

Unified School District 379

Stuart Administrative Center
P. O. Box 97 - 807 Dexter St.
Clay Center, KS 67432

Unofficial Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
6:00 p.m. Monday, May 13, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT	President – Tracy Claeys, Jason Bergsten, Linda Sleichter, Shanna Sterling, Andy Auld, Dave Jermark, Jeff Cannizzo
MEMBERS ABSENT	None
OTHERS PRESENT	Superintendent – Brett Nelson, Director of Curriculum – Jaclyn Pfizenmaier, Director of Special Educaiton – Anita Breen, Board Counsel – Dusty Mullin, Clerk – August Zeller Many others were also in attendance.
CALL TO ORDER	President Claeys called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education move to approve the agenda as presented. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (7/0)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
RECOGNITION OF GUESTS	The guests in attendance were welcomed to the meeting.
CITIZENS OPEN FORUM	Susie Swanson addressed the Board concerning presentations at previous board meetings. Sarah Cott addressed the Board concerning Leader in Me. Candace Lippe and Raegann McDonald addressed the Board concerning the student cell phone policy.
RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS	None
CONSENT AGENDA	It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (7/0)

Approve the previous month's Board of Education Meeting minutes	Approved
Financial Statements and Reports	Approved
Accept Donations	Approved
Approve Grant Writing Requests	Approved
Approve Disposal Resolution	Approved
Building Usage	Approved
TLEC Contracted Services	Approved
Approve Signing Bonus Resolution	Approved
Approve Student Fees for 2024-2025 school year	Approved
REPORTS	
Board Reports/Positive Comments: Board Members	<p>Linda Sleichter thanked those that made the Lincoln walkthrough happen for the CCCHS seniors. She stated that she enjoyed watching the 5th-12th grade band concert.</p> <p>Shanna Sterling stated it was a joy to watch the students at CCCHS and WHS graduation receive their diplomas. She stated that That's Entertainment was amazing.</p> <p>Dave Jermark gave a shoutout to the district forensics, band, and vocal students on their outstanding performances. He recognized the Tiger tennis team qualifying for State and thanked the district YLink youth leaders and sponsors for being a wonderful asset and making a positive impact on our schools and communities. Dave expressed gratitude to district employees for their professionalism, dedication, and generosity throughout the school year.</p> <p>Tracy Claeys commended Anita Breen and the TLEC for doing a great job.</p>
Superintendent's Report: Brett Nelson	<p>Superintendent Nelson reported on various items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing Update • Non-Resident Enrollment • 2024-2025 Enrollment

**TLEC Director's Report:
Anita Breen**

Anita Breen's report covered the following:

- Needs for the 24-25 School Year
- Level of Determination\
- Categorical Aid
- TLEC Board Meeting

**Director of Curriculum &
Instruction Report: Jaclyn
Pfizenmaier**

Jaclyn Pfizenmaier reported on various items:

- KESA
- Driver's Education
- Standard Alignment
- Instructional Admin Meetings
- Summer Learning

DISCUSSION/BUSINESS ITEMS

ESSER Funds

It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education give final approval to Leader in Me, not to exceed \$327,000, from ESSER III funds. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (5/2) Linda Sleichter, Shanna Sterling, Jeff Cannizzo, Dave Jermark, and Andy Auld voted in favor. Jason Bergsten and Tracy Claeys opposed.

Budget Planning

It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education move the July board meeting to July 15th at the Stuart Administrative Center at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (7/0)

It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education give final approval to continue employing a third district nurse and to hire a behavioral support staff member for LES. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (7/0)

Capital Outlay

It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education give final approval to the 2024-2025 capital outlay projects. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (7/0)

**Food Service Management
Company**

It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education give final approval to extend the current food service management contract with Chartwells for the 2024-2025 school year. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (7/0)

Student Handbooks

It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education give final approval to the 2024-2025 student handbooks with option 1 for cell phone usage with the exception that WJH be included with CCCMS. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, failed. (3/4) Jeff Cannizzo, Linda Sleichter, and Andy Auld voted in favor. Tracy Claeys, Jason Bergsten, Shanna Sterling, and Dave Jermark opposed.

	<p>It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education give final approval to the 2024-2025 student handbooks with option 1 for cell phone usage with the exception that WJH be included with CCCMS and “silent mode” be changed to “off” in the high school language. This motion died for lack of a second.</p> <p>It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education give final approval to the 2024-2025 student handbooks, excluding CCCHS and WHS, with option 1 for cell phone usage with the exception that WJH be included with CCCMS. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (5/2) Jeff Cannizzo, Linda Sleichter, Tracy Claeys, Dave Jermark, and Andy Auld voted in favor. Jason Bergsten and Shanna Sterling opposed.</p> <p>It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education table the discussion for the high school level handbooks related to cell phone use until next month. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (7/0)</p> <p>It was moved that the USD 379 Board of use alternative out of season infraction language for the 24-25 student handbooks, as presented. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (7/0)</p>
Classified Handbook	A draft of the 2024-2025 Classified Handbook was presented for review and discussion.
Letter of Request – Prospect Street	It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education give final approval to Superintendent Nelson to send a letter to the Clay Center City Council to change the name of Prospect Street between 9 th St and 12 th St to Otto Unruh Drive. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (7/0)
NEXT MEETING	
Patterson Family Foundation Grant	
Staff Handbooks	
Tiger House	
FUTURE ITEMS	
Student/Adult Meal Prices	

**Ratification of the
Negotiated Agreement**

**Workers Compensation
Insurance**

**Property and Casualty
Insurance**

A break was taken from 7:59 p.m. to 8:06

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Non-Elected Personnel
Matter(s)**

This item was not needed.

Negotiations

It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education go into executive session to discuss items included in the CCEA negotiations letter, pursuant to the negotiations exception under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:26 p.m., in the boardroom. The executive session should include the board, superintendent, counsel. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (7/0)

The open meeting resumed at 8:26 p.m.

Student Matters

It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education go into executive session to discuss an early graduation request and a private student matter pursuant to the student exception under KOMA, and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:35 p.m. The executive session should include the board, superintendent, counsel. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (7/0)

The open meeting resumed at 8:35 p.m.

It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education approve the early graduation request as long as the student has successfully completed 25 credit hours. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (7/0)

APPROVE PERSONNEL

**Approve Classified Staff
Renewals for the 2024-2025
school year**

It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education approve the classified staff renewals for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (7/0)

**Approve Supplemental
Recommendations for the
2024-2025 school year**

It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education approve the supplemental recommendations for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (7/0)

Personnel Report

It was moved that the USD 379 Board of Education approve the personnel report, including temporary summer staffing recommendations, as presented. This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (7/0)

Employments:

Name	Position	Building	Effective
Levi Nordhus	Business/Technology Teacher	CCCHS	24-25 school year
Hannah Chestnut	5 th Grade Teacher	GES	24-25 school year
Mikhaela Craig	Teacher (.5)	CCCHS	24-25 school year
John Eyermann	Assistant Band Director	CCCMS/CCCHS	24-25 school year

Resignations:

Name	Position	Building	Effective
Kim Kamphaus	Paraeducator	#334	End of 23-24 school year
Kim Simon	Photo Club Sponsor	Wakefield	End of 23-24 school year
Gary Russell	Head Boys Tennis Coach	CCCHS	End of 23-24 school year
Craig Rickley	Head Girls Wrestling Coach	CCCMS	End of 23-24 school year
Alisha Brownell	Asst Girls Wrestling Coach	CCCMS	End of 23-24 school year
Seirra Herenandez	Paraeducator/Bus Driver	CCCHS	End of 23-24 school year
Kristi Hager	Paraeducator	Linn	7/12/2024
Lane Peters	Paraeducator	CCCHS	End of 23-24 school year
Marah Koster	Asst Cross Country Coach	CCCMS	5/7/2024
Brody Kramer	Project LEAD	LES	8/15/2024
Tatum Johnston	Project LEAD	LES	5/7/2024
Eric Tinkler	Asst Band Director	CCCMS/ CCCHS	End of 23-24 school year
Trace Wohler	Project LEAD	GES	End of 23-24 school year
Kari Tate	Project LEAD	LES	End of 23-24 school year
Audrey Keim	Head Cross Country Coach/Head Boys Track Coach	CCCMS	End of 23-24 school year
Kylee Shivers	Project LEAD	GES	End of 23-24 school year

Emma Brandt	Project LEAD	LES	End of 23-24 school year
Tess Isaac	Project LEAD	Wakefield	End of 23-24 school year

Terminations:

Name	Position	Building	Effective
Cedric Walker	Paraeducator	RCHS	End of 23-24 school year

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved that the meeting of the USD 379 Board of Education adjourn at 8:36 p.m.
This motion was seconded and when put to vote, carried. (7/0)

August Zeller – Clerk