

USD 316 BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 19, 2024

7:00 PM

GOLDEN PLAINS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL – FACS ROOM 335 SCHOOL STREET, REXFORD, KS

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Bruggeman with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM in the FACS room of the Middle/High School. Present were Matt Cheney, Chad Focke, Davis Rath, Jason Rogers & Jeremy Schiltz. Others present were Ashley Arnberger, Superintendent, Brandy Spresser, Principal, Travis Smith, Administrative Assistant, Parker Christensen, Transportation Director, Nicole Schiltz, Clerk, Amy Patmon, SITE Council Facilitator, Will Bruggeman, Darrel Dible, Jan Juenemann, Michael Karnes & Chad Wark.

Motion by Focke, seconded by Cheney to elect Bruggeman as USD 316 Board of Education President (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Rath to elect Focke as USD 316 Board of Education Vice President (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Cheney approve the agenda as presented (Motion carried 6-0)

Audience with Visitors: Will Bruggeman along with Darrel Dible & Michael Karnes presented to the board information for consideration of request to use Golden Plains school name for the formation of a shooting sports team.

Consent Items:

Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Focke to approve the consent items.
(Motion carried 6-0)

Minutes from the January 15, 2024 regular meeting

Treasurers' report, check #49481-49536, ACH #6594-6655, bank reconcilements, encumbrance report, cash summary and other financial reports

Activity account bank reconciliation.

Gifts and Grants: Jerry Kaus – paper & folders, Knights of Columbus - \$400 for SPED, Leadership Thomas County - \$200 for HS Library, Local School District Contribution Program - \$32.08, Anonymous-donation laminating film for Elementary

REPORTS:

Transportation: Parker Christensen – see attached

Daycare: Brandy Spresser

- We had a new child start care February 19th.
- Ecoplay Surface is working on scheduling their spring projects. I heard back from them on February 15; and they are looking at coming this direction the end of March.

SITE Council: Amy Patmon

- MTSS process update
- Being advocates for the positives
- Parent Involvement
- Enrollment of Non-resident students update
- P/T conferences
- Process of Updating School Wellness Plan
- Last meeting will be held March 18

NWKTC: Paul Bruggeman – no report

NKESC: Jeremy Schiltz - no report

Administrative Assistant: Travis Smith

1. Sub-State Quarterfinals will take place Thursday and Friday of this week in Rexford. The Boys play Thursday at 6:30 p.m. vs Thunder Ridge and the Girls play Friday at 7:00 p.m. vs. Northern Valley. Admission is \$8.00 and \$6.00 (K-12). You must be on the pass gate to get in free. Students, Staff and School Board members must pay to get in unless they are on the Pass Gate.
2. Sub-State Semi-Finals will take place in Colby on Thursday, Feb 29th, Friday, March 1st and Saturday, March 2nd. I have started a sign-up sheet for workers for all days of the tournament.
3. The High School Scholar's Bowl team finished their season in 4th place at their regional meet. Missed qualifying for state by one place.
4. The Middle School Scholar's Bowl team had their league meet last week. The 8th grade qualified for finals and placed 4th. The 7th grade team did not make finals. They have one more competition on Feb 26th at Heartland Christian. This is a makeup date from a snow day.
5. The forensics students are off and running on their season and have been very successful so far.
6. The middle school basketball teams finished their seasons at the WKLL tournament last week. The boy's teams finished on Thursday. The A-Team girls won the league tournament, while the B-Team girls finished 3rd.

Principal: Brandy Spresser

- DARE Graduation was held February 5th. All of the students in 4th grade received a completion certificate.
- I attended the Safe and Civil Schools training for Tier 2 and Tier 3 behavior support. It solidified that we are doing the right things in our school to support the social and emotional health of our students.
- Amy and I, along with Travis, Mindy, and Ashley, visited Grinnell to visit with them about our MTSS process. They are just starting their trainings with TASN.
- February Student of the Month was 4th Grader, Allen Mendoza.
- Parent teacher conferences were held February 12th. The elementary school had a 98% attendance.
- Ashley Miller was observed by Livewell. They did a classroom observation using a scoring tool. Ashley scored in the criterion for a High Quality preschool classroom. Livewell is awarding her \$350 for this achievement

Ashley Arnberger: Superintendent

Building Repairs

The cafeteria window has been replaced. - \$711.33

We have had several issues with the heaters in the new gym. We replaced one of the furnaces that services a portion of the locker rooms and classrooms last year as well as the four ceiling mounted heaters in the gym. The other original heater for the locker rooms and classrooms has been having issues. CB has been out several times and completed repairs. Additionally, the commons area heater has been looked at a couple of times.

On January 16th we had a pipe break in the west wall of the commons area near the concession stand. CB completed the plumbing repairs, and Bill completed the drywall repair.

Guttering on the middle/high school building has been contracted to be replaced by Roofmasters (see attached). I attempted to call the suggested local contractor a couple of times with no answer and no way to leave a message. I will continue to try to get in touch with him regarding the elementary guttering.

I spoke with Mr. Dible regarding the possibility of acquiring aluminum bleachers. That project has fallen through for the fair board, so there are no materials available.

ESSER III Application

The ESSER III application was approved by the state BOE at their meeting on February 13th. We will proceed with making arrangements for those approved purchases. We have until September 2024 to spend these funds. Our goal will be to spend them by the end of our fiscal year in June.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on February 12th. The middle/high school utilized a student-led conference model. Overall, I feel like this was successful and data supports that. The staff will discuss this at our February 26th inservice to determine how we will proceed.

Middle/High School - P/T Conference Data (in-person conferences)

Fall 2022 - 52%

Spring 2023 - 32%

Fall 2023 - 64%

Spring 2024 - 66%

Grinnell/Wheatland Visit

On Friday, February 9th Mrs. Fleckenstein, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Brandy Sprester, Mrs. Patmon, and myself went to Grinnell to meet with and present to the staff members regarding our MTSS processes. This was a good opportunity for us to share our system and to learn more about the Grinnell and Wheatland school districts.

Legislative Update

There continues to be a number of concerning bills which would result in some loss of local control as well as bills that would negatively impact our funding.

HB 2738 - This bill suggests calculating excess cost of special education using a new formula. This formula would not put any more money into SPED, but would change what funds would be considered SPED funds. This bill would reclassify money and call it SPED funds.

If you utilize Facebook, Kansas Association of School Boards provides evening video updates each day that the legislature is in session. Additionally, KSDE has a Legislative Bill Tracker on their website that is helpful in understanding the main points of each bill as well as the current status of each bill.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Focke, seconded by Rogers to table the selection of board negotiators to next month. (Motion carried 6-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Focke to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation with our legal counsel pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under KOMA with the Board of Education, Ashley Arnberger, Superintendent & Nicole Schiltz, Clerk with the open meeting resuming in the FACS room at 7:50 PM. (Motion carried 6-0).

The meeting resumed at 7:50 PM and no action was taken

Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Rath to appoint Chad Wark to the USD 316 Board of Education. This appointment will stand until the second Monday in January 2026. (Motion carried 6-0)

Informational item Second Superintendent Evaluation will be completed at the March Board of Education meeting.

Informational item KASB Budget and Finance Handout.

Informational item KESA Update

Motion by Focke, seconded by Rath to enter executive session to discuss the USD 316 Crisis Plan pursuant to the exception under KOMA for school security matters to ensure the security of the school and its buildings with Board of Education, Ashley Arnberger, Superintendent, Brandy Sprenger, Principal & Travis Smith, Administrative Assistant with the open meeting resuming in the FACS room at 8:35 PM. (Motion carried 6-0)

The open meeting resumed at 8:35 PM with the following motion by Focke, seconded by Schiltz to approve the Emergency Response and Crisis Management Plan. (Motion carried 6-0)

Informational item 2024-2025 calendar options and surveys

Informational item KSDE Accountability Reports

Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Focke to approve the athletic department to conduct a fundraising meal prior to the Donkey Ball. (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Focke, seconded by Rogers to approve the high school football team to conduct a fundraiser to purchase an additional football jersey. (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Focke to approve the request to use Golden Plains for the formation of a shooting sports team with Kansas State High School Clay Target League by Memorandum of Understanding between Mr. Karnes as the coach and USD 316. (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Rath, seconded by Rogers to authorize administration to proceed with advertising and interviewing for an elementary teacher for the 2024-2025 school year through the month of April. (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Focke to enter executive session to discuss the negotiated agreement and board's notice letter pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with the Board of Education & Ashley Arnberger, Superintendent with the open meeting resuming in the FACS room at 9:25 PM (Motion carried 6-0)

The meeting resumed at 9:25 PM and no action was taken.

Motion by Focke, seconded by Cheney to enter executive session to discuss the exception for non-elected personnel under KOMA with the Board of Education, Superintendent, Ashley Arnberger & Travis Smith, Administrative Assistant with the open meeting resuming in the FACS room at 9:50 PM

The meeting resumed at 9:50 PM.

Motion by Focke, seconded by Cheney to enter executive session to discuss the exception for non-elected personnel under KOMA with the Board of Education, Superintendent, Ashley Arnberger & Travis Smith, Administrative Assistant with the open meeting resuming in the FACS room at 9:55 PM

The meeting resumed at 9:55 PM with the following motion made. Motion Schiltz, seconded by Rath to authorize administration to provide notice to the teachers' association of the supplemental duties organization under the three established headings as well as any changes to the previously agreed upon timeline for approval of supplementals. (Motion carried 6-0)

The next regular meeting is set for March 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the FACS room at Golden Plains Middle/High School.

There being no further business, motion by Cheney, seconded by Focke to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM. (Motion carried 6-0)

President

Date

Clerk

Date