

Board of Education Minutes

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 511

Date: May 14, 2025

Time: 6:00pm

BOARDROOM - 718 N. MAIN ATTICA, KS 67009

Regular Board of Education Meeting

The board of education met in regular session on Wednesday, May 14, and was called to order by President Brett Traffas at 6:00 pm. Members in attendance were Christy Mans, Roger Goodman, Lynda Newberry, Heather Fly, and Megan McDaniel. Also in attendance were Superintendent Daryl Daugaard, Clerk of the Board Mandy Traffas, Principal Wyatt Williams, and Jack Deviney. Member not in attendance was Blaine Blackburn.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

President Traffas welcomed the guests.

Transportation/Maintenance - Jack reviewed the quotes and information that have been coming in on different projects being explored after the building walk-through last month. Much discussion ensued regarding these projects, where the priorities lie, and what tasks are realistic for completion this summer. The charter bus auction sale defaulted again and is back on the auction for the third time. Other options for the handicap bathroom are being looked at, and the cedar trees will be sprayed for bagworms this weekend. Many of the painting projects are set to begin once summer workers arrive and school is out.

Something Good - The activity/athletic banquet was successful with many great scholarships for our seniors, SITE Council's annual Muffins with Mom was a big success, and good things have been happening with Kindness Club recently, with the positivity rocks around town and their joining the nursing home parade around town.

Amend/Adopt Agenda - Goodman motioned and Newberry seconded to approve the agenda as amended, adding 10c summer weights stipend under unfinished business, changing 11a under new business to maintenance bids, and adding 11h resignation of Kristina Bramwell. 6-0, motion carried.

Approve Consent Agenda - Review of cash summaries, checks, and the previous minutes. McDaniel motioned and Fly seconded to approve the consent agenda. 6-0, motion carried.

Building Walkthrough - Jack made the suggestion to do the walk-through earlier in the year going forward so we have more time to get bids and quotes together as we are running into this issue for this summer. The plan is to start doing the walk-through in January or February instead of April. Review of the list from last month's walkthrough to get a status on each item. An update was given on the street lights in front that do not work. They are on the school side, not the city, are a direct bury. Rather than create a large mess to find the issue, it's preferred to install solar lights as we have on the wellness center. Instead of removing the light poles, which could be costly, suggested getting some decorative banners to put on them to improve the aesthetic of the front.

Jack Deviney left the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Athletic Department - Wyatt discussed the updates on the implementation of the shot clock and it's phasing in over the next few seasons. Discussed the potential cost and when it will need to be budgeted. More options are being researched to determine what route we need to pursue. The 8-man cutoff number was amended to 110 and the 6-man increased to 65. There were a few changes made to the post season volleyball format but they do not impact us at this time. However, some 1st round logistical changes are coming with state basketball. E-Sports is now KSHSAA sanctioned and updated on the jr high football schedule.

Special Education - The need to increase para pay is a topic of discussion.

Curriculum - Elementary is currently working on picking their social studies curriculum and there are some physical science curriculum that will also be ordered for 8th grade taking high school physical science as well as pre-algebra books.

Technology - There are a large number of laptops that need to be replaced due to their inability to update and function properly with our programs and other things. We have REAP funds available to use for most of these purchases.

Summer Recreation/Wellness Center - Fob memberships will be notified they are now able to use the gym and bathrooms outside of regular hours as the cameras are functional. Concrete for the storage pod will be poured soon, and they applied for a grant to update the batting cage.

PDC Meeting - Nothing to report.

SITE Council Meeting - Mr. Dugaard will encourage at least one or two elementary teachers to participate in the council, as there currently is no involvement from any elementary teachers on the council.

District Leadership Team (DLT) - Nothing new to report

Band Instruments - We received a check for the remaining band instrument items sold off in the storage unit auction. The previously sold item's profit is still wrapped up in litigation with no new update.

Boiler Removal Quote - Will not pay to remove.

Summer Weights Stipend - McDaniel motioned and Mans seconded to approve two (2) summer weights stipends, \$25/session up to \$1000 per summer. 6-0, motion carried.

Maintenance Bids - We will proceed with replacement of the FACS countertops based on the bid submitted once the floor color is decided in order to make sure the countertops match. We may need to do a special meeting to review and approve bids once they are finished.

FastBridge Testing & Title I Survey - Reviewed spring FastBridge scores and Title 1 survey results.

Hire substitute teacher - Inessa Thompson - Fly motioned and Newberry seconded to hire Inessa Thompson as a substitute teacher. 6-0, motion carried.

Outdoor building lights/poles - Quote for outdoor building pole banners was reviewed. Mans motioned and Newberry seconded to proceed with mock-ups for 2 different flag designs to put on the 4 light poles out front. 6-0, motion carried.

School Nurse - Gabrielle Hauck - McDaniel motioned and Fly seconded to hire Gabrielle Hauck as the school nurse for the 25/26 school year, with RN supervision from the director of nursing from the nursing home as required per regulation. 6-0, motion carried.

KSDE Audit Review - Mandy reviewed the KSDE audit and our auditor's projections for end-of-fiscal-year transfers.

Loyd Group Agreement - Newberry motioned and Goodman seconded to approve the Loyd Group Agreement for the 24-25 audit. 6-0, motion carried.

Resignation - Kristina Bramwell - Newberry motioned and Mans seconded to approve the resignation of Kristina Bramwell as 3rd grade teacher. 6-0, motion carried.

Items & Comments by Board Members - Discussion over the need to explore possible options to change the format of the athletic/activity banquet.

Administrative Reports - Mr. Williams discussed the secondary schedule and that it is still being worked on as there have been a multitude of issues, but they are getting very close. Graduation is Saturday, as well as many events leading up to the end of school next week. Good reports of our students' behavior at track meets, NHS community cleanup day was successful as well as the annual STUCO 5K and Staff vs Student Basketball Game. Both events were full of team-building activities and were enjoyed by staff and students. STUCO donated proceeds from this year to a local cause. Mr. Dugaard indicated the driver's education will have a pretty large turnout this summer, and he reminded the board of the June 2 deadline to file to run for the board of education if they intended to do so, as June 1 is on a Sunday.

Executive Sessions - Personnel Matters - Goodman motioned and Mans seconded to go into executive session with Mr. Dugaard and Mr. Williams for 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:19 pm. Newberry motioned and Fly seconded to extend for 5 minutes. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:24 pm.

Fly motioned and Newberry seconded to adjourn the meeting. 6-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mandy Traffas', written in a cursive style.

Mandy Traffas
Clerk of the Board