

Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2025 6:00 PM Central

Board of Education Office
1619 S. Old Hwy 75
Sabetha, KS 66534

Phillip Buessing: Present
Todd Grimes: Present
Stan Keim: Present
Kathy Lippert: Present
Doug Renyer: Present
Jim Scoby: Present
Leslie Scoby: Present

Present: 7.

Also in attendance were Superintendent Todd Evans, Board Clerk Deb Damman, and others on the attached sign-in sheet. The meeting was broadcast on YouTube for the public.

1. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Superintendent Todd Evans. He led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Leslie Scoby delivered the invocation.

2. Elect Board of Education Officer Positions

President

Vice-President

I move to elect Leslie Scoby as President. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Jim Scoby, Carried.

Phillip Buessing: Yea, Todd Grimes: Yea, Stan Keim: Yea, Kathy Lippert: Yea, Doug Renyer: Yea, Jim Scoby: Yea, Leslie Scoby: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

I move to elect Kathy Lippert as Vice President. This motion, made by Stan Keim and seconded by Doug Renyer, Carried.

Phillip Buessing: Yea, Todd Grimes: Yea, Stan Keim: Yea, Kathy Lippert: Yea, Doug Renyer: Yea, Jim Scoby: Yea, Leslie Scoby: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

3. Approve Agenda As Presented Or Amended

I make a motion to adopt the amended agenda. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried.

Phillip Buessing: Yea, Todd Grimes: Yea, Stan Keim: Yea, Kathy Lippert: Yea, Doug Renyer: Yea, Jim Scoby: Yea, Leslie Scoby: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Mr. Evans announced the changes to the agenda:

- Consent Agenda - Add - Accept a donation of \$357.00 from Ag Partner Coop for Positive Behavior Support
- Consent Agenda - Add - Accept a donation of \$844.27 from Kiwanis to SHS HOSA
- Consent Agenda-Contracts - Add P/T APS Custodian; Katie Cox, SHS GWR

4. Hear From The Following:

There were no speakers from the public or organizations.

5. Approve 2024 Varney Audit

I move that we approve the FY2024 audit report as presented. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Phillip Buessing: Yea, Todd Grimes: Yea, Stan Keim: Yea, Kathy Lippert: Yea, Doug Renyer: Yea, Jim Scoby: Yea, Leslie Scoby: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

April Swartz presented the Annual Audit Report to the Board. A copy of the audit is attached to these minutes.

6. Sabetha Middle School HVAC Controls project drawings, specifications, etc.

I make a motion to approve the drawing and specifications and have PKMR go ahead with the bids. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Kathy Lippert, Carried.

Phillip Buessing: Yea, Todd Grimes: Yea, Stan Keim: Yea, Kathy Lippert: Yea, Doug Renyer: Yea, Jim Scoby: Yea, Leslie Scoby: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

This item was tabled until 6:30 p.m., after Agenda Item 10.

Bryan Leinwetter from PKMR Engineers joined the meeting via ZOOM. Mr. Leinwetter presented the project scope to upgrade or replace the existing TAC/Schneider Electric HVAC controls system at the Sabetha Middle School.

PKMR has outlined the specs for the project, and would help with the walk-through and collecting bids. After discussion and questions answered by Mr. Leinwetter, the Board moved forward with Action.

7. Consent Agenda

I move that we approve the consent agenda as amended. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Phillip Buessing: Yea, Todd Grimes: Yea, Stan Keim: Yea, Kathy Lippert: Yea, Doug Renyer: Yea, Jim Scoby: Yea, Leslie Scoby: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Description:

- [Approve Minutes from Dec. 9, 2024](#)
- Approve Financial Reports:
 - [APS](#)
 - [SHS](#)
 - [SMS](#)
 - [SES](#)
 - [USD 113](#)

- Approve payment of December bills for the amount of \$850,602.01.
- Approve December payroll for the amount of \$520,416.94.
- [Approve KASB Policy Update Recommendations \(2nd of 2 Agenda Placements\)](#)
- [Approve donation of \\$150 from Julie Perry for pizza to the Axtell Football team](#)
- Accept a donation of \$357.00 from Ag Partner Coop for Positive Behavior Support
- Accept a donation of \$844.27 from Kiwanis to SHS HOSA
- Resignations: Titus Mohler, APS Custodian; Gay Frazee, APS Principal; Michelle Keim, SMS Head VB Coach;
- Contracts: Roy Buessing, AMS Asst. Tr. coach; Jennifer Huntington, P/T APS Custodian; Katie Cox, SHS GWR.

8. Administrative Reports:

This item was tabled until after Items 9 and 10.

Mr. Evans provided the following updates:

- We are planning on bringing payroll back to the Board Office rather than continuing to contract it out.
- Update on PowerSchool security breach
- Update on mill rates
- The District is paying for 2 Sabetha Golf Club memberships for the golf team, \$1,840 last year.
- An updated Capital Outlay Projection was presented. Mr. Evans expects that Capital Outlay will need to be set at 7 mills in the future, and some projects may need to be put on hold.
- The City of Sabetha is planning a five year improvement on the tennis courts for \$80,000, and would like the support of the USD 113 Board. Mr Evans suggested that the district contribute through a one-year lease, with the GMCF providing some funds.
- Mr. Evans presented certificates to the Board Members for Board Member Appreciation Month.

9. Approve Sabetha High School Science Rooms Remodel Project

I move that we move forward with Option 2 of the High School Science Project as presented.

This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Jim Scoby, Carried.

Phillip Buessing: Yea, Todd Grimes: Yea, Stan Keim: Yea, Kathy Lippert: Yea, Doug Renyer: Yea, Jim Scoby: Yea, Leslie Scoby: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Mr. Evans updated the Board on the SHS Science project, and presented two cost options from AHRS. With Option 2, approximately \$100,000 would be funded by the district, with the remainder funded by a donor.

10. Update on the Sabetha Track & Turf Fundraising project

Mr. Bauman shared that \$730,000 has been pledged toward the project to redo the track and football field.

Jared Head from Mammoth briefly reviewed the original design plan for the track & field and football fields and provided an update on the project.

11. Approve Sabetha High School transitioning to a 7-period schedule for the 2025-26 school year

I move to transition Sabetha High School to a 7-period schedule for the 2025-26 school year.

This motion, made by Leslie Scoby and seconded by Kathy Lippert, Carried.

Phillip Buessing: Yea, Todd Grimes: Yea, Stan Keim: Yea, Kathy Lippert: Yea, Doug Renyer: Yea, Jim Scoby: Yea, Leslie Scoby: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Mr. Bauman proposed 52 minutes per period rather than 44 minutes per class, changing from 8 periods to 7 periods per day. This would slow the pace of the day and provide more learning time per class. The disadvantage is that freshman students will have few options for electives, and there may be larger sections.

12. Redistricting

Mr Evans presented a preliminary re-districting map, but has asked for a few changes to be made to even out the population per board member.

Consensus of the Board was to bring the map back for the February meeting.

13. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel

I move that we enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel for 20 minutes, returning at 7:48, with Mr. Evans, Mr. Lillie, Mr. Bauman, and Mrs. Suhr. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Phillip Buessing: Yea, Todd Grimes: Yea, Stan Keim: Yea, Kathy Lippert: Yea, Doug Renyer: Yea, Jim Scoby: Yea, Leslie Scoby: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

I move to return to regular session. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried.

Phillip Buessing: Yea, Todd Grimes: Yea, Stan Keim: Yea, Kathy Lippert: Yea, Doug Renyer: Yea, Jim Scoby: Yea, Leslie Scoby: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Mr. Bauman, Mr. Lillie, and Mrs. Suhr left the executive session at 7:39 p.m.

14. Any action following executive session

I regretfully move to accept Mr. Evan's retirement. This motion, made by Jim Scoby and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried.

Phillip Buessing: Yea, Todd Grimes: Yea, Stan Keim: Yea, Kathy Lippert: Yea, Doug Renyer: Yea, Jim Scoby: Yea, Leslie Scoby: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

I move to enter into an agreement with KASB to provide search services for a new suitable superintendent. This motion, made by Leslie Scoby and seconded by Stan Keim, Carried.

Phillip Buessing: Yea, Todd Grimes: Yea, Stan Keim: Yea, Kathy Lippert: Yea, Doug Renyer: Yea, Jim Scoby: Yea, Leslie Scoby: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

15. Adjourn

I make a motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Phillip Buessing and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Phillip Buessing: Yea, Todd Grimes: Yea, Stan Keim: Yea, Kathy Lippert: Yea, Doug Renyer: Yea, Jim Scoby: Yea, Leslie Scoby: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0