

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

Abilene, Kansas

May 13, 2019

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, May 13, 2019.

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

Others attending all or part of the meeting were: Interim Superintendent - Gary Nelson; Assistant Superintendent - Chris Cooper; Board Clerk - Joan Anderson; Administrators - Jenna Delay, Ethan Gruen, Laura Baldwin, and Dr. Twyla Sprouse; IT Director - Mike Liby; Abilene Reflector-Chronicle Reporter - Kathy Hagaman; Shelley Alderson, Deb Farr, Kiersten Bauer, Elise Ketcher, Sarah Cooper, Heidi Schlesener, Colton McVan, James Mayden, Mark Cooper, Dylan Delay, Tearney McGivney, Maggie Gantenbein, Makenna McGivney, Kari Hood, Taryn Copple, Bailey Copple, Shyann W., Sevena A., Dylan G., Dawson Wuthnow,, Abby Barnes, Mace Debenham, Kendra Guy, J. Weishaar, Reese Longenecker, Emma Wildmen, Maddie Beswick, Barb Leckron, Barb Bauer, Trinity Sampson, Monica Elias, Christian Delgado, Presten Boyd, Dan Brown, Will Graves, Owen Tichenor, Gabe Rahe

Approval of the Agenda

Kyle Becker moved to approve the agenda. Gregg Noel seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda

The following items were on the consent agenda:

- 2.2 Approval of minutes for the April 8, 2019, regular meeting; April 24, 2019, and May 2, 2019, special meetings
- 2.3 Approval of District, High School, and Middle School Financial Reports
- 2.4 Approval of Personnel Update List
- 2.5 Out of District Attendance Recommendations
- 2.6 Surplus

Kyle Becker moved to approve the consent agenda. Randy Gassman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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

None.

Audience with Patrons

No one present wished to address the board at this time.

Presentation/Donations

Jeffcoat Donation

Hank Royer, on behalf of the Jeffcoat Foundation, donated \$10,000 to the Summer Science Academy. Kyle Becker moved to accept the donation. Gregg Noel seconded the motion and expressed great appreciation for the donation. Motion carried 6-0.

Hank Royer, on behalf of the Jeffcoat Foundation, also donated \$6,000 for the K-5 Positive Behavior stores designating \$2,000 per elementary building. Gregg Noel moved to accept the donation with great appreciation. Kyle Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Pinnacle Bank Donation

The Pinnacle Bank donated \$5,000 to the After School Program to assist in the addition of a 4th site at McKinley . Gregg Noel moved to accept the donation from Pinnacle Bank and to thank Dustin DeWeese. Randy Gassman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

After School Program Rubik's Group

Dan Brown, director of the after school program, explained how the rubik's cube group was formed. He searched around to see if there were any rubik's cube competitions and he found one being held in Maize, Kansas. Will Graves, Owen Tichenor and Gabe Rahe represented Eisenhower Elementary in the competition and won first place in their division. Mr. Brown had the three students demonstrate their skills to the board.

FCCLA

The FCCLA culinary class thanked the board and presented a slide show of their recent trip to Disney World. Each member explained what their role was and what they liked best about the culinary competition. Mrs. Farr commended the group on their team work and being at the right place at the right time.

Learning Partnerships

Site Council Minutes

The Abilene Middle School Site Council minutes were presented.

Gregg Noel moved to approve the Site Council minutes. Jennifer Waite seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Auto Tech

Chris Cooper updated the board on the auto tech class and the options available using Salina Area Technical College to teach the class on site. Discussion was held.

Handbooks

The AHS Extra Curricular Activities/Athletic handbook was presented for review. Discussion was held.

Gregg Noel moved to approve the Abilene High School Extra Curricular Activities/Athletic handbook. Kyle Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Board-Administrator Communications

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The administrator's reports were available for review.

Legislative Update

Superintendent Nelson updated the board on the Governor's bill that has went to the Supreme Court and the possible outcomes. He also informed the board that Senate Bill 75 on Mental health was extended. The state would fund 75% of the expense for the liaison and the district would be responsible for the other 25%.

Staff Recognition/Year End Celebration

The staff recognition/year end celebration is May 22 at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. Board members are to let the board clerk know if they will be attending.

At-Risk Coordinator Position

A proposal to add an at-risk coordinator position for grades 6-12 was presented by Chris Cooper. This position would include dealing with grades, behavior and attendance issues. Adding this position would allow the current social worker to just work with grades K-5. Discussion was held. The proposal was tabled until more information could be obtained.

KESA

The district's KESA report was sent to the State Board of Education Accreditation Review Council (ARC). Approval is scheduled for June.

Other

None

Policy

Other

Options were given concerning the policy manual. The consensus of the board was to switch to a flash drive with the policies on it instead of having a paper manual for board members. The board clerk would update the drive annually.

Executive Session

Acquisition of Real Property

At 7:59 p.m. Gregg Noel moved that the board take a 5 minute break and then 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 in 5 minutes. Randy Gassman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. The Board went into executive session at 8:04 p.m. inviting in Gary Nelson and Chris Cooper.

The board returned to the open meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Non-Elected Personnel

At 8:09 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. Kyle Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Gary Nelson and Chris Cooper were invited into executive session.

The board returned to the open meeting at 8:24 p.m.

At 8:24 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 10 minutes. Jennifer Waite seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Gary Nelson and Chris Cooper were invited into executive session.

The board returned to the open meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Employer-Employee Negotiations

At 8:34 p.m., Gregg Noel moved that the board go into executive session to discuss options for negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume in the board room in 10 minutes. Randy Gassman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Gary Nelson and Chris Cooper were invited into executive session.

The board returned to the open meeting at 8:44 p.m.

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The board returned to the open meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Chris Cooper shared the Governor’s budget showing the increase in funding for each school.

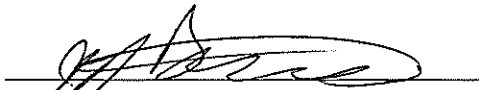
Adjournment

Randy Gassman moved to adjourn. Kyle Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.


Clerk

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President

Personnel Update
Action for May 13, 2019

Resignations and Retirements

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
Classified	Mya Gray	PAT Educator	Resignation
Certified	Melissa Thorsell	Booster Kindergarten Teacher	Resignation

***Employment, Transfers and Other Action**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Classified	Ryan Longenecker	Summer Maintenance Help
Classified	Brenna Riffel	Summer Maintenance Help
Classified	Molly Burton	8 th Grade Girls Head Basketball Coach
Classified	Jeremiah Schmitz	AMS Evening Custodian
Classified	Dan Rheingans	7 th Grade Boys Head Basketball Coach
Classified	Troy Palenske	8 th Grade Boys Asst. Basketball Coach
Classified	Kyle Taylor	Trf from 8 th Grade Boys Asst. Basketball to AHS Asst. Boys Basketball Coach
Classified	Jammie Paulson	McKinley Custodian
Classified	Judy Jones	Food Service Substitute
Classified	Makenna McGivney	Summer Maintenance Help

Employment – Substitute Teachers

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
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Current positions open – May 13, 2019

Booster Kindergarten Teacher
PAT Educator
AHS Ag Teacher & FFA Sponsor
Kennedy Reading Aide
AHS Asst. Track Coach
AHS Automotive/Math
7th Grade Boys Asst. Basketball Coach
AHS Boys Tennis Coach
AHS Asst. Volleyball 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.