# Minutes

USD #112 Board of Education met in regular session Monday evening, November 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following attending via ZOOM:

Board Members:

Tamara Dody
Jacob Charvat
Tony Zink (absent)
Brad Schiermeyer
Tami Schepmann
Chad Rogers
Josh Hurley

Also attending via ZOOM were Greg Clark, Superintendent, Diane Ney, Clerk, Darlene Lank, Treasurer, Jane Oeser, Central Plains Elementary Principal, Toby Holmes, Central Plains Jr-Sr High School Principal, Adam Niedens, K-12 Principal at Wilson, and John Sherman, School Attorney.

Brad Schiermeyer welcomed everyone in attendance.

On motion by Chad Rogers and seconded by Josh Hurley, the board voted 6-0 to approve the agenda.

On motion by Tamara Dody and seconded by Josh Hurley, the board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes of the Oct. 12, 2020 board meeting.

There was no public forum

On motion by Josh Hurley and seconded by Chad Rogers, the board voted 6-0 to approve all invoices in the amount of $570,987.66.

On motion by Tamara Dody and seconded by Josh Hurley, the board voted 6-0 to approve the treasurer’s report as presented.

The board of education reviewed the cash summary report and the bank balances were reconciled with the treasurer's report as of Oct. 31, 2020.

Principals' reports were as follows:

Toby Holmes reported on the bank reconciliation at CPJSHS – Claflin; first nine weeks are completed with parent/teacher conferences at 30% attendance by parents; state tennis results; the CPHS volleyball team are state champions in Division I-A; football season ended with a 6-2 record; state cross country results; Kansas Communities That Care survey has been rescheduled; JH basketball has begun with 20 boys and 17 girls participating; all games scheduled for the next two weeks have been postponed; buffer week for high school athletes; upcoming high school basketball practices and games; and Barton Community College enrollment will be on-line.

Jane Oeser reported on the recent Parent/Teacher conferences with 90% attendance by parents; commending the Central Plains Elementary Staff on the organization and preparation of remote learning, which will begin tomorrow for all students.

Adam Niedens reported on the bank reconciliation at Wilson; current enrollment stands at 81 students for grades PreK-6$^{th}$ and 69 students for grades 7-12; thanking the teachers and staff in their preparation for remote learning; middle school basketball tournament has been cancelled; upcoming basketball games and scholars bowl competition; upcoming PreK-4th grade music concert and 5$^{th}$-12$^{th}$ grade music concert, with two tickets per student allowed for audience attendance. The concert will also be live-streamed. He also shared the monthly award winners for students and staff.

On motion by Tamara Dody and seconded by Josh Hurley, the board voted 6-0 to approve the board policies KMA – Tobacco-Free School Grounds for Visitors and KNA – Complaints Regarding Child Nutrition Programs.

On motion by Chad Rogers and seconded by Josh Hurley, the board voted 6-0 to approve the resignations of Kay Bailey, district office secretary and Leslie Dumler, custodian at Wilson.

On motion by Josh Hurley and seconded by Chad Rogers, the board voted 6-0 to approve Tim Pflughoeft as head maintenance and Dustin Vopat, custodian at Wilson.

On motion by Tamara Dody and seconded by Josh Hurley, the board voted 6-0 to approve Allen Hurley, head JH boys basketball coach at Central Plains, Kylie Holmes, substitute teacher, and Larry Metro, substitute custodian at CPJSHS – Claflin.

Mr. Clark opened discussion on quarantine and masks. He reported that Ellsworth County recently passed a mask mandate and Kerianne Ehrlich, Ellsworth County Nurse will review the quarantine mandates on a case-by case basis for the school district and the possible quarantine changes and requirements. Mr. Clark will pursue additional information on the mandates.

On motion by Josh Hurley and seconded by Chad Rogers, the board voted 6-0 to approve the recommended starting pay for classified staff positions.

Brad Schiermeyer discussed the recent meetings he had attended, along with Tamara Dody, Mr. Clark, and a KASB representative regarding board leadership. This included teambuilding, working together, increased communication between board members, improved understanding, and various personality traits that exist among board members.

Item 16 – Board Discussion on Bleachers has been tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Clark reported on the following:

A – Reviewed the configuration study committee, and the meeting scheduled in November was cancelled. There is approximately 30 members in the configuration committee and the next meeting is scheduled in December.

B - Gave an update on COVID numbers with active and quarantined cases. CPJSHS currently has 71 students in quarantine, with 6 positive cases. Staff members include 5 teachers, 3 paras and 2 other staff members in quarantine, with 4 of these as positive cases. CPES has 15 students in quarantine, with one positive case. Staff members include 11 adults in quarantine, with four positive cases. Wilson has 40 in quarantine, with 2 staff members positive along with 3 students positive. Mr. Clark reported that the Central Plains students on the south end of the district will learn remotely until Nov. 24th and then Thanksgiving break will be Nov. 25th, 26th, and 27th. The students will return to in-person learning on Nov. 30th. Wilson is currently instructing students in-person and remotely.

Mr. Clark also discussed student activities and COVID. The board discussed students participating in any activities while learning remotely. They also discussed the increase risk for students by participating in sports.

By consensus, the board agreed to re-evaluate the practices and activities on Nov. 20, 2020.

C – Gave an update on the heating and air units at Holyrood and the progress being made on the completion of the project.

D – Gave an update on the SPARK money that was received by the district for COVID expenditures. Additional student masks were purchased along with other personal protective equipment. The deadline for all expenditures is Dec. 31, 2020.

There was no Executive Session

Under open agenda, the board discussed remote learning; meals to be provided for students; and a thank-you to all staff regarding the preparation of remote learning for the students.

Future agenda items included bleachers and a COVID update. The meeting will be held (tentatively) at Wilson Schools in Wilson on Dec. 14, 2020.

On motion by Chad Rogers and seconded by Josh Hurley, the board voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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Clerk President