

WESTERN PLAINS USD 106  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2024  
7:00 P.M. LIBRARY OF WESTERN PLAINS NORTH  
RANSOM, KANSAS

1. Call to Order

Darin Wittman called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Board members present: Darin Wittman, Dustin Cole, Darrell Ary, Lowell Foos, and Jared Cook.

Administration present: Jeff Jones, Superintendent; Rhonda Heim, Principal

Others present: Jayme Leighton, District Board Clerk; Amanda Wittman, WP Recreation Committee; Aaron Koehn, Adams Brown, LLC

2. Adoption of Agenda

Darrell Ary moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Dustin Cole seconded.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

3. Election of Board Officers

Darrell Ary nominated Darin Wittman as President.

Dustin Cole seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1.

Darin Wittman nominated Dustin Cole as Vice President.

Jared Cook seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

4. Appointment of Board Member to Open Position

Dustin Cole moved to approve to appoint Nohelia Mendez to the Board position Number 4.

Lowell Foos seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

5. Patron & Staff Input

Amanda Wittman presented the by-laws for the WP Recreation Committee for review.  
No action needed.

Amanda Wittman left the meeting at 7:13 pm.

6. Audit Presentation

Aaron Koehn from Adams Brown, LLC presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Presentation and reports. No action needed.

Aaron Koehn left the meeting at 7:44 pm.

7. Reports

Jeff Jones presented the Superintendent's Report. This included information about the recent Food Service Audit, the Financial Audit, School picture information, Basketball season updates, Activity Funds, and State Scholar's Bowl.

Rhonda Heim gave a report on upcoming State Assessments and gave an update on KESA.

8. Consent Agenda Items

Lowell Foos moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Dustin Cole seconded.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

9. Old Business

No Old Business.

10. New Business

10.1 Consolidation Meeting with Healy Representatives

The Healy representatives were not present. Jeff Jones gave information on the topic. No action was taken.

10.2 Amendment to the School Calendar

10.2.1 – Friday March 8, 2024 - No School for Professional Development

Darrell Ary moved to approve the additional Professional Development Day on March 8, 2024.

Dustin Cole seconded.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

10.2.2 – April BOE Meeting – Jeff Jones proposed to move the April BOE meeting to Monday April 15, 2024 due to conflict.

Dustin Cole moved to change the date of the April BOE meeting to Monday April 15, 2024.

Jared Cook seconded.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

10.2.3 – Saturday May 18, 2024 – Graduation

Darrell Ary moved to approve the date for Graduation as May 18, 2024.

Dustin Cole seconded.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

10.3 Move March BOE meeting to Bazine

Darrell Ary moved to have the March BOE meeting in Bazine on March 18, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Dustin Cole seconded.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

10.4 Executive Session for Personnel

Dustin Cole moved for the BOE to go into Executive Session to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes.

Jared Cook seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0-0.

Jayme Leighton left the meeting at 8:55 pm.

In: 8:55 pm Out: 9:10 pm

Darin Wittman moved for the BOE to go into Executive Session to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel for an additional 5 minutes.

In: 9:10 pm Out: 9:15 pm

Darin Wittman moved for the BOE and Jeff Jones to go into Executive Session to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel for an additional 5 minutes.

In: 9:15 pm Out: 9:20 pm

Jayme Leighton returned to the meeting at 9:20 pm.

10.5 Acceptance of Resignation & Offers of Employment

Jared Cook moved to accept the resignation from Katie Abukhodair as K/1 teacher effective at the end of the school year.

Dustin Cole seconded.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Darrell Ary moved to accept the resignation from James Flax as counselor effective at the end of the school year.

Dustin Cole seconded.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Darrell Ary moved to approve the hire of Loretta Basgall as a part time ESOL Para at the North Campus.  
Dustin Cole seconded.  
Motion carried 5-0-0.

8. Adjournment

Jared Cook moved to adjourn the meeting.

Lowell Food seconded.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

The next meeting will be in Bazine on Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:30 pm.



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BOARD PRESIDENT



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BOARD CLERK