

Board BriefsJanuary 9, 2023

The U.S.D. 409 Board of Education met on Monday, January 9, 2023, 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.

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.

District students recognized Board members of their work for the district. The Board members were presented a portfolio from district student in recognition of School Board Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2023

The BOE elected Carrie Sowers to serve as President and Diane Liebsch to serve as Vice-President for 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- Approved the minutes of the December 12, 2022, 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 Bank of Atchison for the district lunch fund.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board reaffirmed the following policies, as presented:

- Policy GBRE - Additional Duty (reaffirm)
- Policy GBRF - Student and Parent Conferences (reaffirm)
- Policy GBRG - Non-school Employment (reaffirm)
- Policy GBRGA - Consulting (reaffirm)
- Policy GBRGB - Tutoring for Pay (reaffirm)
- Policy GBRH - Leave and Absences (reaffirm)
- Policy GBRIBA - Disability Leave (reaffirm)
- Policy GBRJ - Substitute Teaching (reaffirm)
- Policy GBU - Ethics (reaffirm)
- Policy GCA - Compensation & Work Assignments (reaffirm)
- Policy GCI - Classified Employee Evaluation (reaffirm)
- Policy GCIA - Evaluation of Coaches and Sponsors (reaffirm)

- Policy GCK - Suspension (reaffirm)
- Policy GCRF - Non-school Employment (reaffirm)
- Policy GCRG - Leave and Absences (reaffirm)
- Policy GCRH - Vacations (reaffirm)
- Policy GCRI - Paid Holidays (reaffirm)
- Policy GGCA - Local Wellness Policy - Employees (reaffirm)

The Board approved resuming the district's transportation department, bringing the transportation department back under the district's authority.

The Board set the March meeting for March 6th (moving it from the second Monday of the month due to spring break week).

The Board set Board of Education meetings for the 2nd Monday of each month, at 6:00 p.m., for 2023.

Board Member Debbie Eplee was appointed as the KASB Governmental Relations Network (GRN) Representative and Sally Berger as an alternate for year 2023.

Board Member Sally Berger was appointed as the KASB Delegate Assembly Representative and Diane Liebsch as an alternate, for year 2023.

Board Members Stefanie Gardner, Sean Crittendon, and Sally Berger were appointed to serve on the Policy Committee for year 2023.

Board Members Diane Liebsch, Sally Berger and Stefanie Gardner were appointed to serve on the Teacher of the Year Selection Committee for year 2023.

Board Members Diane Liebsch, Sally Berger, and Stefanie Gardner were appointed to serve on the Classified Employee of the Year Selection Committee for year 2023.

Board Members Sean Crittendon and Carrie Sowers were appointed to serve on the Atchison Recreation Commission Interview Committee for year 2023.

Board Members Stefanie Gardner and Brandi Ross were appointed to serve on the Sick & Emergency Leave Pool Committee for year 2023.

Board Members Sally Berger, Debbie Eplee, and Sean Crittendon were appointed to serve on the Activities Committee for year 2023.

Board Members Carrie Sowers and Debbie Eplee were appointed to serve on the Staff Wellness Committee for year 2023.

Board Members Carrie Sowers and Debbie Eplee was appointed to serve on the District Wellness Committee (Food Service Regulations) for year 2023.

Board Members Sally Berger and Diane Liebsch were appointed to serve on the Calendar Committee for year 2023.

Larry Mears was appointed Chief Negotiator and Board Members Diane Liebsch, Carrie Sowers, and Debbie Eplee were appointed to serve on the negotiations team for the 2023-2024 contract negotiations along with administrators Lisa Pierce and Nichole Honeywell.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

The Board reviewed the following policies as a first reading:

- Policy HAA - Legal Status (reaffirm)
- Policy HAB - Goals & Objectives (reaffirm)
- Policy HAC - Scope of Negotiations (reaffirm)
- Policy HAE - Board Negotiating Representatives (reaffirm)
- Policy HAF - Superintendent's Role (reaffirm)
- Policy HAHBA - Use of School Facilities (reaffirm)
- Policy HAHBB - Use of School Equipment (reaffirm)
- Policy HAI - Negotiations Procedures (reaffirm)
- Policy HAJ - Preliminary Procedures (reaffirm)
- Policy HAK - Ratification Procedures (reaffirm)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:45 p.m., Diane Liebsch made the motion, seconded by Sally Berger, 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 Lisa Pierce (AES Principal) attended the executive session.

Lisa Pierce exited executive session at 6:55 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following **resignation**:

- Karen Judd – Food Service Manager, Atchison Middle School, effective June 1, 2023, for the purposes of retirement.
- Audra Berry – 12-month Secretary, Atchison Middle School, effective December 30, 2022.

The Board approved the following **recommendations for employment (for the 2022-2023 school year)**:

- Lia Rose Reckmeyer – Long-term Substitute Teacher, Atchison Elementary School, effective December 13, 2022.

The Board approved the following **transfers (for the 2022-2023 school year)**:

- Charles Semanko – Special Education Teacher, Atchison High School, to Special Education Teacher, Atchison Elementary School, effective January 3, 2023.

The Board approved the following **supplementals (for the 2022-2023 school year)**:

Elizabeth Harris New Teacher Mentor (spring semester) AMS

Rachel Crosswhite	Lunch Supervisor (spring semester)	AHS
Craig Hanzel	Head Soccer Coach	AMS
Annie Schelvan	New Teacher Mentor (spring semester)	AES
Charlie Harris	Head Softball Coach	AHS
Searcy Duncan	Assistant Softball Coach	AHS
Amanda Clark	5 th Grade Lunch Supervisor (spring semester)	AES

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.