

## **USD 316 BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**May 15, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**GOLDEN PLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY,  
210 W 6TH, SELDEN, KS**

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Bruggeman in the Library of the Elementary School with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM. Present were Matt Cheney, Chad Focke, Davis Rath and Jeremy Schiltz. Jay Todd entered meeting at 7:05 PM. Jason Rogers was absent. Others present were Mary Ellen Welshhon, Superintendent, Ashley Arnberger, Principal, Travis Smith, Administrative Assistant, Betty Hickert, Deputy Clerk, Nicole Schiltz, Clerk, Parker Christensen, Transportation Director, Dez Wark, HS Cheer Sponsor, Judy Rogers, Teacher/Yearbook Sponsor, Brandy Spresser, Daycare Director, Robynn Wessel, Freshman class sponsor, Will Bruggeman, FFA President

It was moved by Focke, seconded by Schiltz to approve the agenda as presented (Motion carried 5-0)

Audience with Visitors: Will Bruggeman, FFA President presented to the Board on the possibility of attending FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN this October. Dez Wark asked Board to provide transportation to cheer camp this June in Deerfield. Robynn Wessel presented a fund raising opportunity for the freshman class at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration to be held the weekend of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Judy Rogers took photo of the Board for yearbook.

### **Consent Items:**

It was moved by Schiltz, seconded by Rath to approve the consent items. (Motion carried 6-0)

Minutes from the April 17, 2023 regular meeting

Treasurers' report, check #48978-49030, ACH #6087-6152, bank reconcilements, encumbrance report, cash summary and other financial reports

Activity account bank reconciliation.

Gifts and Grants – Girl Scouts – donation of supplies (see attached list), Box Tops for Education \$17.50, 4D Farms \$225 for CNC router

### **REPORTS:**

Transportation: Parker Christensen – see attached

#### Daycare – Brandy Spresser

- Sheridan County Community Foundation grant has been started for backyard
- Patterson Family Foundation Grant for school district child care programs has been applied for and submitted
- Hail damage to west side of daycare/ Back screen door broke from storm last week. Wachendorfer scheduled to come look

#### NWKTC – Paul Bruggeman

- 155 Graduates walked last Friday
- 90 students signed up for Diesel Mechanics program for 2023-2024
- Currently 35 signed up for the new Shooting Sports
- Power sports will take over Auto Body building

#### NKESC – Jay Todd

- Attended via Zoom
- Also attended K-State 105 meeting in Hoxie
  - Topics of discussion: housing, daycare, employees & teacher shortage

#### Administrative Assistant – Travis Smith

1. The WKLL has decided to not hold our high school league basketball tournament in Colby this next year. The Event Center will not make a commitment to allow the league to hold specific days under contract for the tournament. The league voted to hold the quarterfinals and semifinal games this next year in Grinnell and Grainfield, with all Saturday games being held at Trego Community High School in Wakeeney.
2. The Middle and High School Track teams competed in their league track meets this past Friday in Hill City. The Middle School girls took second place by 1 point and the Middle School boys took 7<sup>th</sup> overall. On the High School side, the high school girls took first and the boys took 3<sup>rd</sup>. The high school teams will travel to Tribune this Friday to compete in the Regional Track Meet.
3. At our last league meeting, our Commissioner reported that by 2025, the shot clock in basketball will make its way into Kansas High Schools. This will come at an additional cost of \$2000-3000 to each district.
4. I would like to start some additional fundraising efforts for the athletic department. This year is the first time since I have been AD that we have gone in the red. Lack of attendance at home games, rise in the cost of entry fees, and rising official fees have caused the loss of revenue. Ideas:
  - a. Sell sponsorship banners to businesses around the local area for \$300 for first year and \$100 each year after that. They would be hung up out at the football field and basketball gym during those respective seasons
  - b. Sell game sponsorships for each home contest. Ask the businesses if they would want to cover the cost of admission or the cost of officials fees for the evening. In return they would get two home passes for

the next school year.

5. Starting this year, all team sports have a chance to compete in one jamboree scrimmage prior to the start of their first regular season game. This gives the teams a chance to have some outside competition prior to their first regular season game, and to also help give some referring experience to younger officials just getting started.
6. Coaches and sponsors in our district were asked to fill out a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) assessment of our activities and athletic programs. I wanted to get an idea of what they felt about our programs. Below are the responses:

**What do you believe are the 3 greatest strengths of our activities/athletic department?**

Success by many groups/teams  
Caring sponsors and coaches that want kids to succeed  
Coaches and sponsors working together so kids can be involved in multiple activities  
Experienced coaching staff  
High expectations  
A variety of sports, clubs and activities for our student to participate in  
Coaches who care truly about all students  
Emphasis on good sportsmanship  
Well balanced slate of activities for students to participate in  
Student involvement, coaching leadership, student support is growing  
Committed and caring coaches/sponsors  
Summer programs (weights & individual sport opportunities)  
Opportunities for competition (full schedules)

**What do you believe are the 3 greatest weaknesses of our activities /athletic department?**

With small numbers it is hard to get some student competition experience  
Some coach/sponsor burnout due to sponsoring/coaching multiple activities  
Funding to support the amount of excess time coaches and sponsors put in to helping students succeed  
The decline in participation numbers in activities especially on the girl's side of athletics  
Same small group of students participate and are involved in everything. Could possibly get burned out  
Our younger students believe that if they can't start on varsity then they don't feel like they matter.  
I feel that our activities/athletic department doesn't have any major weaknesses except for the one listed below: Lack of JV opportunities for sub varsity players (due to lack of numbers from both our and our opponents)  
Community support, enthusiasm from home fans, students looking forward to the next season and not finishing the job at hand  
Limited number of participants  
Facilities – no track and no second competition gym

**What do you believe are the 3 greatest opportunities of our activities/athletic department?**

Tradition and the want to continue to be successful  
Possibilities of adding or removing activities as student interest changes  
Continue to have high expectations of students both in the classroom and in their activities  
A great opportunity for all students to get involved in a wide variety of activities (Band, vocal, FFA, Scholars Bowl, etc...)  
MOST coaches promote the ideas the ALL sports and activities are important. Students should be involved in many activities  
Sponsors and coaches are willing to work with one another in helping each other's activities  
All students have an opportunity to participate in any and all activities/athletic programs  
Ability of our coaching staff to have the ability to work one-on-one with specific players  
Ability to build lasting relationships with our players/participants

Music has the potential to be unique in 1A, sports has a great tradition, forensics/scholars bow all have had success in post season  
All those things combined give GP students the opportunity to excel and be involved  
Number of activities for a school our size  
All students are allowed to participate without pay to play

**What do you believe are the 3 greatest threats of our activities/athletic department?**

Burnout by some kids doing too much and not keeping up or feeling overwhelmed  
Too much pressure to remain successful  
Lack of funding to keep sponsors/coaches and to purchase materials needed  
The last few teaching hires have been made without regard to helping fill coaching and sponsorship positions  
Over involvement of some parents in our district. They don't allow coaches and sponsors to do their job  
Decline in support of our activities by the community. (Lack of crowds at regional volleyball and several home basketball games this year for example). When support goes so does our activities and eventually our school.  
The main threat that I see for our activities/athletic department is the lack of desire of students to participate in anything that our school has to offer  
Students are more interested in getting a job instead of being kid and enjoying high school activities  
Job schedules of students, apathy from students, lack of support and enthusiasm for ALL activities  
Student participation  
Funding

Principal- Ashley Arnberger

**Students finished on 5/11 & teaching staff finished today, 5/15**

The school year closed out fairly quietly. Basic scheduling for both buildings has been underway. One of the challenges is that we share several staff members between the buildings. The high school students completed a pre-enrollment to help us see any areas of the schedule that may still need adjusted to meet our students' needs.

**KESA OVT Visit**

As reported last month, the KESA OVT Visit was held on April 19th. Our OVT has submitted the required documentation to KSDE. The team provided us with positive and constructive feedback both in person and within their report.

**Summer Maintenance**

Selden -

- Gas shut off valves on gym heaters
- Shampoo classroom carpets
- Paint restrooms
- Fix dumpsters in Selden & Rexford

Rexford -

- Remove toilets for common's area floor update & replace toilet seals
- Continue with efforts to declutter buildings & grounds
- Repair warping in cafeteria floor after pipe has been repaired by American Boiler
- Fix/repair south wall in nw classroom on 2nd floor (computer lab)
- Buff & apply protectant to 2nd & 3rd hallway floors

## **Legislative Activity -**

### **House sub for SB 113 -**

**Passed both the House & Senate. Sent to the Governor's desk on May 8th.**

- BASE = \$5088
- General Fund - higher of current year or prior year enrollment
  - Unfortunately in our declining enrollment this is not positive for us. This projects that we will have a decrease to our budget from the '22-'23 school year of \$16,631 for '23-'24 school year.
- May compensate local BOE members
- Establish the Special Education and Related Services Funding Task Force.
- Amend the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act (KSEEA) with regard to the calculation of State Foundational Aid and modifying the low enrollment and high enrollment weightings.
- Extend the sunset for the high-density, at-risk weighting.
- Extend the 20-mill exemption for two years.

Mary Ellen Welshhon – Superintendent

- Application approved 3-4 year old preschool at-risk
- Board positions – open 3 at-large positions
  - Need to file by June 1, 2023
- Working on closing out year and schedules for next year

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion by Focke, seconded by Cheney to table the negotiations

Motion by Todd, seconded by Schiltz to approve Bid 1 and Bid 2 received from Wachendorfer Construction to complete the repairs at the Golden Plains Middle/High School. (Motion carried 5-1) Focke abstained

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Todd, seconded by Rath to move USD 316 Central Office to the High School in Rexford, Kansas. (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Focke, seconded by Schiltz to table the approval for the Golden Plains FFA Chapter to attend to the 2023 FFA National Fall Conference until more information is gathered. (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Focke, seconded by Schiltz to approve the meal charge policy for 2023-2024. (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Focke, seconded by Todd to approve enrollment fees for 2023-2024. (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Rath to approve the KERMP Student and Accident Insurance policy through 1<sup>st</sup> Agency. (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Focke, seconded by Cheney to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel exception under KOMA at 8:31 pm for 10 minutes with the Board of Education, Ashley Arnberger, Principal & Brandy Sprester, Daycare Director. (Motion carried 6-0)

Matt Cheney exited meeting at 8:31 pm

The board returned at 8:41 pm. Matt Cheney returned to meeting and the following motion was made. Motion by Todd, seconded by Rath to approved the hire of Jaiden Koerperich as daycare provider starting June 1, 2023 at the rate of \$13.00 per hour. (Motion carried 4-2) Focke, Cheney

Motion by Focke, seconded by Cheney to accept the retirement of Elaine Koerperich and with regret the resignations of Kathryn Tremblay, Julie Ziegelmeier, Justine Tuttle, and Marla Stroup. (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Rath to modify the contract for Rebecca Lawhorn to .6 certified and .4 paraeducator, Lori Truetken contract from 3rd grade teacher to Title/ESL, and Ellen Weiner's contract from MS/HS English/At-risk to MS/HS English/Elementary Music. (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Focke to approve transportation for Cheer Camp as requested. (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Focke, seconded by Schiltz to approve the fund raiser for freshman class for July 1, 2023 event. (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion by Todd, seconded by Schiltz to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel exception under KOMA at 8:48 pm for 15 minutes with Board of Education, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Superintendent & Ashley Arnberger, Principal. (Motion carried 6-0)

The board returned at 9:04 pm and no action was taken

Motion by Todd, seconded by Schiltz to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel exception under KOMA at 9:04 pm for 10 minutes with Board of Education, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Superintendent & Ashley Arnberger, Principal. (Motion carried 6-0)

The board returned at 9:15 pm with the following motion being made. Motion by Schiltz, seconded by Cheney to hold a special meeting Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:30 am in the Selden Elementary Library under waiver (Motion carried

6-0)

The next regular meeting is set for June 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Selden Elementary Library. The Special Board meeting to conclude end of the year business will be held June 28, 2023 at 7:00 am.

There being no further business, motion by Cheney, seconded by Schiltz to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

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President

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