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

June 9, 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: Whitney Spencer-PNEA Co-President, Robin McCleary-PNEA Co-President, Parsons Sun, Radio Station KLKC, and the Parsons Recreation Commission.

Members Present

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

Absent - None

Others Meeting with the Board

Lori Perkins-Superintendent, Amanda Riley-Clerk of the Board, Jeff Pegues- Assistant Superintendent

Guests

Colleen Williamson, District Public Relations

Adoption of Agenda with Addendum

It was moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, 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 Mrs. Legler, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 12, 2025 and the special meeting on May 23, 2025 as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Consideration of Bills and Warrants

Bills in the amount of \$1,432,074.07 were reviewed by the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Ray, 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

Special Recognition

- a. Parsons High School Boys Tennis Team – 2025
Coach Posch, Coach Kennett, and members from the team (Conner Barcus, Tanner Nolting, Cole Kennett, Wyatt Shultz, Davion Holman) were present at the meeting. The team had their trophy and Coach Posch gave a brief description of the season and state tournament.

Accountability Plan Report

- a. End of Year Data Review – Jeff Pegues

Report From the Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Perkins reported on the following:

- a. BOLD 2.0 Update
- b. June 19 – District Office Closed (Juneteenth)
- c. July 4 - District Office Closed (Independence Day)
- d. Recipient of 25 Year Certificate of Service from the University of Kansas: Brenda Winder

Reports By Board of Education

a. Report on Tri-County Board Meeting – Kala Weidert-Green

The meeting was held on May 14. Mrs. Weidert-Green reported there was an increase of 41 students this past school year (20 were USD503 students). Years of service awards were given at the meeting (Jill Clever-25 years, Jen Tavernaro-15 years, Nichole Helton-5 years). Tri-Count is trying to recruit occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, and teachers. Training dates for next school year were set.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Action to Accept Donations to Schools

The donations were for the month of April 2025.

It was moved by Ms. Lyons, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to approve the donations as presented in the amount of \$4,543. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action to Approve Renewal Proposals for Property and Liability, Cyber Liability, and Workers Compensation Insurance for 2025-26

Information was included in the View on June 9, 2025.

It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mr. Ray, to approve proposal from EMC. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

First Reading 2025-26 Student/Parent Handbooks, Bus Driver Handbook, Parent/Student Transportation Handbook, Social Media Guidelines

The handbooks were provided at the board meeting. Approval of the handbooks will be on the July agenda.

First Reading of Recommended KASB June Policy Updates

The June KASB policy updates were included in the agenda. Approval of the policy updates will be on the July agenda.

Action to Set July Organizational Meeting

A date and time need to be selected by the Board of Education to organize for the next year. This meeting can take place at the regular July meeting, or a separate meeting can be scheduled.

It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to set the July organizational meeting for July 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The regular July meeting is to follow at 6:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action to Authorize Transfer of Funds to Close Fiscal Year 2025

The school district closes the fiscal year on June 30 each year. The process includes making certain that transfers to all special funds have been completed and funds have been "zeroed" out as required by statute. Action to authorize the transfer is recommended by the administration.

It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, to approve the transfer of funds to close FY 2025. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action to Approve Participation in Greenbush Energy Group and Hedging Authorization for 2025-26

The district has been a member of the Greenbush Energy Group for several years. It is recommended we continue with Greenbush Energy Group to acquire natural gas for the school district.

It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to approve participation in Greenbush energy group and hedging for 2025-26. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on Adult Meal Prices for 2025-26

Breakfast and lunch for all students is free this year because the district qualifies for the Community Eligibility Provision. However, adult meal prices need to be set for 2025-26. It is recommended that the adult lunch meal price increases to \$5.25 (increase of .50 cents) and breakfast price increases to \$3.10 (increase of .35 cents).

It was moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, to approve adult meal prices as recommended. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action to Approve Food Service Written Standard of Conduct

This policy is to be reviewed every June to approve as written or make changes.

It was moved by Mrs. Legler, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, to approve the food service written standard of conduct as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on Contract with CHC-SEK For the 2025-26 School Year

Information was included in the View on May 23, 2025. Prior to COVID, the district had one RN and one health assistant serving all 5 buildings. During COVID, the district went to one RN and a health assistant in each building. While having each building staffed with their own nurse/nurse aide was very beneficial, the grant to help cover the costs has been eliminated. The recommendation for the 2025-26 school year is to have one RN and two health assistants (RN based at the high school, one assistant at the middle school, and the other health assistant as an elementary floater).

It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, to approve one RN and two nurse assistants for the 2025-26 school year. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on Cooperative Agreement with St. Patrick's Catholic School for Middle School Football, Boys and Girls Golf, Cross Country, Boys Wrestling, Girls Wrestling, Boys Tennis, Girls Tennis

Autumn Carson, Principal at St. Patrick's Catholic School, has requested a cooperative agreement for the 2025-26 school year for their students to participate in our middle school football, boys and girls, golf, cross country, boy's tennis, girl's tennis, boys wrestling, and girls wrestling programs. Kansas State High School Activities Association requires annual approval of cooperative agreements for middle school athletics. We have had a cooperative agreement for various activities with St. Patrick Catholic School the past several years.

It was moved by Mrs. Weidert-Green, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to approve the cooperative agreement with St. Patrick Catholic School. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action to Approve Procurement Plan For Child Nutrition Program

This procurement plan will be implemented on July 1, 2025 and will be in effect July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. All procurements must adhere to free and open competition and conform to applicable local and state laws and Federal law and standards. The procurement plan for our child nutrition program is reviewed and renewed annually.

It was moved by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Ray, to approve the procurement plan for the child nutrition program. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Discussion and Action on House Bill 2135 Regarding Open Records Information and Livestreaming Board of Education Meetings

Information was included in the View on May 9, May 30 and June 6, 2025.

It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to no longer livestream board of education meetings. As always, the public is welcome to attend. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes

Action on the Following Job Descriptions: Business Manager, Principal, Assistant Principal, District Public Relations

The job descriptions were included in the View on May 23, 2025.

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

Action on Calendar Change for 2025-26

Negotiations for the 2025-26 school year resulted in one less negotiated contract day (a professional development day was eliminated). The Board will need to adopt a new calendar. Information was included in the View on May 23, 2025.

It was moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, to remove the April 6 professional development day. There will now be 177 teacher contract days for 2025-26. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on 2025-26 Student and Athletic Insurance Renewal with 1st Agency

The District carries two insurance policies that cover student accidents. The first policy (basic accident) has a cost of \$25,686 per year and covers all school accidents of our enrolled students. The premium did not increase from last year. After a student's primary insurance pays their portion, 1st Agency pays 70% of the deductible costs for parents. This is a great benefit for parents and is used extensively each year. In addition, there is a catastrophic accident policy, based on enrollment, which would pay additional funds to parents that cost \$642.30 (no increase from last year). The catastrophic policy premium is a very reasonable safeguard in case of a more serious accident.

It was moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, to approve the renewal with 1st Agency. 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 Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, 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 6:48 p.m. for seven (7) minutes and that the Board return to open meeting at 6:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Action on Personnel

Recommendations For Employment

Erik Lyons, High School Head Girls Basketball Coach, Effective the 2025-26 Season

Kathleen Pierce, Lincoln Title I Aide, Effective the 2025-26 School Year

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

Resignation From Employment

Tabitha Routh, High School Guidance Counselor, Effective June 2, 2025

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

Adjournment

Mr. Martino adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.


Amanda Riley, Clerk of the Board


Mr. Lou Martino, President

7-14-25
Date