

WESTERN PLAINS USD 106
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JANUARY 13, 2025
7:00 P.M. LIBRARY OF WESTERN PLAINS NORTH
RANSOM, KANSAS

1. Call to Order

Darin Wittman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board Members present: Loretta Hair, Lowell Foos, Nohelia Mendez, Darrell Ary, Jared Cook and Darin Wittman.

Administration present: Jeff Jones, Superintendent; Rhonda Heim, Principal

Others present: Jayme Leighton, District Board Clerk, Amanda Wittman, Bridget Tillitson

2. Adoption of Agenda

Loretta Hair moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Lowell Foos seconded.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

3. Patron & Staff Input

Bridget Tillitson checking in on the possibility of cross country for next year. Jeff Jones asked her to schedule a meeting with him and the Athletic Directors for further discussion.

4. Reports

Jeff Jones presented the Superintendent's Report. This included information about Basketball season updates, the Christmas Concert, hosting Scholar's Bowl and Music Festivals, Homecoming, and the library books from Healy.

Rhonda Heim presented the South Principals Report. This included information about the Spelling Bee, Basketball practices, and Scholar's Bowl.

5. Consent Agenda Items

Loretta Hair moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented,
Nohelia Mendez seconded.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

6. Old Business

No old business.

Cristina & Christian Garza joined the meeting at 7:07 pm.

7. New Business

7.1 District Organization

The Administrators and BOE discussed organization for the South Elementary for the coming school year due to resignations and retirements of staff.

Jared Cook moved to approve for the SE admin and staff to move forward with a plan for reorganization.

Darrell Ary seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Bridget Tillitson left the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Cristina & Christian Garza left the meeting at 7:48 pm.

7.2 Executive Session

Executive Session for Personnel – Superintendent Evaluation

Loretta Hair moved that the BOE go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss employee performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA.

Darrell Ary seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Jeff Jones, Rhonda Heim, and Jayme Leighton left the meeting at 7:54 pm.

In: 7:54 pm Out: 8:24 pm

Additional 25 minutes

In: 8:24 pm Out 8:50 pm

Jeff Jones returned to the meeting at 8:50pm.

Additional 10 minutes

In: 8:50 pm Out 9:00 pm

Additional 10 minutes

In: 9:00 pm Out 9:10 pm

Additional 5 minutes

In: 9:10 pm Out 9:15 pm

Rhonda Heim and Jayme Leighton returned to the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Executive Session for Personnel

Loretta Hair moved that the Admin & BOE go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss employee performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA.

Jared Cook seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Jayme Leighton left the meeting at 9:18 pm.

In: 9:18 pm Out: 9:28 pm

Jayme Leighton returned to the meeting at 9:28 pm.

7.3 Hire And Approve

Loretta Hair moved to accept the retirement of Cheryl Rein effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Darrell Ary seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Darrell Ary moved to accept the resignation of Tiffany Kraft effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Jared Cook seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Darrell Ary moved to approve Loretta Basgall as the concessions sponsor with a prorated contract.

Jared Cook seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Jared Cook moved to accept the resignation of Nayeli Gomez effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Darrell Ary moved to amend the agenda to include 7.4 Election of Officers.

Loretta Hair seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0.

7.4 Election of Officers

Jared Cook moved to elect Darin Wittman as the President.

Lowell Foos seconded. Motion carried. 5-0-1. (Wittman abstained.)

Nohelia Mendez moved to elect Jared Cook as Vice President.
Loretta Hair seconded. Motion carried. 5-0-1. (Cook abstained.)

8.0 Adjournment

Nohelia Mendez moved to adjourn the meeting.

Lowell Foos seconded.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

The next meeting will be in Bazine on Monday February 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm.



BOARD PRESIDENT


BOARD CLERK