

**8Rawlins County Unified School District # 105**  
**Board of Education Meeting Minutes**  
**6:30 p.m., February 20th, 2023**  
**Rawlins County Elementary Board Room**

**Board Members Present:** Megan Rippe, David Horinek, Matt Finley, Terry Ballard, Jordan Dunker, Tim McFee

**Others Present:** Eric Stoddard, Lacy Sramek, Jeff Samson, Chandler Pettibone, Emily Green, Susan Brenn, Donovan Rogers, Kent Morgan, Courtney Schamberger, Mardi Lohofener, Kati Latulip, Rob Beckman, Victoria Rall, Audrey Vap, Sara Schmidt

**23-109 Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Terry Ballard to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**23-110 Open Forum**

**23-111 Discussion/Action Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes of the January 16th, 2023 Regular Meeting**  
**Payment of Claims**

**Accept gift of \$300 and classroom supplies to both buildings from Prairieland Electric**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by David Horinek to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2023 regular board meeting as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by David Horinek second by Matt Finley to approve the payment of claims as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Matt Finley second by Terry Ballard to accept the \$300 donation and classroom supplies from Prairieland Electric with great appreciation. Motion carried 6-0.

**23-112 Discussion/Action Use of Vehicle**

Motion by David Horinek second by Jordan Dunker to approve and supply a transit van for Susan Brenn and her student to travel to Denver for their summer trip. Motion carried 6-0.

**23-113 Discussion/Action Use of Vehicle**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Terry Ballard to approve the trip of the Mathematics and Science Conference in Emporia on March 3rd and 4th for travel and hotel rooms. Motion carried 6-0.

**23-114 Discussion/Action After Prom Committee**

Motion by Matt Finley second by David Horinek to allow the prom committee to use the high school facilities for all of the prom activities. Motion carried 6-0.

**23-115 Discussion/Action USD 105 Erate**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Jordan Dunker to approve the request for the access points from CDW-G. Motion carried 6-0.

**23-116 Discussion/Action LOB Percentage**

Motion by Terry Ballard second by Tim McFee to allow the increase to 33% for LOB funding. Motion carried 6-0.

### **23-117 Discussion/Action Rawlins County Childcare**

No action taken.

### **23-118 Discussion/Action of USD 105 Facilities**

- a. **Facilities Committee-Attached is the schedule of the facilities committee. We will report to the Board on the first two meetings.**
- b. **Auditorium-Attached is the report from the engineer. We are working through our different options to determine the direction to proceed.**

Mr. Stoddard gave a quick update on the facilities committee and recommended the board do facility tours at the March and April meetings.

Motion by Matt Finley second by David Horinek to move the regular March 20, 2023 BOE meeting to 5:30pm at the high school beginning with a tour followed by the remainder of the meeting in the high school library and the April 17, 2023 meeting to begin at 5:30pm with a tour of the elementary school followed by the remainder of the meeting in the boardroom. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on the auditorium project. No action taken.

### **23-119 Administrator Reports**

#### **Superintendent:**

- Legislative Update: reviewed list of senate and house bills
- 2021-2022 Year 4 KESA Report: provided the KESA report and current status

Motion by Terry Ballard second by Jordan Dunker to recess for 5 minutes and return to open session at 8:19pm. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to open session at 8:19pm.

#### **High School Principal:**

- CAC Fundraiser was a success and Mrs. Brenn would like to thank everyone for the support
- Mrs. Popp participated in the Doodle for Google contest
- Entrepreneurship Fair was rescheduled for Wednesday, March 1st
- Mr. Grafel's class is working on a new sink/cabinet for the concession stand area, material donated by the class for 2023
- Jordyn Tiemeyer and Payton Juenemann were selected and will be participating at KMEA All State Choir this week in Wichita
- Junior High Choir will attend a music contest in Colby on March 1st
- 3 high school wrestlers qualified for state wrestling: Drew Withington, Ryan Sramek, Gus Hanson
- High School sub state basketball begins next week
- State scholars bowl attended the state competition last week

#### **Elementary Principal:**

- Students participated in Kansas Day through various activities including bee demonstrations, making homemade bread, churned butter, and Kansas Wildlife and Parks brought in salamanders and things for the kids to view
- Western Plains Art Association brought in a Kansas History performer, Jeff Davidson
- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade did activities for the 100th day of school
- Spelling Bee Results: 1<sup>st</sup> place - Ayla Moses, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Shay Cavenee, Kendall Cavenee – 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest took place this past month
- Conservation Awards winners will be recognized on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Conservation District Dinner/Annual Meeting

- 4th grade field trip to the Circus in Salina - thanks to the Mason's for funding this trip
- Donuts with Grownups hosted by PTO for Valentine's Day – estimated 325 people in attendance
- 6th grade made edible cells as a class project
- Random Acts of Kindness - several students participated in this event
- Carson Purdue and Mrs. Kastens presented to Rotary about Tech/Mind Craft projects with Chandler Pettibone, IT Director
- FastBridge Assessments have been completed

## **23-120 Executive Session**

### **a. Non-Elected Personnel**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by David Horinek to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 20 minutes and return to open session at 8:40 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Matt Finley to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 20 minutes and return to open session at 9:02 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to open session at 9:02 p.m.

### **b. Student Issues**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Tim McFee to go into executive session for student opportunities to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 15 minutes and return to open session at 9:20 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Motion by Matt Finley second by David Horinek to go into executive session for student opportunities to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 10 minutes and return to open session at 9:31 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to open session at 9:31 p.m.

### **c. Negotiations**

Motion by David Horinek second by Matt Finley to go into executive session for negotiations to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 10 minutes and return to open session at 9:44 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 6-0.

Terry Ballard came out of executive session at 9:39pm

The board returned to open session at 9:44 p.m.

Motion by Matt Finley second by Tim McFee to go into executive session for negotiations to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 5 minutes and return to open session at 9:50 p.m. Executive session shall include the board (except Terry Ballard) and administration. Motion carried 5-0.

The board returned to open session at 9:50 p.m.

### **d. Principal Evaluation**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Matt Finley to go into executive session for principal evaluation to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 15 minutes and return to open session at 10:10 p.m.

Executive session shall include the board and superintendent with reservations to pull in principals if needed. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:10 p.m.

Motion by Matt Finley second by David Horinek to go into executive session for principal evaluation to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 2 minutes and return to open session at 10:13 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and superintendent with reservations to pull in principals if needed. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:13 p.m.

### **23-121 Action on Executive Session**

#### **a. Approval of any Hires, Resignations, Retirements, Transfers**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by David Horinek to hire Steve Brown as a bus driver pending his license requirements, accept the resignation of Tessa Wahlmeier as RCHS Math Teacher, Tyler Sattler as RCHS Spanish Teacher, Jen Melia as RCHS Assistant Volleyball Coach, accept the transfer of Victoria Hadley to HS Math for the next school year, accept the retirement of Deb Portschy as RCJSHS English-Language Arts Teacher, Kayla Wombacher as vocal music teacher and Virginia Heble as RCHS Accompanist. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **b. Student Issues**

No action was taken.

#### **c. Negotiations: Approval of 2022-23 Negotiated Agreement**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Matt Finley to make the article XXIV: addition of the summer weight room coach to level 3 of the extra duty salary schedule for the 2022-2023 contract year, the negotiation team agrees to adding a sunset clause on the 2022-2023 extra duty salary schedule (article XXIV) and will be revisited for the 2023-2024 contract year on the following duties: 1.) student improvement team coordinator-level 1 assignment, 1 for RCES and 1 for RCHS, and 2.) assessment coordinator-level 1 assignment, 1 for RCES and 1 for RCHS. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **d. Approval of Principal Contract Extension through 2024-25 School Year**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Jordan Dunker to extend both principal contracts through the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

### **23-122 Adjournment**

Motion by Terry Ballard second by Tim McFee to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Emily Green  
Board Clerk