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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PARSONS DISTRICT SCHOOLS – USD 503

February 9, 2026 – 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 Dr. Jeffrey Quirin, President, at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Vo-Tech Building, 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, Tanner Smith, Susan Hill, Dara Barr-Miller, and Kelly Stanford-Sparkwheel, Shayla Reliford-J.A.G-K, Jaran Dixon-Telehealth, Kristina Mayhue and Robin Thomas-M.H.I.T. and Keaton Nolting-Maintenance Director.

Guests – Colleen Williamson and Jamie Willey

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Martino, seconded by Mr. Dodd, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Weidert-Green, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on January 12, 2026. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Consideration of Bills and Warrants

Bills in the amount of \$708,774.99 were reviewed by the Board.

It was moved by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, 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

Accountability Plan Report

- a. SparkWheel Report – Tanner Smith (Lincoln Elementary), Susan Hill (Middle School), Dara Barr-Miller (High School) Kelly Stanford (Supervisor)
- b. J.A.G-K Report - Shayla Reliford
- c. Telehealth Report – Jaran Dixon
- d. M.H.I.T – Kristina Mayhue & Robin Thomas

Report From the Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Perkins reported on the following:

- a. February 9 - Professional Development Update
- b. February 16 – President’s Day – No School & District Office Closed
- c. March 6 – Early Student Dismissal at Noon/End of 3rd Quarter/Staff Working on Grades in the Afternoon
- d. March 9 – Middle School & High School Parent Teacher Conferences, 4-7:30 p.m.
- e. March 9 – Next Regular Board of Education Meeting

- f. March 10 – Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences, 4-7:30 p.m.
- g. March 11 – Elem/MS/HS Parent Teacher Conferences, 4-7:30 p.m.
- h. March 13 – School Not In Session (Conference Comp Day)
- i. March 16-20 – Spring Recess
- j. February 10 – Deep Fission Meeting at District Office

REPORTS BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Report on Tri-County Board Meeting – Lee Ann Hunter

The February Tri-County meeting was held on January 14. Mrs. Hunter reported that Tri-County welcomed 2 new board members. Jamie Whittley gave a presentation and Emily McCambridge shared the next steps for their accountability plan.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Action to Accept Donations to Schools

The correct donations list was passed out at the meeting and were for the month of December 2025.

It was moved by Mrs. Legler, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, to approve the donations as presented in the amount of \$8,220.39. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action to Approve Engaging with KASB to Assist with Professional Negotiations for 2026-27

It was moved by Mr. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, to approve engaging with KASB to assist with professional negotiations for 2026-27. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes. The cost would be \$225 per hour plus mileage.

First Reading of the 2026-27 High School Course Description Handbook

Approval of the 2026-27 High School Course Description Handbook will be on the March agenda.

Action on Middle School Fire Escape

The Middle School fire escape is mentioned in the January 23rd View for completion. The total cost is \$27,600. Since we have an open purchase order for this project for \$11,750 (from the 24-25 school budget year) we will only need \$15,850 from this budget year. It is recommended that All State Restoration be awarded the fire escape job at the Middle School.

It was moved by Mr. Martino, seconded by Mr. Dodd, to approve All State Restoration to complete the Middle School Fire Escape project. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on the Lincoln Roof Project

It was moved by Mr. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to approve the recommendation that Midwest Coating be awarded the Lincoln Roof Project. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Discussion and Action on Possible Make-Up Day Due to Inclement Weather

Information was included in the View on February 6, 2026. There was no school due to the inclement weather on January 26. Possible make-up days built into the school calendar include February 16 and April 6.

It was moved by Mr. Martino, seconded by Mr. Ray, to approve not having a make-up day. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on 2026-27 Academic Calendar

The proposed 2026-27 academic calendar begins with all students for a full day on August 20 and ends on May 20 with an early dismissal at noon. The calendar includes 168 student days and 177 days for teachers (9 days of professional development). The calendar also features 4 early dismissal days at noon at the end of each quarter so staff may work on grades. Members of the calendar committee include: Julie Legler, Chris Ball, Wes Krull, Mary Friess, Ryan Willis, Olivia Manley, Sami Pontious, Sherri Tierney, Robin McCleary and Melissa Peak.

It was moved by Mrs. Legler, seconded by Mrs. Weidert, to approve the 2026-27 academic calendar. 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. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Legler, 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 7:12 p.m. for five (5) minutes and that the Board return to open meeting at 7:17 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Executive Session to Discuss Confidential Student Information

It was moved by Mrs. Legler, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, 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 7:18 p.m. for five (5) minutes and that the Board return to open meeting at 7:23 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Executive Session to Discuss Employer-Employee Negotiations

It was moved by Mrs. Weidert-Green, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to go into executive session with Mrs. Perkins and Mr. Pegues to discuss the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA at 7:24 p.m. for ten (10) minutes and that the Board return to open meeting at 7:34 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Action to Extend Contracts of District Managers and Directors for the 2026-27 School Year

Rick Giefer, Transportation Director

Marla Kirkpatrick, Food Service Director

Ben McGuire, Technology Director

Laura Allison, Business Manager

Keaton Nolting, Maintenance Director

It was moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, to extend the contracts for 2026-27 as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on Personnel

Resignation For Retirement

Eric Swanson, High School Math Teacher, Effective June 1, 2026

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

Adjournment

Dr. Quirin adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Nikki Brownnewell

Nikki Brownnewell, Clerk of the Board

Dr. Jeffrey Quirin

Dr. Jeffrey Quirin, President

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Date