

Board BriefsJanuary 10, 2022

The U.S.D. 409 Board of Education met on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Community Room.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ORDERING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda, as presented.

Welcome, Introduction, and Oath of New Board Members

Oath of Offices were administered to Carrie Sowers, Diane Liebsch, Brandi Ross, Sean Crittendon, and Deborah Eplee. Carrie, Diane, Brandi, and Sean are incumbents to the Board of Education. Deborah is a new Board member and was welcomed to the Board family.

REPORTS

Superintendent Renee Scott reported that January is designated as School Board Recognition Month. She recognized our Board members for their dedication to the children and support of USD 409, the school and the community. Renee expressed her sincere thanks and appreciation. Each board member received a certificate of appreciation.

District students recognized Board members of their work for the district. The Board members were presented framed "thank yous" with district student signatures and a pen/pencil set.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Clark made comment regarding COVID masking and testing procedures.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2022

The BOE elected Carrie Sowers to serve as President and Diane Liebsch to serve as Vice-President.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- Approved the minutes of the December 13, 2021, meeting.
- 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, transfer of funds, and security pledges.
- Approved payment of claims and credit card account statements.
- Approved activity fund account statements.
- Accepted donations from Westside Veterinary Hospital for the AHS Campus Cupboard.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board reaffirmed the following policies, as presented:

- 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)

The Board set Board of Education meetings for the 2nd Monday of each month, at 6:00 p.m., for 2022.

Board Member Diane Liebsch was appointed as the KASB Governmental Relations Network (GRN) Representative for year 2022.

Board Member Sally Berger was appointed as the KASB Delegate Assembly Representative and Diane Liebsch as an alternate, for year 2022.

Board Members Stefanie Gardner, Sean Crittendon, and Sally Berger were appointed to serve on the Policy Committee for year 2022.

Board Members Diane Liebsch and Stefanie Gardner were appointed to serve on the Teacher of the Year Selection Committee for year 2022.

Board Members Diane Liebsch and Stefanie Gardner were appointed to serve on the Classified Employee of the Year Selection Committee for year 2022.

Board Members Sean Crittendon and Carrie Sowers were appointed to serve on the Atchison Recreation Commission Interview Committee for year 2022.

Board Members Stefanie Gardner and Brandi Ross were appointed to serve on the Sick & Emergency Leave Pool Committee for year 2022.

Board Members Sally Berger, Debbie Eplee, and Sean Crittendon were appointed to serve on the Activities Committee for year 2022.

Board Members Carrie Sowers and Debbie Eplee were appointed to serve on the Staff Wellness Committee for year 2022.

Board Members Carrie Sowers and Debbie Eplee was appointed to serve on the District Wellness Committee (Food Service Regulations) for year 2022.

Board Members Sally Berger and Diane Liebsch were appointed to serve on the Calendar Committee for year 2022.

Larry Mears was appointed Chief Negotiator and Board Members Diane Liebsch, Carrie Sowers, and Stefanie Gardner were appointed to serve on the negotiations team for the 2022-2023 contract negotiations.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

The Board reviewed the following policies as a first reading:

- Policy IDAE & IDEA-R - Student Privacy Policy (reaffirm)
- Policy IDCE - College Classes (reaffirm)
- Policy IDFA - Athletics (reaffirm)
- Policy IE - Instructional Arrangements (reaffirm)
- Policy IEB - Charter Schools (reaffirm)
- Policy IF - Textbooks, Instructional Materials, and Media Centers (reaffirm)
- Policy IFBH - Outside Speakers (reaffirm)
- Policy IFC - Community Resources (reaffirm)
- Policy IFCB - Field Trips (reaffirm)

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

Superintendent Renee Scott gave an update on COVID policy and procedures. The Board approved the implementation of CDC guidelines for schools as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:37pm, Brandi Ross made the motion, seconded by Sean Crittendon, to go into executive session to discuss employment recommendations and individual employees' employment performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA; and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:00p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Renee Scott, Board Attorney Larry Mears, and Donna Noll (for technology purposes) attended the executive session.

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 pm, Sean Crittendon made the motion, seconded by Brandi Ross, to extend executive session to discuss employment recommendations and individual employees' employment performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA; and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:07p.m. The motion carried 4-0 (Crittendon, Ross, Eplee, Sowers).

Superintendent Renee Scott, Board Attorney Larry Mears, and Donna Noll (for technology purposes) attended the executive session.

The meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m.

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following **resignation**:

- Kathy Zwahl – K-5 Art Teacher, Atchison Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year, for the purposes of retirement.
- Christy Henthorne – Secretary/Bookkeeper, Atchison Middle School, effective December 31, 2021.
- Shawneekia Mays – Paraeducator, Atchison Elementary School, effective January 7, 2022.
- Ashley Funk – Teacher Mentor, Atchison Elementary School, effective 12-17-2021.

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

- Heidi Hennen – paraeducator, Atchison Elementary School, effective January 4, 2022.
- Breanna Swatzel – 9th-12th Theatre/Communications Teacher, effective January 18, 2022

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

Leah Martin – Paxton Throne	1 st Grade Lunch Supervisor	AES
Beth Meitl	Spelling Bee Sponsor	AMS
Julie Ellerman	2 nd Semester Teacher Mentor	AHS
Breanna Swatzel	Dramatics	AHS
Breanna Swatzel	Forensics	AHS
Breanna Swatzel	Stage Craft	AHS
Brenna Swatzel	Drama Co-sponsor	AHS
Brenna Swatzel	Travel (spring)	AMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.