

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



Superintendents Scheduled to Attend Board Meeting

Pat Happer, Regular

Andrew Gaddis, Alternate

Date: November 20th, 2019

Location: Keystone Learning Services, 500 E. Sunflower Blvd., Ozawkie, KS

Time: 7:00 p.m. Call Meeting to Order

At 7:00 p.m., Board President Ron Langston called the meeting to order. Members present:, Scott Gibson, Ramon Gonzalez, Sarah Johnston, Kelli Bottorff, Ken Newell, USD 341 Proxy, Robin Croxel, and Sharon Sweeney. Member absent: Jana Farmer.

Others present: Andy Ewing, Executive Director/Special Education Director; Mary Livingston and Nathanael Norman, Special Education Assistant Directors; Linda Chalker, Clerk of the Board; Pat Happer, USD #340 Superintendent; Melinda Wallace & Terri Coughlin, JDLA; Nikki Pickens; Justin Finley.

Monthly Action Items

1. Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda Items

Monthly Consent Agenda Items

Any Board member may request that any item be removed from this consent agenda to the regular agenda for action to be taken separately.

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Approval of Bills & Claims
4. Approval of Cash Summary Report
5. Approval of Monthly Fund Transfers
6. Approval of Check Registers
7. Approval of TASN School Mental Health Initiative Contract
8. Approval of Thanksgiving Dinner Donation from Easton Lions Club

ACTION

Scott Gibson made a motion to approve the Agenda & Consent Agenda Items as presented. Sharon Sweeney seconded and motion passed 8-0.

Monthly Communications

1. Receive Communications from Visitors Present

None

2. Receive General Communications

None

Discussion Items

- 1. Presentation**—Terri Coughlin, JDLA Principal, introduced Nikki Pickens, parent of a former JDLA student. Nikki spoke to the board about John Dewey and the school's positive effect on her son, who transitioned back to his home district for his senior year. Terri then invited all the board, along with superintendents and community members, to attend the annual Thanksgiving lunch, which will be held tomorrow, November 21st at noon.
- 2. Director's Update**—Andy updated the board on Funds 01 (Special Ed) & 10 (Service Center.) Andy shared Special Ed funding bill 73-3422 regarding state aid. Andy spoke on Maintenance of Effort, explaining it is a report he sends to the State Dept of Education each year in early December, showing the funding for special ed at the local level has remained the same and not dropped. Andy shared that the 18-21 year-old program's building renovations are out for bids. More will be known on when this program will begin, depending on the renovation timeline. The School Mental Health Initiative workshop will be held in June, 2020. Work on the PREPaRE drive in Google continues to be updated, most recently with the KSDE Suicide Toolkit. The PREPaRE drive and information therein will be available to all administrators and mental health staff members in Keystone districts.
- 3. JDLA Update**—Nathanael reminded the board that the annual JDLA Thanksgiving lunch is tomorrow, 11/21, at noon in the Keystone gym. All board members are invited to attend. Nathanael shared the story of a student's recent field trip. This student is high needs and very limited on life experiences.
- 4. Personnel**—Mary reviewed current staffing needs and vacancies, explaining that Keystone is hiring for approximately 5 open para positions.

Action Items

1. Personnel Update—Contracts and Resignations

ACTION

Sharon Sweeney made a motion to approve the November personnel update as presented. Sarah Johnston seconded and motion passed 8-0.

Miscellaneous Items from Board Members

None

Adjournment

At 7:34 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Ron Langston
President

Linda Chalker
Clerk of the Board