

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
GIRARD, KS
August 11, 2022

The Board of Education of Unified School District 248 met in the Board Office on Thursday, August 11, 2022. President, Roger Breneman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present were: Henry Ashbacher, Roger Breneman, Aaron Coester, Dave Goble, Lori Johnson, Peggy Marshall, and Kelly Peak. Also present were: Superintendent, Blaise Bauer; Clerk, Becky Mein; HS Principal, Todd Ferguson; Assistant HS Principal, Chris Swartz; MS Principal, BJ Pruitt; RVH Principal, Tina Daniel; Assistant RVH Principal, Joni Benso; RVH teachers; Gwyn Dean, Andrea James, Jennifer Matson, Leanne Prince, Brendan Schmidt, Kalee Shanholtzer, Lori Seiwert and Elizabeth Villanueva; and Hometown Girard Reporter, Tucker Hudson.

Dave Goble moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion for the approval of the agenda with additions: 26A-GHS Class Sponsors 2026, approval of the minutes of the July 14, 2022 board meeting, approval of the treasurer's report and the bills be approved for payment, amounting to \$3,151,810.53. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

The RVH new teachers were introduced: Lori Seiwert, Gwyn Dean, Brendan Schmidt, Kalee Shanholtzer, Leanne Prince, Elizabeth Villanueva, Jennifer Matson, and Andrea James.

Lori Johnson moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to approve the following donations: \$99,959-21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant (RVH); \$106,000-Kansas Pre-School Pilot Grant (RVH); and \$50,000-Smith Family in Honor of Dan Smith Sr-Baseball Field Shed. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Superintendent, Blaise Bauer, presented information on the Building Needs Assessment and State Assessment Review to Assist the USD 248 BOE in the Development of the 2022-2023 District Budget.

Superintendent, Blaise Bauer presented the 2022-2023 USD 248 Proposed District Budget Update. John Staton and Blaise are to meet with Dale Dennis from KSDE on July 27, 2022. Upon the recommendation of Dale Dennis, it is the consensus of the Board to approve 51.898 mills.

Aaron Coester moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion to establish the 2022-2023 Budget Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing on September 8, 2022 at 7 pm. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to establish the 2022-2023 Budget Hearing on September 8, 2022 at 7:05 pm. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Dave Goble seconded the motion for approval to accept bids and to purchase a school bus from Master's for \$79,000. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Peggy Marshall moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to approve the 2022-2023 District Classified Handbook. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Superintendent, Blaise Bauer, provided the facilities/construction update report.

No action taken on the approval to accept bids for the Board Office addition.

Kelly Peak moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion for approval to accept bids and begin work on a storage shed at the Red Wutke Baseball Field. The \$35,430 bid from JT Construction was approved. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Superintendent, Blaise Bauer, presented information on the Legislative updates.

Superintendent, Blaise Bauer, presented information on the "Return to School" COVID Health Guide.

Peggy Marshall moved, Lori Johnson seconded them motion to enter into executive session at 7:05 pm for a period of 5 minutes, for the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with the Board Members, Superintendent, and Building Administrators present. This executive session was required for Meet and Confer items. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Back to regular session at 7:10 pm.

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Henry Ashbacher moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion to approve the resignation of GHS Physical Education Teacher – Laney Lawson. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Dave Goble moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion for approval of the Certified Staff Meet/Confer Agreements for 2022-2023. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Principal's Reports in the Board Packets.

Peggy Marshall reported from the Interlocal and Lori Johnson presented her report from Greenbush announcing that John Staton will be retiring on September 1, 2022.

Lori Johnson moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to approve the employment recommendations of: Macahla Kugler and Anna Drenick as Class Sponsors for 2026. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Dave Goble moved, Kelly Peak seconded the adjournment of the meeting at 7:23 pm. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Becky Mein
Clerk