

Unified School District No. 376 Rice County  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
April 08, 2024, 7:00 p.m.  
Library, Sterling High School, Rice County, KS

**Broadcast on Black Bear Network**

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<b>Members Present</b>	Melissa Conard, Jessi Dobson, Staci Fulbright, Bill Kilgore, Jon Oden.
<b>Member on Phone</b>	Travis Tesone.
<b>Others Present</b>	Superintendent Jim Goracke, Clerk Laurie Evans, and those on the attached list of attendees.
<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Melissa Conard.
<b>Invocation</b>	Jessi Dobson led opening prayer.
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Melissa Conard led the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>Board Communications</b>	Board members were given the opportunity to share educational comments, ideas, and concerns.
<b>Action Item</b>	Motion made by Bill Kilgore, seconded by Jessi Dobson to add two action items: FBLA trip, and Nonresident Enrollment Report.  Motion passed 6-0.
<b>Black Bear Focus</b>	Tricia Schechter - 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Shark Tank Presentations Jessica Schmidt - PDC 5-year Plan Eric Wenzel – FBLA Nationals in FL
<b>Consideration of BOE Applicants</b>	Brittany Ferguson, Jake Flickinger, Michael Gray, Chad Hook, and Jason Levy.
<b>Motion to Appoint</b>	Motion made by Staci Fulbright, seconded by Bill Kilgore for the Board of Education, USD 376, to appoint Chad Hook to the vacant Board of Education seat whose term ends on January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2026. The remaining two years of the term will be filled during the regular election of the Board of Education in November of 2025.  Motion Passed 5-1.
<b>Swearing in New Member</b>	New Board Member, Chad Hook was sworn in.
<b>Approve Agenda</b>	The agenda was approved.
<b>Approve Consent Agenda</b>	Motion made by Jessi Dobson, seconded by Jon Oden to approve the following listing of items 2.1-2.4 as printed on the consent agenda.  2.1 Approval of the March 4, 2024 regular meeting minutes, and the March 28, 2024 Special meeting minutes. 2.2 Approve the listing of claims as presented on the check register and order said claims to be paid. Accept the monthly financial reports and statements of USD 376 and Sterling Recreation Commission, as presented by the Clerk. 2.3 Acceptance of Donations: Janiece D. Rowland Rev. Trust \$100 to Black Bear Broadcasting, and TEKsystems \$820 for Unpaid Lunch Balances. 2.4 Approve Consent Agenda.  Motion passed 7-0.

<b>Administrator Reports</b>	<p>Principal Brennan Riffel - Grade School update: Outlined and discussed Grade School current and upcoming events.</p> <p>AD Wes Lauder milk – Athletics update: Outlined and discussed Jr. High and High School current and upcoming sporting events.</p> <p>AD Wes Lauder milk on behalf of Principal Phil Bressler - Junior High/High School: Outlined and discussed Jr. High and High School current and upcoming events.</p>
<b>Superintendent Report</b>	<p>Superintendent Goracke provided updates on the following: Chromebook Rotation.</p>
<b>Action Items</b>	<p>Motion made by Staci Fulbright, seconded by Jon Oden for the Board of Education, USD 376, to approve the renewal of our KASB Membership, as presented.</p> <p>Motion passed 7-0.</p> <p>Motion made by Jessi Dobson, seconded by Bill Kilgore to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford Transit from Shawnee Mission Ford, as presented for \$57,099.</p> <p>Motion passed 7-0.</p> <p>Motion made by Jon Oden, seconded by Staci Fulbright to approve a cooperative agreement with USD 405 Lyons for girls wrestling.</p> <p>Motion passed 7-0.</p> <p>Motion made by Jon Oden, seconded by Travis Tesone to approve the 5-year PDC plan, as presented.</p> <p>Motion passed 7-0.</p> <p>Motion made by Staci Fulbright, seconded by Jon Oden to approve the FBLA trip to FBLA Nationals in FL, as presented.</p> <p>Motion passed 7-0.</p> <p>Motion made by Jon Oden, seconded by Jessi Dobson to approve the Nonresident Enrollment Report, as presented.</p> <p>Motion passed 7-0.</p>
<b>Executive Session</b>	<p>Motion made by Jon Oden, seconded by Bill Kilgore to enter into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss negotiation items pursuant to the professional negotiations exception under KOMA. Those in attendance shall be the Board and Superintendent. The Board shall return to open session at 8:14 p.m. in the Sterling High School Library.</p> <p>Motion passed 7-0.</p>
<b>Open Session</b>	<p>The Board returned to open session at 8:14 p.m.</p>
<b>Executive Session</b>	<p>Motion made by Jon Oden, seconded by Bill Kilgore to enter into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss contract terms pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. Those in attendance shall be the Board and Superintendent. The Board shall return to open session at 8:26 p.m. in the Sterling High School Library.</p> <p>Motion passed 7-0.</p>
<b>Open Session</b>	<p>The Board returned to open session at 8:26 p.m.</p>

<b>Executive Session</b>	<p>Motion made by Jon Oden, seconded by Bill Kilgore to enter into Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. to discuss employee performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. Those in attendance shall be the Board and Superintendent. The Board shall return to open session at 8:47 p.m. in the Sterling High School Library.</p> <p>Motion passed 7-0.</p>
<b>Open Session</b>	<p>The Board returned to open session at 8:47 p.m.</p>
<b>Executive Session</b>	<p>Motion made by Jon Oden, seconded by Jessi Dobson to enter into Executive Session at 8:48 p.m. to discuss employee performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. Those in attendance shall be the Board and Superintendent. The Board shall return to open session at 8:58 p.m. in the Sterling High School Library.</p> <p>Motion passed 7-0.</p>
<b>Open Session</b>	<p>The Board returned to open session at 8:58 p.m.</p>
<b>Personnel</b>	<p>Motion made by Jessi Dobson, seconded by Staci Fulbright for the Board of Education, USD 376 to accept the resignation of Brennan Riffel as Sterling Grade School Principal effective the end of the 23-24 school year, with great appreciation for his 22 years of service to our students, and staff!</p> <p>Motion passed 7-0.</p> <p>Motion made by Jon Oden, seconded by Jessi Dobson for the Board of Education, USD 376 to accept the resignation of Michael Gray as JH Head Girls Basketball coach effective the end of the 23-24 school year, with great appreciation for his 5 years of service to our students!</p> <p>Motion passed 7-0.</p> <p>Motion made by Jon Oden, seconded by Staci Fulbright for the Board of Education, USD 376 to extend a contract to Jamie Burtner to serve as Principal of Sterling Grade School for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$88,000.</p> <p>Motion passed 7-0.</p> <p>Motion made by Jessi Dobson, seconded by Chad Hook for the Board of Education, USD 376 to extend a supplemental contract to Ryan Ravenstien to be the Shooting Club Sponsor for the 2023-2024 school year, at a salary of \$1157.</p> <p>Motion passed 7-0.</p>
<b>Adjourn Meeting</b>	<p>Motion made by Jon Oden, seconded by Jessi Dobson to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.</p> <p>Motion passed 7-0.</p>

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Laurie Evans Clerk

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List of Attendees

Lindsey Johnson – The Sterling Bulletin  
Phil Bressler  
Brennan Riffel  
Wes Laudermilk  
Tricia Schechter  
Jessica Schmidt  
Jenna Conrad  
Jayci Flickinger  
Jaelynn Saiz  
Daniel Bates  
Kaitlyn Lewis  
Kate McGlynn  
Seneca & Conrad Bates  
Jeremy & Brandi Clark  
Jason Levy  
Chad & Leanna Hook  
Michael Gray  
Jonathan Conard  
Tonya Neville  
Lori Humphreys  
Kathy Booth  
Jeremy & Stacie Lewis  
Meischa Zimmerman  
Carrie & Greg McGlynn  
McKenzi Flickinger  
Eric & Jessica Saiz  
Jake & Anna Flickinger  
Christina Rowland  
Clelia McCrory  
Eric Wenzel  
Brittany Ferguson