

October 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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Cowley County, 1407 Wheat Road, Winfield, KS 67156

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2024

5:30 p.m.

AI: Action Item

DI: Discussion Item

IO: Information Only

<p style="text-align: center;">USD 465 Mission Statement Developing responsible citizens for the future</p>

- (AI) 1. CALL TO ORDERPresident
- 1.1 Roll Call
Laura Heger, Jalaine Richardson, Kinnie Ledford, David Hofmeister, Ed Trimmer & Andrea Ball were all present. Sarah Morton was absent.
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Adoption of Agenda
Laura Heger moved to approve the agenda as presented. David Hofmeister seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- 1.4 Recognition of Visitors
- Persons may present ideas or concerns regarding USD 465. The Board will take no action at this meeting. Such items will be referred to the appropriate administrator(s) for future information and researched and reported back to the Board at a later meeting. Personalities and behavior of employees are not to be presented during this period but are to be reported to the employee's immediate supervisor. The president shall determine the amount of time to be spent on citizen participation.
- 1.5 Citizen's Open Forum
- (IO) 2. COMMUNICATIONSPresident
- Board Member Comments - **None**
 - Written Communications / Correspondence - **None**
3. BUSINESS.....President
- (IO/AI) A. **WMS Chiller Update**
Trane employees were in Winfield for the Project Development Kickoff Meeting.
- Inspection of facility for Preliminary Design and Firm Pricing
 - Preliminary Project Schedule – Trane will have two proposals, one for the summer of 2025 and one for the Fall of 2025
 - Discussion of preferred contractors (local)
 - IRA extended until 2032.

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B. Schedule November Board Retreat

The Board of Education will be reviewing potential dates for a retreat in November.

BOE President, Kinnie Ledford, led the discussion with the board as to what date the BOE would hold their upcoming work session. Two dates were presented; November 15th and 22nd. BOE members preferred November 15, 2024. The work session will be held at the BOE boardroom upstairs in the district office at 1407 Wheat Road, beginning at noon, on November 15, 2024.

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C. KASB Conference

The President of the Board of Education will provide updates and information on the upcoming KASB conference.

Superintendent Reiser reminded board members of the upcoming KASB conference, and that if they planned to attend, they need to register by Friday, October 18, 2024.

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4. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.....Mr. Littell/Mr. Ledford

A. Personnel Report

No changes in certified staffing positions. The recruiting events at the universities are starting and representatives from USD 465 will be attending. The district will also host a Job Fair on October 16th.

B. Food Service Update

Taher continues to strive to improve. Communications have been expanded and Taher representatives are eager to meet with groups to discuss concerns or hear ideas of improvements.

C. USD 465 Job Fair – October 16, 2024 at the Cowley County COOP Office.

Directors and Administrators will be attending this event.

D. Open Positions Data

Positions	Total Available	Total Unfilled
Paraprofessionals	270.5	42.5*
Bus Drivers	15	2
Bus Aides	9	0
Custodians	30	3
Maintenance	5	0
Substitutes	Unlimited	Several Daily
Food Service (465)	8	0
Aide Positions	50	10
Para Openings by District		
District	Number	
Winfield	13	
Ark City	22.5	
Udall	1	

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Dexter	6	
Cedar Vale	0	
Burden	1	

(IO/AI) 5. FINANCIALS.....Ms. Hendricks/Mr. Ledford

A. Financial Summary

Ms. Hendricks presented and answered questions regarding the financial summary for September 2024.

David Hofmeister moved to approve the September financials as presented. Jalaine Richardson seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

(IO) 6. TEACHING AND LEARNING.....Ms. Ray/Mr. Ledford

A. Kansas Assessment Reporting Levels

B. Kansans Can Bronze Star Award Civic Engagement

C. Professional Development Activities

Ms. Ray presented and discussed with the board a report that was available from the state showing Kansas Assessment Reporting Levels for the various grade levels of USD 465.

She informed the board that the district would be receiving the Kansans Can Bronze Star Award.

Ms. Ray also updated the board on the professional development training that occurred earlier in the day for teachers regarding MTSS implementation.

(IO) 7. SUPERINTENDENT.....Mrs. Reiser/Mr. Ledford

A. Chronic Absenteeism Due to Transportation Issues: Number of Students per Building

Superintendent Reiser presented and discussed with the board the numbers of students in 2023-24 who were chronically absent due to transportation issues.

B. September 20th Enrollment Numbers

The total headcount for the 2023-24 academic year was 2106, while for the 2024-25 academic year, it was 2054.

(AI) 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION.....President

The Board of Education will go into executive session.

Jalaine Richardson moved, “Mr. President, I move that the Board go into executive session to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to the exception for Non-elected Personnel under KOMA.

The open meeting will resume in this board room at 6:42 p.m.” Dr. Sarnacki and Superintendent Reiser were invited to attend the executive session.

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David Hofmeister seconded. Motion carried 6-0. An additional 5 minutes was requested and the open meeting resumed at 6:48 p.m.

(AI) 9. CONSENT AGENDAPresident

A. **Personnel (see list)**

B. **Cancellation of District Sponsored Trip to Peru for Summer 2026**

C. **2024-25 Building Site Council Members**

D. **Grants / Donations**

1. **William Newton Hospital Auxiliary donated \$800.00 for student meals to Irving.**

2. **RCB donated \$500.00 to Irving**

3. **Grandview United Methodist Church donated \$75.00 to Whittier**

E. **September Board of Education Meeting Minutes**

Ed Trimmer moved to approve the consent agenda including the additional personnel items presented prior to the start of the meeting.

Jalaine Richardson seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

(IO) 10. UPCOMING DATESPresident

• **BOE Regular Meeting:** The next BOE regular monthly meeting is scheduled for [Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at WMS Library](#)

• **Annual KASB Convention:** November 15-17, Hyatt Regency, Wichita, KS

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.....President

David Hofmeister would like more information and discussion regarding KSA-3262 – Every Child Can Read Act.

12. ADJOURNMENT.....President

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

October 14, 2024 Consent - Personnel

9A. PERSONNEL

Employments:

Classified:

William Beeson – IR Para – Francis Willard
Shelby Brock – IR Para – Irving
Frank Deveso – Custodian – WHS
Tiffany Dunn – Aide – Lowell
Kailynn Fildes – IR Para – Lowell
Marydith Hatfield – IR Para – Udall
Kaitlyn Henkins – ECSE Para – Roosevelt
Kathryn Hood – ID Para – ACHS
Ryan Kendall – Custodian – WHS
Angelica King – IR Para – Central
Ashley McCoy – IR Para – Adams
Dravyn Meek – IR Para – Lowell
Shanley Meek – IR Para – IXL
Makynze Moore – IR Para – Lowell
Essance Patnaude – IR Para – Irving
Rachael Poage – IR Para – Adams
Maria Rodriguez – ID Para – Country View
Anthony Schultz – IR Para – Lowell
Cierra Silvester – IR Para – C-4
Patricia Strickland – Teacher Aide – Irving
Bailey Studer – ECSE Para – Cedar Vale
Haley Tagataese – IR Para - Central

Transfer:

Certified:

Nicole Wood from sub to full time nurse – Country View & WELC

Classified:

Maurica Stoabs from part time to full time food service

Resignations:

Classified:

Angela Brown – Transportation Aide
Leah Henderson – Para
Hannah Knight – Para
June Kodama – Aide – WELC
Monica Marner – LMS Aide – Irving
Megan McCormick – Para - WMS
Zach Zimmerman – Custodian – WMS

Retirement: **End of 2024-25 School Year-**

Classified:

Pam Fincham - Para



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Additional Consent Agenda Item

Personnel:

Transfer:

Certified:

Kristi Keefe-from long term sub social worker to Certified Social Worker-WELC

Resignation:

Classified:

C. J. Jennings – Para