timothy Bailey	AHS Custodian
Classified	Rose Lindsey	Breakfast/Headstart Cook McKinley
Classified	Elly Cauthon	AHS Crossing Guard
Classified	Kristina Vinduska	ASP Teacher Eisenhower
Classified	Turner Alderson	ASP Teacher McKinley
Classified	Marcy Strong	Transfer from Kennedy Cook to McKinley Cook
Classified	Sara Mitchell	Transfer from McKinley ASP to Kennedy ASP Teacher

Employment – Substitute Teachers

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
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Current positions open – Sept 9, 2019

Technology Assistant
Payroll Clerk
Kennedy Breakfast Supervisor
AHS Boys Asst. Tennis Coach
AHS Asst. Wrestling Coach
McKinley Lunch Supervisor
Van Driver
AHS Asst. Track Coach
Bus Driver
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.