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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION 8783
PARSONS DISTRICT SCHOOLS – USD 503
October 13th, 2025 – 6:00 PM
PARSONS HIGH SCHOOL VO-TECH BUILDING, 3030 MORTON

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

Members Present
Ms. Olivia Lyons, Mr. Lou Martino, Dr. David Ray, Mrs. Kala Weidert-Green, Mrs. Lee Ann Hunter, and Dr. Jeffrey Quirin

Absent
Mrs. Julie Legler

Others Meeting with the Board
Lori Perkins-Superintendent, Nikki Brownewell-Clerk of the Board, Jeff Pegues-Assistant Superintendent,

Guests – Colleen Williamson-District Public Relations, Shelley Gardner, Kurt Friess, Olivia Nolting, Wes, Krull, Rob Barcus, Tyler Thompson, Whitney Spencer, Robin McCleary, Michell Piva, Kendra Barcus, Jane Good

Adoption of Agenda
It was moved by Dr. Ray seconded by Ms. Lyons to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Approval of Minutes
It was moved by Dr. Quirin seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 11, 2025 as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Consideration of Bills and Warrants
Bills in the amount of $1,032,650.50 were reviewed by the Board.
It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, to approve the bills and warrants as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Hearing of Requests and Suggestions of Citizens and Organizations - None

Report From the Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Perkins reported on the following:
a. October is National School Principals Month & National Bullying Prevention Month
b. October 24 – Kansas School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
c. October 24 – Early Dismissal at Noon/Staff Working on Grades/End of 1st 9 weeks
d. October 27 – Elem/MS/HS Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-7:30 p.m.
e. October 28 – Middle School & High School Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 p.m.
f. October 29 – Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 p.m.
g. October 31 – School Not In Session / Conference Comp Day

Reports by Principals

Rob Barcus, Parsons High School Principal
Mr. Barcus reported several colleges have visited including LCC, ICC, MSSU, PSU, NCCC, WSU and K-State. Senior Day at LCC was held on September 10th and 55 students visited. Students have visited John Deere and have other businesses scheduled soon. Apply Kansas was held October 7th and had several students attend. He also reported that the CTE programs were doing great work. Woodshop was building sheds. Automotive was working on staff vehicles and Robotics was working with the Parsons Police Department to teach them how to operate the robotic dog.

Tyler Thompson, Parsons High School Assistant Principal
Mr. Thompson reported that student-led conferences are coming up. He gave an update on fall sports and how each one is doing. The girls' tennis team has one player that qualified for State. Winter sports begin November 17.

Olivia Nolting, Parsons Middle School Principal
Mrs. Nolting reported that Bullying prevention is underway. Attendance incentives are being offered, and Fall Festivities are being held. The climate overall at the Middle School has been wonderful. She also reported that office referrals are down compared to last year. Student led conferences are also coming up.

Wes Krull, Parsons Middle School Assistant Principal
Mr. Krull reported that the fall sports are coming to an end. Volleyball had their second smash tournament, and it was a success. Tennis has a full team this year. Cross Country had nine athletes improve their time. Fishing Club really took off this year with a lot of participants and Spirit Team had over 30 students sign up. He also reported that communication throughout the Middle School has really improved.

Kurt Friess, Guthridge Elementary School Principal
Mr. Friess reported that bullying surveys had gone out, and discussion was had on what is actual bullying versus what is not. He also reported that Guthridge had strong assessment scores and that they were doing an Attendance Survivor game throughout the building. Guthridge held the Spelling Bee and had Ozzy B Author visit.

Shelley Gardner Lincoln Elementary School Principal
Mrs. Gardner reported that Lincoln has completed all the drills needed at this time. She also reported that Grandparents Lunch was a success and that the classes that had already been to the pumpkin patch had really enjoyed it. She also talked about the Parent Teacher Conferences coming up and that Lincoln was holding a Book Fair during that time.

Accountability Plan Report(s)
a. Student Achievement Data – Building Administrators and Instructional Coaches (High School=Rob Barcus and Jane Good, Middle School=Olivia Nolting and Kendra Barcus, Guthridge=Kurt Friess and Michell Piva, Garfield=Robin McCleary, Lincoln=Shelly Gardner and Whitney Spencer)

Report(s) by Board of Education

a. Report on September and October Tri-County Board Meeting – Lee Ann Hunter
Mrs. Hunter reported that the para handbook was approved. Aimee Lakin gave positive results on Parsons.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Action to Accept Donations to Schools
The donations were for the month of August 2025.
It was moved by Mrs. Weidert-Green, seconded by Ms. Lyons, to approve the donations as presented in the amount of $1,535.59. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

First Reading of Job Descriptions for Communications Officer, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent
Approval of the Job Descriptions will be on the November Agenda.

Discussion on Parent Engagement and Staff Surveys
There was a discussion on Parent Engagement surveys and Staff Surveys.

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matters for Non-Elected Personnel
It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, to go into executive session with Mrs. Perkins, Mr. Pegues, Mr. Barcus, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Ball to discuss confidential employee information pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA at 7:23 p.m. for twenty (20) minutes and that the Board return to open meeting at 7:43 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Dr. Quirin moved to go back into executive discussion, seconded by Mrs. Lyons at 7:44 p.m. for 15 minutes and return at 7:59 p.m.

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Executive Session to Discuss Confidential Student Information
It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, to go into executive session with Mrs. Perkins and Mr. Pegues to discuss the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA at 8:00 p.m. for seven (7) minutes and that the Board return to open meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Action on Personnel

Resignations From Employment

Cammie George, Part Time Custodian at Lincoln, Effective September 12, 2025

Kristi Snider, High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Effective September 15, 2025

Ivory Kelley, High School Assistant Football Coach, Effective October 13, 2025

Jeremy Stenstrom, Middle School Science Teacher, Effective October 20, 2025

It was moved by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Dr. Quirin, to approve the resignations from employment as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Recommendations For Employment

Tanner Perez, Part Time Custodian at High School, Effective September 15, 2025

Marcus Burgess, Part Time Custodian at Lincoln, Effective October 6, 2025

LaKaito Barr-Miller, High School Head Track Coach, Effective the 2026 Season

Jackie Robison, High School Secretary, Effective October 6, 2025

Sarah Jones, Bus Monitor, Effective August 27, 2025

Devin Martinez, Head Baseball Coach, Effective the 2026 Season

Jaran Dixon, Assistant Football Coach, Effective October 6, 2025

MacKenzie Spencer, Pre School Aide at Lincoln, Effective

Jericha Laver, Lincoln Title Aide, Effective

It was moved by Dr. Ray, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, to approve the recommendations for employment as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Transfer of Employment

Alesha Morrison, Pre School Aide to Behavior Room Aide, Effective September 15, 2025

Daisy Smith, Lincoln Title I Aide to Full Time Pre School Substitute, Effective September, 16 2025

It was moved by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, to approve the transfer of employment as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Termination of Employment
Intent to Terminate

Raheeme Dumas, High School Assistant Football Coach, Effective October 13, 2025

It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mrs. Hunter to approve the intent to terminate as presented. The motion passed with 5 yes and 1 no.

Discussion and Possible Action on Additional Compensation for Business Manager
It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green to approve the compensation as presented. The motion passed with 5 yes and 1 no.

Adjournment
Mr. Martino adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Nikki Brownewell
Nikki Brownewell, Clerk of the Board

Mr. Lou Martino, President

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Date