

## **USD 316 BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**March 20, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**GOLDEN PLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY,  
210 W 6TH, SELDEN, KS**

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Bruggeman with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM in the Library of the Elementary School. Present were Matt Cheney, Chad Focke, Davis Rath, Jeremy Schiltz, and Jay Todd. Jason Rogers entered meeting at 7:02 PM. Others present were Mary Ellen Welshhon, Superintendent, Ashley Arnberger, Principal, Travis Smith, Administrative Assistant, Nicole Schiltz, Clerk, Dez Wark, Sophomore Class Sponsor, Dominic Stout, Wyatt Amlong, Hayden Wark, Sophomore Class members, Amy Patmon, SITE Council Facilitator, Brandy Spresser, Daycare Director & Parker Christensen, Transportation Director

Motion by Todd, seconded by Cheney to approve the agenda as amended to include bid on Commons Area floor under new business (Motion carried 6-0)

Audience with Visitors: Sophomore class members Dominic Stout & Wyatt Amlong presented and asked for board's consideration to allow them to sponsor a 3 on 3 basketball tournament to be held on April 29, 2023 as an additional fund raiser for the class.

### **Consent Items:**

It was moved by Rath, seconded by Rogers to approve the consent items.  
(Motion carried 7-0)

Minutes from the February 20, 2023 regular meeting  
Minutes from the February 23, 2023 special meeting

Treasurers' report, check #48879-48926, ACH #5957-6021, bank reconcilements, encumbrance report, cash summary and other financial reports

Activity account bank reconciliation.

Gifts and Grants – Leadership Thomas County – afterschool/Drama \$750, Presbytery of Northern Kansas – to support unmet needs for the educational programs and students of Selden Grade School - \$9,500, Livewell Northwest Kansas (Smart Start) - preschool for high standards achievement on observations- \$350, Livewell Northwest Kansas (Smart Start) - daycare for high standards achievement on observations - \$350

## REPORTS:

Transportation: Parker Christensen – see attached

SITE Council: Amy Patmon

- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting held tonight/ next meeting April
- Mindy Fleckenstein presented Health Pathway CTE program
- Building Needs Assessment

Daycare: Brandy Spresser

- Presented estimate on Ecoturf Playground Surfacing
  - Looking into and applying for grants to complete this project
- Open hours: have had to close least four times due to lack of subs/providers
  - Advertise for subs

NWKTC: Paul Bruggeman

- Merger not yet complete for the one university system
  - Senate left to vote
- Two wrestlers won National Championships, along with four other wrestlers that placed in top six
- Plumbing program will be starting next fall

NKESC: Jay Todd- no report

Administrative Assistant – Travis Smith

1. League Basketball Quarterfinals and Semi Finals will be held in Grainfield and Grinnell in 2024 because of a conflict with the Colby Event Center. Finals will be held in Colby
2. League Track has been moved to Colby for the 2023 school year because of construction in Logan
3. High School Track has started. 15 boys and 7 girls
4. High School Track uniforms were ordered. They were approved by the board at the November meeting

Principal- Ashley Arnberger

- Heaters in big gym were installed over Spring Break by CB Heating
- KESA Update – Preparation for April 19<sup>th</sup> Outside Visitation Team to come
- Update on Rexford Building concerns with floor northwest classroom on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, additionally after further investigation concerns with wall between the Home Ec Room and Special Education room.
- Kansas MTSS Symposium – The middle/high school BLT has been invited to present at the Kansas MTSS Symposium in September!
- MTSS Behavior Social Emotional Learning Implementation scale Then & Now
- Upcoming Events
  - Russ Tuttle “Stop Trafficking Project” – MS/HS students will be attending the Be Alert presentation Wednes, March 22 at the Colby Event Center

- Early Childhood Screening – Tuesday, March 28 in collaboration with NKESC
- Legislative Activity update – House sub for SB 83

Mary Ellen Welshhon – Superintendent

- Additional information on House sub for SB 83
- Judy has filed E-rate Form 471 for the 2023-2024 school year
- Republishing of the Budget
- Attending a table top discussion with Sheridan County Thursday, March 23
- Attending Kansas Federal Funds forum March 30 & 31

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion by Todd, seconded by Schiltz to approve to hiring of Brandy Sprester with two-year contract as Elementary Principal for 2023-2024 school year at the salary of \$60,000 with fringe benefits, and for 2024-2025 with the salary to be determined. (Motion carried 5-2) Focke & Cheney

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Focke, seconded by Rogers to approve Emma Ziesler, out of district student, to enter and attend the USD 316 District as a student in good standing. (Motion carried 7-0)

Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Rath to approve the 2023-2028 NKESC Interlocal Agreement. (Motion carried 7-0)

Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Todd to approve the state average rate for the LOB for the 2023-2024 school year. (Motion carried 7-0)

Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Rath to enter into executive session at 8:05 pm to discuss the opening letter for negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA in the board room for 15 minutes with the board of education, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Superintendent & Ashley Arnberger, Principal. (Motion carried 7-0)

The board returned at 8:20 pm and no action was taken.

The board took a three minute break

It was moved by Todd, seconded by Rath to enter into executive session to discuss individual staff members and positions in order to protect their privacy pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:25 pm in the board room for 5 minutes with the board of education & Travis Smith, Administrative Assistant. (Motion carried 7-0)

The board returned at 8:30 pm and no action was taken.

Motion by Todd, seconded by Schiltz to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel exception under KOMA at 8:31 pm in for 15 minutes with the board of education, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Superintendent, Ashley Arnberger, and Travis Smith, Administrative Assistant. (Motion carried 7-0)

The board returned at 8:46 pm and no action was taken.

Focke exited meeting

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Rath to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel exception under KOMA at 8:47 pm for 5 minutes with the board of education, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Superintendent, Ashley Arnberger and Travis Smith, Administrative Assistant. (Motion carried 6-0)

The board returned at 8:52 pm and no action was taken.

Focke exited meeting

Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Rath to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel exception under KOMA at 8:54 pm for 5 minutes with the board of education, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Superintendent, Ashley Arnberger, and Travis Smith, Administrative Assistant. (Motion carried 6-0)

Focke returned to meeting

The board returned at 8:59 pm and the following motions were made.

Motion by Todd, seconded by Schiltz to approve the Supplemental duty list for the 2023-2024 school year with exception of the following: Freshman class sponsor & MS Cheer/MS Sponsor. (Motion carried 7-0)

Motion by Cheney, seconded by Todd to approve Mandy Focke as MS Cheer/MS Sponsor. (Motion carried 4-3) Rath & Schiltz. Focke abstained

Motion by Todd, seconded by Focke to approve Robynn Wessel as Freshman Class Sponsor. (Motion carried 7-0)

Motion by Focke, seconded by Cheney to enter into executive session to discuss an individual employee's employment status under non-elected personnel exception under KOMA at 9:06 pm for 15 minutes with the board of education, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Superintendent, Ashley Arnberger and Travis Smith, Administrative Assistant. (Motion carried 7-0)

The board returned at 9:21 pm and no action was taken.

Motion by Focke, seconded by Cheney to enter into executive session to discuss an individual employee's employment status under non-elected personnel exception under KOMA at 9:22 pm for 15 minutes with the board of education, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Superintendent, Ashley Arnberger and Travis Smith, Administrative Assistant. (Motion carried 7-0)

The board returned at 9:37 pm and no action was taken.

Motion by Todd, seconded by Schiltz to approve the request by the sophomore class to sponsor a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. (Motion carried 7-0)

Discussion was held on Commons Area floor and bathrooms. Motion by Todd, seconded by Schiltz to give Administration authority to pursue maintenance options on the floor (Motion carried 7-0)

The next meeting is set for April 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Selden Elementary Library.

There being no further business, motion by Cheney, seconded by Bruggeman to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 PM. (Motion carried 7-0)

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President

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