

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
GIRARD, KS
September 14, 2023

The Board of Education of Unified School District 248 met in the Board Office on Thursday, September 14, 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; MS Principal, BJ Pruitt; Assistant RVH Principal, Joni Benso. John Staton- Greenbush; Brendan Schmidt, RVH Teacher. New Teaching Staff included: Jon Bishop, Grace Cheesman, Hannah Inman, Madie Krebs, Moriah Morey, Lindsey Scheibe, Evan Troike, Megan Webb, and Courtney Williams. Tucker Hudson, Reporter with Hometown Girard and Aaron Pyle, Reporter with The Morning Sun. Additional guests include: Brandon Bishop.

Absent were: Assistant HS Principal, Chris Swartz and RVH Principal, Tina Daniel.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion for the approval of the agenda, approval of the minutes of the August 10, 2023 Board Meeting, approval of the treasurer's report and the bills be approved for payment, amounting to \$917,734.69. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Dave Goble moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the following donations: \$1,000- Jayhawk Wind- RVH Music Program; \$19,845- Pritchett Trust- GHS/GMS Auditorium Equipment; \$37,591- Patterson Grant- FFA/Ag Program Equipment; \$77,369.80- Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment- Nurse Salary and testing supplies; \$100,000- Goppert Foundation- RVH Playground; \$500-Modern Woodsmen- HOSA. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Introduction of the 2023-24 New USD 248 Teaching Staff: GMS Teacher, Jon Bishop and RVH Teachers, Grace Cheesman, Hannah Inman, Madie Krebs, Moriah Morey, Lindsey Scheibe, Evan Troike, Megan Webb, and Courtney Williams.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, discussed the 2023-2024 District Budget Update

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Peggy Marshall moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to review bids for new Band Uniforms. A \$52,820.00 bid from Fruhauf Uniform was approved. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, presented the 2023-2024 Student Enrollment Update.

Lori Johnson moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion to elect Kelly Peak as delegate for the upcoming KASB Assembly, and Dave Goble as alternate. Motion carried 7-0.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the Classified Staff Shared Leave Pool as presented. Motion carried 7 - 0.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, presented the Facility/Construction Updates.

The regular Board Meeting ceased.

Lori Johnson moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to enter into the Budget Revenue Neutral Hearing at 7:00 pm. No questions arose from patrons about the Revenue Neutral Hearing.

Lori Johnson moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution: A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of USD 248 (Girard Schools) with respect to exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for financing the annual budget for 2023-2024.

K.S.A. 79-2988, provides that a levy of property taxes to finance the 2023-2024 budget of USD 248 exceeds the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate to finance the 2023-2024 budget of USD 248 by authorized by a resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by USD 248 that the 2023-2024 budget with a levy of property taxes exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rates calculated for 2023-2024, as adjusted pursuant of K.S.A. 79-2988 is hereby adopted.

Adopted this 14th day of September, 2023 by USD 248 Girard Schools in Crawford County Kansas.

Roll Call Vote:

Henry Ashbacher-Yes; Roger Breneman-Yes; Aaron Coester- Yes; Dave Goble-Yes; Lori Johnson- Yes; Peggy Marshall- Yes; and Kelly Peak-Yes. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Dave Goble moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to enter into USD 248 2023-2024 Budget Hearing at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried 7 - 0.

Dave Goble moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution: Be It Resolved that: The above-named school board shall be authorized to make a Local Option Percentage in an amount of 32.62% percent for the 2023-2024 school year.

Certificate

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the board of education of Unified School District No. 248, Crawford County, Kansas, on the 14th day of September, 2023. Motion carried 7 - 0.

Peggy Marshall moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to Adopt and Approve the 2023-2024 USD 248 Budget as published. Motion carried 7 - 0.

Back to regular session at 7:06 pm.

Dave Goble moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve JGFGA-NARCAN Policy. Motion carried 7 - 0.

Peggy Marshall moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:16 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 7:26 pm.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion to accept the resignations of: Cheryl Copenhaver-GHS/GMS Cook; Amberly Samuel- GHS/GMS Cook; and Penny Ellis-GHS/GMS Cook. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Dave Goble moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to approve the following employment recommendations: Jeff McDonald-GHS Assistant Girls Golf Coach; Latisha Marshall- GHS/GMS Cook; Cylena Leach-RVH Cook; Brenna Taiclet-Thomas- GHS/GMS Kitchen Manager; Diana Rank-GHS/GMS Cook; Kayla Pruitt- Freshman Class Sponsor. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Principals' Reports in the Board Packets.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, discussed the Superintendent's Report.

Southeast 637 Interlocal and Greenbush Report.

Peggy Marshall moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion for adjournment of the meeting at 7:38 pm. Motion carried. 7 – 0.

Becky Mein
Clerk