

Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, May 12, 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: Absent, Jim Scoby: Present, Leslie Scoby: Present. Present: 6, Absent: 1.

Also present were Superintendent Todd Evans, Board Clerk Deb Damman, and others listed on the attached sign-in sheet.

Attendance Update Taken at 6:03 PM. Doug Renyer: Present. Present: 7.

1. Call Meeting To Order

Discussion: President Leslie Scoby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approve Agenda As Presented Or Amended

Discussion: Mr. Evans announced the changes to the agenda:

- Consent Agenda: Personal Day Requests -- Correct Monica Strahm to Monica Edelman, add Tim McCoy, Katie Aberle
- Consent Agenda: Contracts -- add Summer School Credit Recovery, Jachelle Atwood

3. Hear From The Following:

Discussion: No member of the public spoke.

4. Administrative Reports:

Discussion: Mr. Evans:

- Special Board Meeting July 9 for Boardsmanship and training with Michelle Hubbard and Rob McKim
- Apologized that YouTube is not functioning for the meeting
- HB 2134 has some information that may potentially change the operation of the Board. If Board meetings are broadcast for the public, all meeting(s) must be broadcast, including Board committee meetings and public comments.
- Compensation rate increases for the last 2 years is the main reason that the LOB and General Fund spending has increased by 5.68% so far this year.
- USD 113 has earned a Meets Requirements level for special education.
- The Holton Special Education position at the High School may not be filled next year.
- Custodial positions are challenging to fill both in Axtell and Sabetha. The positions are required for schools to function, and the district needs help from the community to fill the positions.
- No one has filed for Positions #4 (Doug Renyer) or Position #6 (Phillip Buessing).

5. Consent Agenda

Discussion: Approved Consent Agenda:

- **Approve Minutes from April 14, 2005 Regular Board Meeting**
- **Approve Minutes from March 12, 2005 Special Board Meeting**
- **Approve Financial Reports:**
 - APS
 - SHS
 - SMS
 - SES
 - USD #113
- Approve payment of bills for the amount of \$1,295,440.34
- Approve April payroll for the amount of \$609,955.00
- Approve Axtell trip to Manhattan for the FFA Convention.
- Approve transfer of 104.20 from Code 63 (USD 488 Bond & Interest) to Capital Outlay for an Axtell Expenditure
- Accept \$1100 donation to SHS Kay Club.
- Approve donation of \$13.50 from BoxTops for Education to SES
- Accept the following donation for Rubber Mulch for the Axtell Playground: \$400 - Sunflower Credit Union/Debit for a Difference; \$8,822 - Community Members; \$1,200 - Cub Scouts; \$500 - State Bank of Axtell; \$2,000 - Knights of Columbus; \$2,262.83 - Axtell Pride; \$1,100.00 - 4th Grade Lemonade Stand
- Accept a donation of \$2,300 from the Axtell Booster Club for the Axtell Field/Track Tent
- **Summer Transportation Request**
- Personal Day Requests: Monica Edelman; Kelsi Strahm; Joe Gruber, Tim McCoy, Katie Aberle
- Resignations: Cherie Grimm, SHS Bookkeeper; Clayton Tennal, SHS GBB; Trenton Cox, Junior Class Sponsorship; Sandy Matney, SMS Kitchen; Aaron Duryea, Axtel HS VB Coach; Brittany Key, SES Kitchen;
- Contracts: Kymbrie Becker, SMS Head VB Coach; Liz Badertscher, SMS Assn't VB Coach; Kay Duncan, SMS Assn't VB Coach; Cory Joy, SMS Assn't Boys BB Coach; Summer Help: Kay Duncan, Lori Tinklin, John Schell (APS) Summer School; Heather Schremmer, SMS Scholars Bowl; Jachelle Atwood, Summer School Credit Recovery

Action(s):

I move to accept the consent agenda as amended. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6. 2025-26 Parents as Teachers

Discussion: Brandi Edelman, Traci Hinton and Emily Pyle spoke about the Parents as Teachers program. Mrs. Edelman answered questions from the Board.

Action(s):

I move to approve the Parents as Teachers Program for \$32,500 for 4.5 units. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

7. Track Painting Quote

Discussion: Mr. Evans explained that competition lines on the track need to be painted prior to next year.

Action(s):

I make a motion to accept the bid for painting lines on the track. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Leslie Scoby, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8. Electronic Device Communication Policies

Employee

Student

Discussion: Mr. Evans shared comments from the Axtell area regarding the need for phones and technology to take pictures for the yearbook, access the Highland website. Mr. Lillie said that the elementary school currently uses personal phones for school communication, and Mr. Evans added that there are phones in each classroom. There are some areas, such as the playground or lunchroom, where wall phones are not accessible. Mr. Garber said the current policy at the Middle School is that phones should be turned off in the classroom, but videos and earphone use is occasionally needed for videos. No earbuds are allowed in the hallways. Mr. Bauman agreed that headphones are necessary for some classroom instruction. Cell phones must be put away and turned off or set to silent during class.

After discussion, the consensus of the Board was for Mr. Evans meet with administrators to re-word the policy to state that technology can be used for academic purposes only during school.

9. Adjusted 2025-26 Calendar

Discussion: Mr. Evans

September 22 is count day, and it was also planned as a In-Service day. Mr. Evans suggested that the in-service day be changed to September 25.

Action(s):

I move to change the 2025-2026 calendar as recommended. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10. Approve SES Intersection/Crossing project

Discussion: Mr. Lillie explained that the crossing guard position will be open next year, with no applicants. Mr. Lillie is proposing new push-button crosswalk lights at the elementary school, to be paid for by a grant.

The concessus of the Board was to move ahead with the concept of the project.

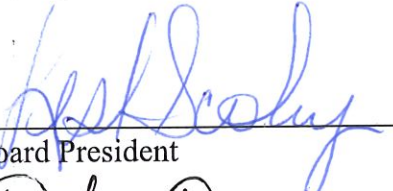
11. Adjourn

Discussion: Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Action(s):

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

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0



Board President



Board Clerk