

Board BriefsDecember 13, 2021

The U.S.D. 409 Board of Education met on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Education office.

CALL TO ORDER

President Carrie Sowers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She welcomed patrons and staff to the meeting.

President Sowers recognized and asked for a moment of silence for Ramona Wilson, an active Atchison Elementary School teacher, that recently passed away unexpectedly.

ORDERING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda, as presented.

REPORTS

Lucas Hunziger, Director of Technical Education at Highland Community College (HCC) Technical Center, provided an update on activities at the technical center. He advised:

- This is finals week.
- Student attendance (and sickness) issues at an all-time high.
- Conducting dining etiquette training with Business Technology and Child Care classes.
- Rekindling relationships with the Kickapoo Nation.
- HCC is part of the "Build Up Kansas" initiative (website highlight).
- Provided information on the Kansas Promise Scholarship.
- Partnering with AHS, this spring, to hold a career fair.

LaTisha Downing, Principal at Central School, welcomed board members and patrons. She gave an overview of academic successes and building and community activities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laura Calhoun provided comment on inclusion in classes.

Mary Beth Wohlgenmuh provided comment on classified staff wages/pay scale.

Allison Marschean provide comment on diversity and masking.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- Approved the minutes of the November 8, 2021.
- Approved the Treasurer's Report, which included the bank reconciliation summary report, monthly cash summary report, year to date cash summary report, budget summary of funds, transfers, and security pledges.
- Approved payment of claims and credit card summary account statements.
- Approved activity fund account statements.
- Approved early graduation request.
- Accepted a donation from John Dolenz, DDS, for AHS Theatre.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board reaffirmed the following policies, as presented:

- Policy KGDA - Public conduct on School Property (reaffirm)
- Policy KH - Gifts to School (reaffirm)
- Policy KI - Distributing Materials in Schools (reaffirm)
- Policy KK - Sale of District property (reaffirm)
- Policy KM - Visitors to the School (reaffirm)
- Policy KMA - Tobacco-Free School Grounds for Visitors (reaffirm)
- Policy KN - Complaints (reaffirm)
- Policy KNA - Complaints Regarding Child Nutrition Programs (reaffirm)
- Policy LA - Goals and Objectives (reaffirm)
- Policy LB - School-Community Cooperation (reaffirm)
- Policy LC - School-Community Programs (reaffirm)
- Policy LDD - Federal Government-Drug Free Schools (reaffirm)
- Policy LDDA - Fiscal Management of Federal Grants (reaffirm)
- Policy LED - Family Night (reaffirm)

The Board reappointed Jim Smith to serve a four-year term on the Atchison Recreation Commission beginning January 2022.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

The following policies were presented to the Board as a first reading for discussion and feedback:

- Policy MA - Goals and Objectives (reaffirm)
- Policy MD - Interdistrict Relations (reaffirm)
- Policy MF - Colleges and Universities (reaffirm)
- Policy MI - State Education Agency Relations: Quality Assurances (reaffirm)
- Policy MK - Educational Accreditation Agency Relations (reaffirm)
- Policy A - District Authority (Home Rule) (reaffirm)
- Policy ABE - District Goals and Objectives (reaffirm)
- Policy AE - School Year (reaffirm)
- Policy AEA - School Calendar (reaffirm)
- Policy AEB - (Extended School Year) (reaffirm)
- Policy AF - School Day (reaffirm)

These policies will be brought back to the next meeting for further review and action.

Superintendent Renee Scott provided an update on the District's COVID policy, procedures, and data.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:00 p.m., John Eplee made the motion, seconded by Sean Crittendon, to go into executive sessions to discuss the following subjects: employee's employment performances. The justification for this executive session is: to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA.

The open meeting will resume in the Board of Education community room at 7:20 p.m. The motion passed 7-0.

Superintendent Renee Scott attended the executive session.

The meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

PERSONNEL

The Board accepted the following **Resignations:**

- Alexandria Denton – Paraeducator, Atchison Middle School, effective November 11, 2021.
- Jodie Stillwell – Assistant High School Volleyball Coach, Atchison High School, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Liz Harris – Head High School Volleyball Coach, Atchison High School, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Kathryn (Kathy) Estes – Paraeducator, Atchison High School, effective May 26, 2022, for the purposes of retirement.
- Regan Magee – Paraeducator, Atchison Middle School, effective December 3, 2021.
- Ann Smith – Paraeducator, Atchison Elementary School, effective December 16, 2021.
- Carley Chase – Paraeducator, Atchison High School, effective December 10, 2021.
- Ethel (Lynne) Ball – ISS Teacher and National Honor Society Sponsor, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year for the purposes of retirement.
- Ashley Funk – 4th Grade Lunch Supervisor (Spring), Atchison Elementary School, effective December 17, 2021.

The Board approved the following **recommendations for employment (2021-2022 school year):**

- Kathryn Johnson – COVID Tester, District, effective November 15, 2021 (2-year position only).
- Tina Denton – Custodian, Atchison Middle School, effective November 29, 2021.

The Board approved the following **transfers (2021-2022 school year):**

- Peyton Nigus – Transfer from Kindergarten Special Education Teacher, Atchison Elementary School to 9th-12th Grade Special Education Teacher, Atchison High School effective January 3, 2022.
- Annalese Schelvan – Transfer from Kindergarten Teacher, Atchison Elementary School to Kindergarten SPED Teacher, Atchison Elementary School, effective January 3, 2022.

The Board approved the following **supplementals (2021-2022 school year):**

Taylor Funk	Assistant Wrestling Coach	AHS
Eliot Smith	8 th Grade Lunch Supervisor	AMS
Payton Nigus	Women’s Assistant Wrestling Coach	AHS

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.