

USD 316 BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 13, 2023

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, Jeremy Schiltz & Chad Wark. Jason Rogers was absent. Others present were Ashley Arnberger, Superintendent, Brandy Spresser, Principal, Travis Smith, Administrative Assistant, Parker Christensen, Transportation Director, Amy Patmon, SITE Council Facilitator, Nicole Schiltz, Clerk, Jan Juenemann & Lane Patmon.

Motion by Focke, seconded by Schiltz to amend the agenda to include b. SITE Council report under Committee Reports (Motion carried 6-0)

Consent Items:

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

Minutes of the October 16, 2023 Board Meeting

Treasurers' report, check #49331-49379, ACH #6411-6473, Bank Reconcilements, Encumbrance report, Cash summary and other financial reports

Activity account bank reconciliation.

REPORTS:

Transportation: Parker Christensen – see attached

SITE Council: Amy Patmon

- Roles of the SITE Council
- State Assessment results
- CTE Health Pathway
- Enrollment of Non-Resident Students
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- FastBridge Benchmark Data results

Day Care: Brandy Spresser

- Had a substitute provider apply
- Only current sub available

NWKTC: Paul Bruggeman

- RAT ROD inquiries to sell the bus
- Basketball has started
- Cross Country season ended

NKESC: Jeremy Schiltz

- Purchased a couple of new vehicles
- New phone system
- Surplus equipment

Administrative Assistant: Travis Smith

1. Jordy Fleckenstein was named to the First Team All-League Volleyball Team, and Hayden Wark was named to the 2nd Team All-League Team
2. Jordyn participated in the Colby All-Star Games this past weekend.
3. Middle School Basketball had its first games last week and will have two more games this week.
4. The High School teams started their practice today. The girl's team has 12 and the boys have 15.
5. The KSHSAA has made a proposal in basketball that would rank teams in different quadrants to try to get the best teams to the state tournaments. The positives are that it would separate the better teams in the region into different sub-states, which would hopefully allow the better teams to qualify for the state tournament. The negatives are that you could be traveling up to 3 hours on a Monday evening for boys and another 3 hours on a Tuesday evening for girls. Also, the top two teams could have up to 2 weeks off from the end of their regular season to the beginning of their post-season play as they would receive byes.
6. I have met with the middle school leadership council twice since school started. In the first meeting we discussed what they felt made good leaders, and in the second we discussed what characteristics made up negative and positive relationships. I have asked them each time if they have seen any concerns within the middle school and they say they have not seen anything they are concerned about.

Principal: Brandy Spresser

- We finished our first cycle of MTSS. We have seen some huge improvements based on progress monitoring results and teacher input.
- October Student of the Month: Maxen Mosier and Isabel Bieker
- November Student of the Month: Bailey Spresser
- November 6th Inservice: Sorted and grouped for reading and BSEL. Reviewed behavior matrix, review CHAMPS and Conscious Discipline.
- November 13th-Grinnell staff came to visit to learn more about our reading MTSS
- I will be attending a KELI training on November 16th. This is a mandatory training for my mentoring program.

- The hot water heater is leaking. Loran has the part to fix it but has to completely drain it. He plans to do this over Thanksgiving break. If it will drain, he will be able to fix it.

Ashley Arnberger: Superintendent

Colby Commitment Scholarship

CCC will be offering high school students in the college's 14-county service area who qualify for free or reduced lunches, as well as high school students residing in Thomas County access to a scholarship that covers the cost of tuition, fees, and textbooks. This scholarship will begin this spring and run through the spring 2025 semester. The college is funding this scholarship through the interest earned on the college's unrestricted cash and hope to continue the program beyond the spring of 2025.

This scholarship hopes to remove financial barriers for high school students to receive college credit. This scholarship rewards students who are residents of Thomas County and whose families support the college as part of the community college taxing district.

The program does require a parent/guardian to sign an agreement acknowledging that the student is liable for repaying the scholarship if they fail a course.

Digital Sign @ MS/HS

Thank you to Tom at Commercial Sign for going above and beyond to fix the sign.

Heater in the north shop

The heater in the north shop is not functioning properly. Bill has looked at it and had CB down to look at it. We hope that CB is able to move a blower from one of the other heaters in the shop to the one in the north shop. If this does not work, we will need to look at replacing the heater in the north shop.

KSDE Annual Conference - October 25th

I attended sessions on the following topics:

- Retaining Talent & Nurturing Growth: The Power of Mentorship in Teacher Retention
- Registered Teacher Apprenticeship
- Engage Every Family: Five Simple Principles by Dr. Steve Constantino
- Non-Traditional Paths to Licensure
- Council of Superintendents (Budget Planning)

WKLL All-league Volleyball

Jordyn Fleckenstein was selected 1st Team & participated in the Northwest Kansas All-Star Volleyball Match on Nov. 11th

Hayden Wark was selected 2nd Team

KASB Workers Compensation Fund Visit

Allen Keehler Risk Control Consultant with KASB Workers Compensation Fund visited on November 2nd. He reviewed our claims from the past year and discussed the three year averages. Overall, we have had minimal claims and are in good shape. Our

predicted premium for this year is predicted to be slightly less than this previous year at approximately \$7533.

November 6th Inservice

The MS/HS staff met for inservice on November 6th.

- Learning Walks
 - Focus on observed student engagement
- Reading MTSS
 - Collaborative Team Meeting (Tiers II & III)
 - Tier I Meeting
- BSEL MTSS
 - School Connect - Module 5 on empathy will be implemented 6-12 in January
- Behavior Expectations Matrix
- Student Led Conferences
 - The staff examined student-led conference materials from Colby, Brewster, Cheylin, and Conway Springs.
 - The staff decided to move forward with our version of student-led conferences for the February 12th conferences.
 - Staff did not want to lose touch with parents by going to an advisor model
 - All teachers will have students fill out the Student Led Parent Teacher Conference Worksheet for each of their classes.
 - The student will attend the conferences with their parent/guardian.
 - The worksheet will be used for the student to lead the conference, but also give the teacher, parent, and student the opportunity to discuss anything else that is class specific.
- KESA DLT
 - The KESA District Leadership Team met to discuss the current state of accreditation in Kansas - Learning Year for all districts.
 - Information was presented to the state board of education by KSDE's Accreditation team in October and will be again in November. The state BOE will hopefully make a decision on the suggested changes in December.
 - Our DLT looked back at the two goals that were written last year as part of our Year 1 Cycle 2. With the current guidance, the DLT thinks the first goal should be kept and that the second goal should be changed to reflect the work taking place in our district.
 - Goal one focuses on social emotional learning.
 - Current thought is that goal two should focus on reading MTSS
 - Once the state board takes action, the DLT will meet again and bring their suggestions to the board and then the rest of the staff.

November 13th - Grinnell MTSS Visit

We ended up hosting teams from Grinnell and Grainfield this morning. We were able to provide feedback and explanation on our current MTSS system at both buildings. They are fairly new to the MTSS process and wanted to see how it could work in a school their size. It was good to visit with them and to share about our systems.

KASB Annual Convention - November 10-12

Paul and I attended the KASB Convention this past weekend in Wichita. Both the opening and closing keynotes were very impactful about the positive influence that public education can be for students and families that are living in poverty.

I attended the following sessions:

Top 10 Legal Matters All Board Members Should Know
Upcoming Legislative Issues for 2024
State Board Panel
Professional Negotiations Training
Advanced Seminar in School Finance

Night @ the Lab - State Competition

Congratulations to Mrs. Fleckenstein's HS STEM students Siena Vargas and Tanner Black for winning the Night @ The Lab competition for the northwest region. They will represent GP at the state competition to be held at KU Medical Center December 5-6. I hope to have these students present to the board in December.

Increasing Postage

Nicole was notified last week that postage rates will increase again in January. We will be looking to reduce our postage costs by paying more bills online. Additionally, we will be exploring other ways to reduce postage costs for the district.

Chimney @ MS/HS

Ash Busters out of Hays came out on October 19th. The chimney was inspected and cleaned. All of the soot did have to be removed by hauling buckets up out of the basement. The comment was made that it may not have ever been cleaned out.

FHSU Math Relays

Mrs. Dellere took seven students to the FHSU Math Relays this past Thursday. Students who participated were Kailee Wessel, Braylee Knowles, Dylan Wark, Tanner Black, Hayden Wark, Josh Rath, and McKinzie Horobik.

Mrs. Dellere reports, "First, our GP students made our school and community proud. They competed at top levels and took it seriously. We ate a lot of food and had fun along the way, but overall, I could not be more proud of how they did! Our students have had some excellent math teachers in middle school and Mr. Scott prior, which showed in our results from yesterday."

The following results should be applauded:

Number Sense - Kailee places 9/53 9th graders & the sophomore team placed 9/20 teams.

Informal Geometry - Sophomores placed 12/23 & the juniors placed 12/24

Application of Algebra & Arithmetic - Sophomores placed 8/2

OLD BUSINESS:

Information item: continued discussion of Open Enrollment for Nonresident Students.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Focke, seconded Cheney to increase the substitute rate at Little Paws Daycare to \$12.50 per hour. (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Rath to amend Leaves and Absences page 7 of the Classified Handbook to include the following statement: Full-time employees will have the option to take the day preceding and/or the day following Thanksgiving and Christmas Day as leave without pay if they so choose. (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Focke, seconded by Cheney to table the adjustments the ESSER III plan until next month. (Motion carried 6-0)

Informational item: initial discussion of the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Focke, seconded by Cheney to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA at 9:08 pm for 10 minutes with the Board & Ashley Arnberger, Superintendent. (Motion carried 6-0)

The meeting resumed at 9:18 pm and no action was taken.

Reminder of the Enrollment for Nonresident Students Policy Hearing on December 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the FACS Room at Golden Plains Middle/High School, Rexford, Kansas. The regular monthly meeting will follow the policy hearing.

There being no further business, motion by Cheney, seconded by Focke to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. (Motion carried 6-0)

President

Date

Clerk

Date