

USD 263
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 8, 2024
7:00 P.M.
DISTRICT OFFICES-628 E. MULVANE
unofficial draft
MINUTES

**Please be respectful-No cell phone use or texting during the meeting. Mute or turn off phones.*

1.0 MEETING OPENING

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-President Stacy Gear with the following members present: Fred Heersche, Crystal Smith, Destiny Myers, and Jeff Ellis. Chris Heersche and Steve Fry were not present.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Doug Hatfield, Trista Cuthbertson, Debbie White, Renee Sweetwood, Jeromy Swearingen, Colin Cathey, Thomas Schmitz, Glenda Cowell, Monika and Craig Simonis, Kistin Petersen, Erica Mize, Kelli Pennington, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENT

1.2.1 KASB Summer Leadership Institute June 14-15, 2024 (Salina)

1.2.2 Monika Simonis was presented with the Inspiring Excellence award.

1.3 “GOOD NEWS” BY BOE MEMBERS

*Nothing at this time

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1.4.1 Renee Sweetwood, Munson Primary Principal, reported that Munson celebrated Eclipse Day today. Thanks to the parents who brought in welding helmets for the building to use.

1.4.2 Erica Mize, Mulvane Grade School Principal, reported that students were able to go out to view the eclipse. The day included eclipse-themed snacks. PTO recently distributed cookie dough from their fundraiser. Coming up: fourth graders will be visiting the zoo and there will be a DARE camp-out and graduation.

1.4.3 Colin Cathey, Mulvane Middle School Principal, reported that spring sports are underway. Tonight’s track meet was cut short due to bees. Spring testing season has begun. Students got to experience the eclipse outside today.

1.4.4 Trista Cuthbertson, Asst Superintendent, noted that today was the final Team Green meeting. They discussed this month’s theme: perseverance and went out to view the eclipse. The district site council met this evening. On May 2, we will have our KESA executive visit, and on May 7th, our outside team visit.

1.4.5 Jeromy Swearingen, Mulvane High School Principal, reported that there are lots of sports going on at the high school with events happening almost every night. Students are engaged in state testing. Monday will be Military Appreciation Day. They will acknowledge this by wearing purple and having an all-school assembly with a presentation from the Derby JROTC. Also, this is prom week.

- 1.4.6 Glenda Cowell, Director of Special Services/Communications, announced that the communications team has been busy publishing our many upcoming events. She is working with our team on Purple Star activities. The Wildcat Care Team is fully staffed and has been providing services to our students. She has been working with our building GEI teams.
- 1.4.7 Thomas Schmitz, Technology Director, reported that he attended the Skyward conference with Carolyn Young, Patty Sweeney, and LaShelle Heckart. Skyward is encouraging all Kansas districts to migrate to the new Skyward software by 2027. The tech department is preparing for summer rotation.
- 1.4.8 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, reported that Mr. Canfield will be sending out an RFP for needed pavement repairs. We received the bus we ordered a year ago and are waiting for the inspection.

1.5 MEA REPORT-No report at this time

2.0 APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

Motion made by Fred Heersche to approve the agenda. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Destiny Myers to approve the amendments to the agenda. Second by Jeff Ellis. Motion carried 5-0.

ADD: CONSENT ITEMS:

3.3.2 New Hires:

Amy Rounds	MHS ParaEducator (eff 4-9-24)
Camille Woods	MHS NHS Sponsor (eff 8-1-24)

3.3.3 Change of Status/Transfer:

Hayley Foltz	Sub ParaEducator (eff 4-4-24)
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3.6 Bills:

Add'l Bills for April-ck #18129-#18139 in the amt of \$12,426.09
Wire Transfer #202300181-202300182 in the amt of \$2,094.18

3.9 Donation:

Plumbing Specialists, Inc	MHS Trap Team \$850
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ADD: EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8.1 Student Matter

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.2 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Clerk & Treasurer Report
Bank Reconciliation
Activity Funds Financial Statements

3.3 ROUTINE PERSONNEL

3.3.1 Resignations:

Tiffany King	MP HN ParaEducator (eff 3-29-24)
Keene Hargrove	MHS Head Boys Basketball Coach (eff 5-21-24)
Kendra Banzet	MHS Rowdy Crowd Sponsor (eff 5-21-24)
Kendra Banzet	MHS Trap Team Coach (eff 7-31-24)
Kendra Banzet	MMS Head 8 th gr Girls Basketball Coach (eff 5-21-24)
Tim Beikman	MMS Head 7 th gr Boys Basketball Coach (eff 5-21-24)

3.3.2 New Hires:

Brandie Smith	MGS ParaEducator (eff 4-9-24)
Harli Pater	MGS 4 th gr Teacher (eff 24-25 yr)
Victoria Powell	MHS ELA Teacher (eff 24-25 yr)
Jennifer Dunbar	MMS Asst STUCO Sponsor (eff 8-1-24)
Kimberly Downs	MMS Head 7 th gr Volleyball Coach (eff 8-1-24)
Kristina Ganow	MHS Jr Class Sponsor (eff 8-1-24)
Michael Halgren	Sub Teacher (eff 4-9-24)
Amy Rounds	MHS ParaEducator (eff 4-9-24)
Camille Woods	MHS NHS Sponsor (eff 8-1-24)

3.3.3 Change of Status/Transfer:

Margaret Schoonover	MGS Title I ParaEducator (eff 4-9-24)
Aaron Jenkins	MHS Cook (eff 4-9-24)
Hayley Foltz	Sub ParaEducator (eff 4-4-24)

3.4 PDC TRANSCRIPTS Jodi McCarty

3.5 PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT: None

3.6 BILLS \$127,221
Add'l Bills for April-ck #18129-#18139 in the amt of \$12,426.09
Wire Transfer #202300181-202300182 in the amt of \$2,094.18

3.7 PAYROLL \$184,844.98

3.8 TRANSFERS At-Risk \$5821

4 yr old At-Risk \$1,970
Vocational \$1,984

3.9 DONATION

Sumner County	MHS SADD \$400
Mulvane Optimist Club	MHS SADD \$300
Mulvane Family Med Center	MHS Trap Team \$500
Ashley Blackwell	MHS Trap Team \$500
Plumbing Specialists, Inc	MHS Trap Team \$850

3.10 OTHER

Reappoint Lowell Ester for a 4-year term as USD
263 rep to Mulvane Historical Board

Approve Assurances for Federal Funds

Motion made by Jeff Ellis to approve the consent agenda. Second by Fred Heersche.
Motion carried 5-0.

4.0 PATRON TIME

No patrons were present to speak.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

There were no Action Items

6.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Second Reading of KASB Policy Recommendations: JBH, JDDAA, and JGFGBA
Dr. Ensley reviewed the policy updates/suggestions.

Motion made by Jeff Ellis to approve the KASB policy recommendations for JBH, JDDAA, and JGFGBA as presented. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

6.2 JROTC Partnership

Due to lack of space and enrollment numbers, Dr. Ensley has met with Derby administrators and JROTC leaders, to form a partnership allowing up to 10 Mulvane students to participate in Derby's program. Derby approved the partnership last Wednesday.

Motion made by Fred Heersche to approve the partnership with Derby on a JROTC program. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 5-0.

6.3 PAT Partnership

Our PAT program has experienced staffing issues. We visited with KSDE on options. KSDE suggested reaching out to nearby districts that might consider a partnership. Trista met with Derby's PAT director and administrators to discuss interest. Derby put together an agreement and proposed structure. Their BOE approved the proposal last Wednesday.

Motion made by Jeff Ellis to approve the PAT partnership. Second by Crystal Smith.
Motion carried 5-0.

7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

7.1 Non-Resident Enrollment Capacity

Dr. Ensley shared enrollment trends and projections which were considerations when setting capacity for grades K-12 for the 2024-25 school year. New legislative mandates require districts to post capacity and projected enrollment by May 1st. These can be adjusted yearly. This will be brought back to the Board at the next meeting for consideration and approval.

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

8.1 Student Matter

At 7:27 p.m., Jeff Ellis moved that the board recess into executive session regarding a student issue to discuss matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student, patient, or resident of a public institution, except that any such person shall have the right to a public hearing if requested by the person, to include the Board, Trista Cuthbertson, Glenda Cowell, and Dr. Ensley. The board will return to open session in the board meeting room at 7:37 p.m. with possible action to follow. Second by Fred Heersche. Motion carried 5-0.

The BOE came out of executive session at 7:36 p.m.

The Board took a break from 7:36 p.m.-7:37 p.m.

The BOE returned to open meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Mrs. Gear stated that no action was taken during Executive Session.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 5-0.
