

**Rawlins County Unified School District # 105**  
**Board of Education Meeting Minutes**  
**5:30 p.m., March 20th, 2023**  
**Rawlins County Junior-Senior High School Library**

**Board Members Present:** David Horinek, Amber Timm, Jordan Dunker, Tim McFee, Terry Ballard, Matt Finley

**Others Present:** Eric Stoddard, Chandler Pettibone, Lacy Sramek, Jeff Samson, Emily Green, Rob Beckman, Ken Stelloh, Susan Brenn, Kati Latulip, Dana Juenemann, Sara Schmidt

**23-123 Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Tim McFee to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**22-124 Discussion-Board Tour of Junior-Senior High Facility**

**23-125 Open Forum**

**23-126 Discussion/Action Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes of the February 20th, 2023 Regular Meeting**

**Payment of Claims**

**Accept gift of \$4000 Atwood Music and Drama Club to purchase items for the Music Department.**

Motion by Terry Ballard second by Tim McFee to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Matt Finley second by Jordan Dunker to accept the payment of claims as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Matt Finley second by Amber Timm to accept the \$4,000 donation from the Atwood Music and Drama Club to the music department. Motion carried 6-0.

**23-127 Discussion USD 105 Year 5 KESA Report**

The KESA Team was in attendance to report to the Board our KESA process for this year.

**23-128 Discussion/Action Approval of NKESC Interlocal Agreement**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Terry Ballard to extend the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center interlocal agreement to 2028. Motion carried 6-0.

**23-129 Discussion/Action Rawlins County Childcare MOU**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Terry Ballard to decline the MOU with the Rawlins County Childcare Coalition. Motion carried 5-1 (Matt Finley).

**23-130 Discussion/Action of 2023-24 Calendar**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Amber Timm to accept the calendar as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**23-131 Administrator Reports**

**Superintendent:**

- Auditorium RFP: recommending that we move forward with sending the ceiling RFP's and continue with electrical for the ceiling fans.

- Rotary Auction is April 1, 2023: proceeds will go towards USD 105 renovations.
- Board Election Year: Position 2, Position 4 and Position 6 will be up for election this year.
- Legislative Update: reviewed current Senate and House bills

#### **High School Principal:**

- Shooting Sports Update: 23 students have signed up and provided update on funds for program
- Congrats to Xavia Brenn and Mariyah Nichols who received Peoples Choice Awards at the state level scholastics art show
- Ami Klein will be taking her Robotics class to the competition in Hays on April 3rd
- Track and Golf season started today

#### **Elementary Principal:**

- Hosted the State Wrestling Pep Rally
- 6th grade did a Mulan skit/presentation as part of a social studies project
- Participated in a State wide tornado drill on March 1st
- Read Across America day was celebrated with reading buddies and dressing to the theme
- Ag Safety Day is rescheduled for March 29th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences were well attended with 90%-100% participation
- Mrs. Hadley took a group of girls to the STEM Camp in Emporia
- Kansas State Assessment window opened today - testing will take place between now and end of April for 3rd grade - 12th grade

### **23-132 Executive Session**

#### **a. Non-Elected Personnel**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Amber Timm to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 15 minutes and return to open session at 8:21 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 6-0.

Terry Ballard came out of executive session at 8:11 p.m.

Terry Ballard went back into executive session at 8:17 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 8:21 p.m

#### **b. Negotiations**

Motion by Tim McFee second by Matt Finley to go into executive session for negotiations to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 15 minutes and return to open session at 8:40 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

#### **c. Certified Staff**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Terry Ballard to go into executive session for certified staff renewals to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 15 minutes and return to open session at 8:56 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to open session at 8:56 p.m.

Motion by Matt Finley second by Terry Ballard to go into executive session for certified staff renewals to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 2 minutes and return to open session at 8:59 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to open session at 8:59 p.m.

**23-133 Action on Executive Session**

**a. Approval of any Hires, Resignations, Retirements, Transfers**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Amber Timm to hire Johanna Jiga Diaz as high school Spanish Teacher, Jessica Withington as SIT Coordinator and Assessment Coordinator and Deone Horinek as Summer Weights Coordinator; accept the resignation of Mardi Lohofener as 7-12 counselor, Courtney Schamberger as 7-12 Ag Teacher/FFA Advisor and retirement of Sheri Kinnett as 4th grade elementary teacher. Motion carried 6-0.

**b. Negotiations: None**

No action taken.

**c. Renewal of Certified Staff Contracts**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Jordan Dunker to renew the certified staff contracts as presented.

**RCES**

Lauren Bass - Third Grade  
Dana Juenemann - Third Grade  
Jennifer Kastens - Fifth Grade  
Mary Jo Castillo - Fourth Grade  
Emily McQuitty - First Grade  
Brenda Schilde - Kindergarten  
Kim Shirley - Kindergarten  
Tori Ryburn - Second Grade  
Dianne Vap - Sixth Grade  
Jeanne Vrbas - Second Grade  
Lacy Walker- Art/Library  
Lara Zodrow - First Grade  
John Steiger - PE  
Kayla Unger - At Risk  
Jessica Withington - Title I  
Erika Diederich - Student Advocate

**RCHS**

Susan Brenn - Art  
Cindi Grafel - Science  
Rachel Grafel - Science  
Deone Horinek - PE  
Ami Klein - Social Science  
Gary Phelps - 7-12 Math  
Jessica Mews - 10-12 Language Arts  
Jennifer Melia - Social Science  
Sara Schmidt - Instrumental Music/K-2 Music  
Audrey Vap - Math  
Jenny Popp - CTE Classes  
Kyle Grafel - Industrial Arts  
Alissa Cook - Special Education

Motion carried 6-0.

**23-134 Adjournment**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Terry Ballard to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Emily Green  
Board Clerk