

BOARD MINUTES  
January 13, 2025

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 273 met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:30 P.M., at the Board of Education Office with the following members present: Joe File, Amber Krier, Kelsey Adams, Craig Cousland, Jacob Ludwig, Jonathan Stillwell and Tony Thompson. Also present were Jeff Travis, Superintendent; Tiffany Schroeder, Clerk; Janet Porter, Beloit Elementary School Principal; Garry Lowry, Beloit Elementary School Assistant Principal; Casey Seyfert, Beloit Jr-Sr High School Principal; Kyle Beisner, Beloit Jr-Sr High School Assistant Principal; Christie Gerdes, Beloit Special Education Cooperative Director; Cassie Kopsa, Beloit Special Education Cooperative Assistant Director and Brady Dean, MCPC/MCELC Executive Director.

President File called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Guests present were: Ryan Isbell, Addie Francis, Olivia Wright, Brian Debey and Danny Henk.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Ludwig, to adopt the agenda with the following additions: 12a) Additions to the Coaches List (A.I.); 12b) Southern Cloud Cooperative Committee (A.I.). Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Stillwell, seconded by Thompson, to approve the consent agenda with this motion, the following were approved:

- Minutes December 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting;
  - Payment of Bills and Claims;
  - Approval of Revenue Journals;
  - Approval of BOE, BES and BSHS Activity Funds;
  - Resignation:
    - June Pumphrey, Paraeducator, Rock Hills Jr-Sr High School.
- Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**BILLS**

<b>PAID DECEMBER 2, 2024:</b>		American Fidelity Assurance Co	7,366.40
BlueCross BlueShield of KS	150,955.54	Meredith Johnson, Treasurer	530.00
		First National Bank & Trust	176,270.78
<b>PAID DECEMBER 4, 2024:</b>		Flex Made Easy - ACH	1,455.00
Advance Life Ins of KS	813.23	Flex Made Easy	6,195.74
		Kansas Payment Center	558.00
<b>PAID DECEMBER 10, 2024:</b>		KPERS	52,035.27
Navia Benefit Solutions	200.00	KPERS Retirement WAR	4,203.35
		KPERS-Optional Life	331.12
<b>PAID DECEMBER 20, 2024:</b>		KS Dept of Revenue	30,214.19
MG Trust	700.00	KS Employ Security Fund	786.89
American Fidelity Assurance	144.20	MASA Global	742.00

Security Benefit Life Ins Co	850.00	Ernie Williamson Music	482.00
Sun Life	13361.86	Lynn Feldmann	16.08
Madeline Thiessen	5.71	First Book	313.46
Trustmark Voluntary Benefits	1576.70	FHSU	3,587.70
USD 273 Health Reserve	121967.31	Frasier, Johnson & Martin	1,296.46
FTC-Fiduciary Trust Co of NH	1,200.00	Given Grace, LLC	35.00
Total	420,494.52	Glassman Corporation	357.50
		Emma Gleysteen	29.25
<b>PAID DECEMBER 30, 2024:</b>		Susan Grabon	115.58
BlueCross BlueShield of KS	147,120.00	Emma Griffiths	27.00
		Michelle Hahn	267.60
<b>PAID JANUARY 13, 2025:</b>		Dawn Harmon	188.16
Affordable Tree Service	12,700.00	Isabella Hewitt	33.50
American Boiler & Mechanical	769.06	Hiserote Trash Removal	320.00
Amanda Anderson	327.63	Bernetta Hlad	80.40
Bell Memorials	1,034.20	Elizabeth Holway	385.92
Beloit Elementary School	276.80	Meagan Housh	68.34
Beloit Jr-Sr High School	646.39	Korryn Hubert	38.25
Beloit Medical Center, PA	240.00	INAalert	471.00
Blade-Empire Publishing	79.20	Austin Jablonski	6.75
Blue Chip Athletic	1,440.00	Vicki Jackson Catering	1,475.00
Boettcher Supply, Inc	986.36	Allison Johnson	273.36
Breanna Brown	116.58	J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc	411.98
Bubba Q's	78.00	KS State School for the Blind	292.50
Card Services	10,322.64	Kansas Gas Service	4,160.91
Central Kansas Library	81.80	Jase Labertew	58.50
Central Valley Ag	405.55	Lathrop GPM, LLP	772.50
Dawn Chandler	169.15	Liberty Hardwoods, Inc	1,518.77
City of Beloit	16,479.38	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc	2,732.98
Linda S. Cox	410.71	Loving Guidance, LLC	840.00
Craig Home Care	316.00	Loyd Group, LLC	9,840.00
Crumbaker Oil & Feed, LLC	4,234.05	Shelton Lund	25.50
Culligan of Downs	348.36	Karen MacCroy	85.89
Cunningham Fiber	2,079.45	Renee J. Mason, RPT	510.54
Dollar General	191.50	Amanda McGuire	434.58
DS Busline, Inc	60,527.61	Julia McMains	80.34
Lynne Easter	125.00	Becky Byarlay-McQueen	308.20
Ashley R. Eck	132.66	Mitchell Co Health Dept	100.00
Dave Elam	15.99	Marlene Nelson	214.40
Ron Elniff	836.83	Nex-Tech Wireless	2,175.34

OPAA!	51,067.74	USD 273 Food Service	6,998.20
Pearson Clinical	1,551.37	USD #298 Lincoln	3,088.12
Pitney Bowes, Inc	246.27	USD #299 Sylvan Grove	3,889.81
USPS	200.00	Waconda Trader	38.25
Presence Learning, Inc	16,555.76	Watts & Sons	30.20
Providence Working Canines	514.58	Kathy Wilson	102.91
Quill Corporation	1,937.01	WoodRiver Energy, LLC	1,814.76
Ray's AppleMarket	2,123.37	Xerox Financial Services	3,516.70
Republican Valley Landscape	664.95	Yearli by Greatland	99.00
Desiree Richards	318.25	Zachary's Ace Hardware	385.50
Angela K. Ringler	46.23	<b>Total</b>	<b>278,960.77</b>
Rogue	5,355.00		
Salina Steel Supply, Inc	258.40		
Casey Seyfert	537.34	<b>FUND SUMMARY:</b>	
Brandon Smith	175.81	GENERAL FUND	131837.46
Smoky Hill/Cent KS Ed Svc Ctr	140.00	SUPPLEMENTAL GEN	2,278.46
Solomon Valley Home Center	866.91	CAPITAL OUTLAY	6894.45
SW KS Area Coop	1,684.00	FOOD SERVICE	49,329.85
Janelle Streit	466.32	PARENT EDUCATION FUND	3288.19
Erin Suelter	325.62	CAREER & POSTSECND ED	5051.27
Darby Sweat	359.12	GIFTS & GRANTS	625.44
Thompson's O.K. Tire, Inc	163.32	HEALTH CARE RESERVE	100.00
Trane US, Inc	647.27	COOP SPECIAL ED	64124.50
Jeff Travis	100.50	MEDICAID	1,933.21
USD 107 Rock Hills	1,140.04	SMART START (MCPC)	13,497.94
USD 273 Capital Outlay	21,750.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>278,960.77</b>

The Superintendent announced that it is School Board Appreciation Month. Each board member received a certificate thanking them for their support. The district's KSDE Audit is scheduled for next week. The district's KSDE Food Audit is happening this week. There will need to be a special board meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025 for the sale of the bond. The superintendent gave a special thank you to all who helped with the snow removal and cleanup. Also to Keith Kresin for helping drive the roads to ensure busses could/couldn't travel safely. He also thanked the city and county for doing such a wonderful job. The elementary school had some heating issues before the Christmas break. There was a leak in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. A circuit board at the high school burnt out because it got wet from the snow blowing up onto it. Another heating unit went out at the high school. A representative from the hospital called to inform the superintendent that they will be opening a new surgical wing and would like to add more parking. The hospital would like to add 7-10 spots to the southeast of the medical center. The hospital is willing to pay for this project. The city spoke with the superintendent and said the Hersey Street/North Walnut street project will be starting this summer. So, this will affect the driveways into/out of the high school parking lot.

Olivia Wright gave the Student Council Report.

Addie Francis gave the Jag-K Report.

There was no Site Council report.

Janet Porter gave the PTO report.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Adams, to approve the resolution to continue electing School Board Officers at the July board meeting. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Adams, to approve the resolution to have regular board meetings on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

The Superintendent gave a bond update. The district has not sold the school bond yet, therefore that is not the reason residents are having an increase on their property taxes.

The board discussed the review and acceptance of bond proceeds bids. All local banks were allowed to bid. The First National Bank – Solomon Valley Bank bid 4.33% indexed to KMIP 1-89 day term. The Guaranty State Bank bid 4.055% indexed to 91-day T-bill minus 0.15%. The Security Bank of Kansas City bid 3.991% with a mix of Treasury Securities and CDs.

A motion was made by Cousland, seconded by Stillwell, to accept First National Bank – Solomon Valley Bank bid at 4.330%. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Krier, to approve the changes and additions to the Facility Use Agreement as presented. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Stillwell, seconded by Adams, to approve the recording of all future school board meetings and posting to the school district website within five business days of the school board meeting. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Stillwell, seconded by Thompson, to approve the additions of Jr. High Assistant Wrestling coach – Marshall Musil and Jr High Assistant Track coach – Terri Engelbert to the coach list. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Ludwig, to assign Joe File, Jon Stillwell and Kelsey Adams (alternate Tony Thompson or Craig Cousland) to the Southern Cloud Cooperative Committee. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Ludwig, that the meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

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President, Board of Education

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Clerk, Board of Education