

## **Monthly Board Meeting**

Monday, March 10, 2025 6:00 PM

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

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM. 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 listed on the attached sign-in sheet. The meeting was broadcast on YouTube for the public.

### **1. Call Meeting To Order**

**Discussion:** President Leslie Scoby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Superintendent Todd Evans, Board Clerk Deb Damman, and others listed on the attached sign-in sheet. The meeting was broadcast on YouTube for the public.

### **2. Approve Agenda As Presented Or Amended**

**Discussion:** Mr. Evans provided the amendments to the agenda:

Changes to Consent Agenda:

- Personal Day Request: add Megan Hann
- Contracts: add Sean Moore, Sabetha Instrumental Music; Amy Saylor, SHS piano accompanist
- Accept a \$1,000 donation from PTO for SES
- Accept a \$500 donation from Dale Ulrich for the SHS Softball Program
- Approve Dock Day Request from Michelle Keim  
Add Agenda Item 15. City of Sabetha Intent to participate in Neighborhood Revitalization

#### **Action(s):**

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

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 7, Nay: 0

### **3. Hear From The Following:**

**Discussion:** There were no members of the public that wished to speak.

### **4. Sabetha Middle School HVAC Controls Project**

**Discussion:** Brian from PKMR provided a summary of the HVAC Controls Project, and answered questions from the Board.

#### **Action(s):**

I make a motion to accept the Johnson bid for HVAC controls as presented. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Jim Scoby, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 7, Nay: 0

### **5. Administrative Reports:**

**Discussion:**

Lisa Suhr

- Provided information regarding LETRS training
  - Highlighted and explained the walk-throughs for the KESA program
  - One more year of participation in the LEAPS program through K-State
  - A request for the purchase of science textbooks will be brought to the next board meeting;
  - Explained the three dimensions of modern science textbooks
  - Last month was Career and Technical Education month
  - PowerSchool contacted patrons and staff received communication from Skyward regarding credit monitoring due to the security breach that occurred.
  - The District is still taking applications for Pre-School  
Mr. Evans
  - Congratulated Axtell Boys Basketball for making it to State
  - Payroll is returning to the District
  - Jay Herrmann provided an estimate of \$125,000 to \$135,000 for SMS windows and siding
  - In conversations with SAABA about taking gate admission for softball/baseball games
  - Provided information regarding possible valuation changes in the district, planned construction projects and repairs, carryover balance, and how it could affect mill rates. Mr. Evans urged the Board to consider raising the mill rate to 8 mills. Mr. Evans was asked to prepare a resolution increasing to 8 mills for the next meeting. Jim Scoby asked Mr. Evans to provide information regarding the share of revenue from agricultural land vs. other property.
  - Stan Keim, Doug Renyer, and Phillip Buessing's positions are up for election this year. The filing deadline is 12:00 noon, June 2, 2025.
  - It was the consensus of the Board to wait and work with the new superintendent on the Strategic Plan
6. **Consent Agenda**
- Discussion: CONSENT AGENDA AS APPROVED:**
- Approve Minutes from: 1.22.25 Sp. BOE Mtg., 2.10.25 Sp. BOE Mtg., 2.10.25, Regular BOE Mtg., 2.26.25 Sp. BOE Mtg., 3.3.25 Sp. BOE Mtg., 3.4.25 Sp. BOE Mtg.
  - Approve Financial Reports:
    - o APS
    - o SHS
    - o SMS
    - o SES
    - o USD #113

- Approve payment of February bills for the amount of \$1,195,829.90
- Approve February payroll for the amount of \$608,432.38
- Approve donation of \$2695.00 from GMCF for softball uniforms
- Approve donation of \$867.41 from GMCF for softball clinic
- Donation from Axtell Boosters Club of \$399.53 for printer supplies and ink
- Annual Approval of USD 113 Crisis Plan
- Personal Day Request Lyssia Johnson; Megan Hann
- Resignations: Lyssia Johnson, SES Teacher;
- Contracts: Trevin Edelman, Asst. Golf Coach; Sean Moore, Sabetha Instrumental Music; Amy Saylor, SHS piano accompanist
- Accept a \$1,000 donation from PTO for SES
- Accept a \$500 donation from Dale Ulrich for the SHS Softball Program
- Approve Dock Day Request from Michelle Keim

**Action(s):**

I make a motion to apporove the consent agenda as amended. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7. **Proposal for Sabetha High School to not transition to a 7-period schedule for the 2025-26 school year**

**Discussion:** Mr. Evans reminded the Board that they voted to transition to a 7-period schedule and SHS. Mr. Bauman and Board Members said that community feedback was that they would rather students have 8 periods to provide for more choices.

**Action(s):**

I make a motion to not transition to a 7-period schedule for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Kathy Lippert, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8. **SES 4th Grade Proposal for Chickens**

**Discussion:** The proposal is to fund the chicken Coop through the Foundation Science & Business Fund. There are related policies for this project.

**Action(s):**

I make a motion to approve the SES 4th grade proposal for chickens. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Kathy Lippert, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9. **Sabetha High School Lift**

**Discussion:** Mr. Evans shared the quote for the High School lift from AEL, Inc. for \$45,950.00.

**Action(s):**

I make a motion to approve the SHS lift. This motion, made by Jim Scoby and seconded by Kathy Lippert, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**10. Board Member Voting District Resolution and revised maps**

**Discussion:** There was an error in the previously approved map.

**Action(s):**

I make a motion to approve the voting district resolution and revised maps. This motion, made by Leslie Scoby and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**11. Approve USD 113 Foundation Funds to compliment City of Sabetha spending on a 2nd softball batting cage**

**Discussion:** Mr. Grimes did ask that the Board have a long range plan for expenditures rather than funds being requested for new projects every meeting.

**Action(s):**

I make a motion to approve the funds to compliment the City of Sabetha spending on a 2nd softball batting cage. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**12. Nemaha County Neighborhood Revitalization**

**Discussion:** The previous vote on this was to have the intent to take it to a resolution. This vote is to pass the resolution, provide Mrs. Scoby authority to sign the resolution, and to adopt the Interlocal Agreement with Nemaha County.

**Action(s):**

I vote to approve Resolution 25-12-3-10 for the Namaha County Neighborhood Revitalization. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 7, Nay: 0

I make a motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-13-3-10 as presented. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 7, Nay: 0

I make a motion to adopt the Interlocal agreement as presented. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**13. Executive session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Matters**

**Discussion:** Mrs. Suhr and Mr. Lillie left the executive session at 7:35.

**Action(s):**

I make a motion to enter executive session to

discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Lillie and Mrs. Suhr for 20 minutes, from 7:24 to 7:44 p.m. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 7, Nay: 0

I make a motion to return to regular session.

This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 7, Nay: 0

14. Approve admin contract extensions adding 1 year to existing (2-year) contracts for Principals Bauman, Garber, Lillie, and Director of Student Learning, Suhr

Discussion:

**Added Agenda Item 15: City of Sabetha Intent to participate in Neighborhood Revitalization**

**Action(s):**

I make a motion to approve the administration contracts extension adding 1 year to existing 2-year contracts for Principals Bauman, Garber, Lillie, and Mrs. Suhr. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 7, Nay: 0

I make a motion to adopt resolution 25-13-3-15. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 7, Nay: 0

15. Adjourn

**Discussion: Changed from Agenda Item #15 to #16.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

**Action(s):**

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

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 7, Nay: 0

  
Board President

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Board Clerk

