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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PARSONS DISTRICT SCHOOLS – USD 503
March 9, 2026 – 6:00 PM
PARSONS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM, 3030 MORTON**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education USD 503 was called to order by Dr. Jeff Quirin, President, at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Community Room, 3030 Morton. Notice of this meeting was sent to: Robin McCleary-Co-PNEA President, Whitney Spencer-Co PNEA President, Parsons Sun, Radio Station KLKC, and the Parsons Recreation Commission.

Members Present

Dr. Jeffrey Quirin, Mr. Dennis Dodd, Mr. Lou Martino, Mrs. Julie Legler, Mr. David Ray, Mrs. Kala Weidert-Green, and Mrs. Lee Ann Hunter

Absent - None

Others Meeting with the Board

Lori Perkins-Superintendent, Nikki Brownnewell-Clerk of the Board, Jeff Pegues-Assistant Superintendent, Ben McGuire-Technology Director, Chris Ball-Athletic Director, Laura Allison-Business Manager

Guests - Colleen Williamson-District Public Relations, Neil Phillips-Auditor from Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips

Adoption of Agenda with Addendum

It was moved by Mrs. Weidert-Green, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, to adopt the agenda with the addendum as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on February 9, 2026 as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Consideration of Bills and Warrants

Bills in the amount of \$1,725,598.42 were reviewed by the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to approve the bills and warrants as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Hearing of Requests and Suggestions of Citizens and Organizations - None

Special Report

- a. Neil Phillips with Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips, P.A. – CPA Audit Presentation

Accountability Plan Report

- a. Technology Report – Ben McGuire, Technology Director
- b. Athletics/Activities/CTE – Chris Ball

Report From the Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Perkins reported on the following:

- a. March 6 – Early Dismissal at Noon/Staff Working on Grades in the Afternoon (End of 3rd Quarter)
- b. March 9 – Middle School & High School Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:30 p.m.
- c. March 10 – Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:30 p.m.

- d. March 11 – Elem/MS/HS Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:0-7:30 p.m.
- e. March 13 – School Not In Session (Conference Comp Day)
- f. March 16-20 – Spring Recess
- g. April 13 – Next Regular Board of Education Meeting

REPORTS BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Report on February Tri-County Board Meeting – Lee Ann Hunter

Mrs. Hunter reported Tri-County had their audit and there were no findings. Tri-County is actively recruiting teachers. There is a loss of funding due to having substitutes teach. Decreasing three teacher positions was also discussed. Fall Inservice dates were also announced.

OLD BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS

Action to Accept Donations to Schools

The donations were for the month of January 2026.

It was moved by Mrs. Legler, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, to approve the donations as presented in the amount of \$2,121.63. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on Jobs For America's Graduates – Kansas (JAG-K) Partnership Agreement

This is a formal partnership to implement and sustain the Jobs For America's Graduates Multi-Year School-to-Work Program at Parsons High School for the 2026-27 school year. The fees for the 2026-27 school year total \$19,317 (an increase of \$4,976 from last year).

It was moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, to approve the JAG-K Partnership Agreement. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on 2026-27 High School Course Description Handbook

First reading of the High School Course Description Handbook was on the February 9, 2026 agenda.

It was moved by Mrs. Legler, seconded by Mr. Dodd, to approve the 2026-27 High School Course Description Handbook. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on Membership in Kansas Association of School Boards for 2026-27

KASB provides a wide range of services to Boards of Education across the state. KASB dues for 2026-27 are \$12,944.97. That was an increase of \$20.40 from the previous agreement.

It was moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to approve the KASB membership for 2026-27. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on Kansas Association of School Boards Legal Assistance Fund Contract Renewal for 2026-27

The Legal Assistance Fund provides a wide range of legal services to Boards of Education across the state. The contract renewal is for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The contract renewal cost is \$3,100. This is an increase of \$350 from the previous agreement.

It was moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, to approve the contract renewal with KASB for the legal assistance fund. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on SparkWheel Memorandum of Understanding

This memorandum of understanding is for the school years 2026-27 and 2027-28. The program fee for SparkWheel at Lincoln Elementary, the Middle School and High School for the 2026-27 school year is a total of \$37,500. The program fee for SparkWheel at Lincoln Elementary, the Middle School and High School for the 2027-28 school year is a total of \$37,500. This is an increase of \$12,500 each year from the previous agreement.

It was moved by Mrs. Hunter, seconded Mrs. Weidert-Green, to approve the SparkWheel Memorandum of Understanding for 2026-27 and 2027-28. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matters for Non-Elected Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, to go into executive session with Mrs. Perkins and Mr. Pegues to discuss confidential employee information pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA at 7:05 p.m. for twenty (20) minutes and that the Board return to open meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Dodd moved to go back into executive discussion, seconded by Mr. Martino at 7:26 p.m. for 7 minutes and return at 7:33 p.m.

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Executive Session to Discuss Confidential Student Information

It was moved by Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mr. Martino, to go into executive session with Mrs. Perkins and Mr. Pegues to discuss the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA at 7:34 p.m. for five (5) minutes and that the Board return to open meeting at 7:39 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Executive Session to Discuss Employer-Employee Negotiations

It was moved by Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mr. Martino, to go into executive session with Mrs. Perkins and Mr. Pegues to discuss the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA at 7:40 p.m. for seven (7) minutes and that the Board return to open meeting at 7:47 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Motion to Approve Negotiations Letter to PNEA

It was moved by Mrs. Weidert-Green, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to approve the negotiations letter to PNEA. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on Personnel

Termination From Employment

Mirella Baker, Middle School Child Nutrition Staff, Effective January 16, 2026

It was moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Mr. Dodd, to approve the termination from employment as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Resignations From Employment

Paul Duroni, High School Girls' Head Golf Coach, Effective January 7, 2026

Sami Pontious, Middle School Head Volleyball Coach, Effective January 7, 2026

Ryan Willis, High School Head Cross Country Coach, Effective February 19, 2026

Janine Nelson, SPED Bus Monitor, Effective February 20, 2026

Matthew Byrd, High School Head Custodian, Effective March 6, 2026

Lauren Dugan, Lincoln Guidance Counselor, Effective May 27, 2026

Adam Payne, High School English Teacher, Effective End of the 2025-26 School Year

Robyn Thomas, Elementary Mental Health Liaison, Effective End of 2025-26 School Year.

It was moved by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, to approve the resignations from employment as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Recommendation For Employment

Amanda Smith, High School Math Teacher, Effective the 2026-27 School Year

It was moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Mr. Dodd, to approve the recommendation for employment as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Transfer of Employment

Maleah Beaty, Lincoln Part Time Custodian to High School Head Custodian, Effective March 23, 2026

It was moved by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Dodd, to approve the transfer of employment as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Adjournment

Dr. Quirin adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Nikki Brownnewell
Nikki Brownnewell, Clerk of the Board

Dr. Jeffrey Quirin
Dr. Jeffrey Quirin, President

4.13.24
Date

