

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
GIRARD, KS
AUGUST 10, 2023

The Board of Education of Unified School District 248 met in the Board Office on Thursday, August 10, 2023. President, Kelly Peak, 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, Todd Ferguson; Clerk, Becky Mein; Treasurer, Randee Hanks; HS Principal, Tim Davied; Assistant HS Principal, Chris Swartz; MS Principal, BJ Pruitt; RVH Principal, Tina Daniel, Assistant RVH Principal, Joni Benso; FBLA Sponsor, Beth Wilson; GHS Student, Sarah Rose and Parents, Joanna and Mark Rose; and Tucker Hudson, Reporter with Hometown Girard.

Dave Goble moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion for the approval of the agenda with addition 20F-RVH Long-term substitute, approval of the minutes of the July 13, 2023 Board Meeting, approval of the treasurer's report and the bills be approved for payment, amounting to \$2,400,168.72. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Lori Johnson moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion to approve the following donations: \$99,959-21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant-RVH; \$13,742-Girard Recreation Board-Weight Room Stereo; \$10,000-Kansas Safety and Security Grant-Door Upgrades; \$1,000-Lions Club-RVH Backpack Program; \$1,793-Grants for Growing-Girard FFA; and \$86,680-Kansas PreSchool Pilot Grant-RVH. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Student presentation from FBLA National Champion, Sarah Rose.

Building Needs Assessment and State Assessment Review to assist the USD 248 BOE in the Development of the 2023-2024 District Budget was discussed.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, discussed the 2023-2024 USD 248 Proposed District Budget.

Dave Goble moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to “Establish date for the 2023-2024 Budget Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing-September 14, 2023 at 7 pm.” Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Peggy Marshall moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to “Establish date for the 2023-2024 Budget Hearing-September 14, 2023 at 7:05 pm.” Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Roger Breneman moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion for the approval of the 2023-2024 District Classified Handbook, as presented. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

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

Henry Ashbacher moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion for the approval of the “Return to School” COVID Health Guide. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

The timeline for the Strategic Planning meeting was discussed. There will be a Special Board Meeting on August 28, 2023 at 4:30 pm for the purpose of a work session to begin the Strategic Planning process.

Peggy Marshall moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:05 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. 7 – 0.

Back to regular session at 7:15 pm.

Dave Goble moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion to accept the resignations of: Justin Zornes-Assistant HS Football; Janel Scales-Payroll Clerk; Cynthia Moore-Choir Accompanist; and Christen Jackson-Freshman Class Sponsor. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Lori Johnson moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the following employment recommendations: Jon Bishop-GHS Assistant Football; Jeff Leslie-GMS Assistant Football; Lacey Clark-RVH Kitchen Manager; Pat Harry-GHS/GMS Choir Accompanist; Meredith Reid-Kayettes Sponsor; and Kayla Snider-RVH Long-Term Substitute (ESSERIII). Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Principals' Reports in the Board Packets.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, discussed the vehicle needs for our district, Back to School Inservice, and Back to School Bash.

Southeast 637 Interlocal report.

Peggy Marshall moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion for adjournment of the meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Becky Mein
Clerk