

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
GIRARD, KS
August 8, 2024

The Board of Education of Unified School District 248 met in the Board Office on Thursday, August 8, 2024. President, Peggy Marshall, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present were: Henry Ashbacher, Roger Breneman, Aaron Coester, Peggy Marshall, and Kelly Peak. Also present were: Superintendent, Todd Ferguson; Board Clerk, Randee Hanks; Board Treasurer, Charlene Bolinger; GHS Principal, Tim Davied; Assistant GHS Principal, Chris Swartz; GMS Principal, BJ Pruitt; RVH Principal, Tina Daniel; RVH Assistant Principal, Joni Benso; RVH Teachers, Alixandra Bell, Laura Carrell, Garrett Evans, and Ariana Faucett; GHS Teachers, Julie Heatherly, Jenna Morris and Elizabeth Sturgis; and Tucker Hudson, Reporter with Hometown Girard.

Absent were: Board Member, Dave Goble; and Board Member, Lori Johnson.

Aaron Coester moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the following addition to the agenda: 8-5. \$99,958- CCLC Grant; \$10,000-Family Resource Center- Jump Start Early Childhood Block Grant. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Roger Breneman moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion for the approval of the agenda, approval of the minutes of the July 11th, 2024 Board Meeting, approval of the treasurer's report and the bills be approved for payment, amounting to \$2,761,652.62. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Introduction of the 2024-25 New USD 248 Teaching Staff: RVH Teachers, Alixandra Bell, Laura Carrell, Garrett Evans, and Ariana Faucett; GHS Teachers, Julie Heatherly, Jenna Morris and Elizabeth Sturgis.

Aaron Coester moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the following donations: \$30,000- CDL- Red Wutke Light Project; \$25,000- Fall Trojans- Red Wutke Light Project; \$25,000- Girard Rec- Red Wutke Light Project; \$25,000- Wutke Family- Red Wutke Light Project; \$99,598- CCLC Grant; \$10,000- Family Resource Center- Early Childhood Block Grant. Motion carried 5 – 0.

RVH Principal, Joni Benso; and GHS Principal, Tim Davied, presented the 2024-2025 Professional Learning Plan.

Kelly Peak moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion to approve the recommended KASB Policies GAAC, GARIA, JGEC, and the addition of Policy JGECAA adopted by the board on June 13, 2024, be rescinded and the previous versions of Policies GAAC, GARIA, and JGEC be readopted and approved. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, discussed 2024-2025 Mentoring Framework.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the 2024-2025 USD 248 Early Education Center Handbook. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Aaron Coester moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to approve the 2024-2025 Substitute Handbook. The daily substitute rate was increased to \$120 per day. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Building Needs Assessment and State Assessment Review to assist the USD 248 BOE in the Development of the 2024-2025 District Budget was discussed.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, discussed the 2024-2025 USD 248 Proposed Budget.

Roger Breneman moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to “Establish date for the 2024-2025 Budget Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing- September 12th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.” Motion carried 5 – 0.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to Establish Date for the 2024-2025 Budget Hearing- September 12th, 2024 at 7:05 pm.” Motion carried 5 – 0.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to approve the 2024-2025 District Classified Handbook, as presented. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, presented the Facilities/Construction Update.

Roger Breneman moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to accept the proposal for the Red Wutke Light Complex. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:10 pm for a period of 10 minutes, for discussion of Non-Elected Personnel under KOMA, with Board Members, Superintendent and Building Administrators present. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion for “Approval of the Classified Staff and Director/Administrator Raises.” Motion carried 5 – 0.

Roger Breneman moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion to accept the resignations of Kim Pitts-GMS STUCO; and Geoff Beaty-GMS Football. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to approve the following employment recommendations: Stacia Kimrey-RVH PreSchool Para; and Heather Short-Early Education Center Aide. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Principal's Reports in the Board Packets.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson discussed the Superintendent's Report.

Southeast 637 Interlocal and Greenbush Report

Roger Breneman moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion for adjournment of the meeting at 7:35 pm. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Randee Hanks
Clerk