

BOARD MINUTES
December 9, 2024

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 273 met in regular session on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 6:30 P.M., at the Board of Education Office with the following members present: Joe File, 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; Christie Gerdes, Beloit Special Education Cooperative Director (6:53 P.M.); 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: Danny Henk, Karen MacCroy, Olivia Wright, Meredith Johnson, Addie Francis, Heather Johnson, Lindsay Klema, Brian Debey, John Regier (6:50 P.M.) and Clayton Kelley (7:12 P.M.)

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Ludwig, to adopt the agenda with the following changes and additions: Strike 3) Jon and Amy Eilert; change 9) Board Policies Section D Review (I.I.) to Action Item (A.I.); Change 11) Bond Authorization to read Bond Sale Authorization; add 12a) Fundraising and Naming Rights Approval (A.I.); and add 12b) Track Distribution Match (A.I.). Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

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

- Minutes November 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting;
- Payment of Bills and Claims;
- Approval of Revenue Journals;
- Approval of BOE, BES and BJSHS Activity Funds;
- Resignations:
 - Amanda Hawkins, Paraeducator, Lakeside Jr-Sr High School;
 - Lois Emerson, Paraeducator, Beloit Jr-Sr High School, effective June 2028;
 - Karley Stephens, Kindergarten Aide, Beloit Elementary School.

Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

PAID NOVEMBER 5, 2024:

Advance Life Ins of KS 861.55

PAID NOVEMBER 6, 2024:

Arctic Food Equipment 1,162.77

PAID NOVEMBER 18, 2024:

Navia Benefit Solutions 200.00

PAID NOVEMBER 20, 2024:

MG Trust 700.00

American Fidelity Assurance 144.20

American Fidelity Assurance Co 7366.40

Meredith Johnson, Treasurer 530.00

First National Bank & Trust 177613.65

Flex Made Easy 7650.74

Kansas Payment Center 558.00

KPERS	52,344.61	Cunningham Fiber	1,539.37
KPERS WAR	5,035.42	Damm Music Center, Inc	27.41
KPERS-Optional Life	331.12	Deep Space Sparkle	379.00
KS Dept of Revenue	30,917.38	Dollar General	191.15
KS Employ Security Fund	786.80	DS Busline, Inc	62,075.13
MASA Global	742.00	Dunstan Waste Solutions	1,500.00
Security Benefit Life Ins Co	850.00	Lynne Easter	13.86
Sun Life	13,765.34	Ashley R. Eck	334.67
Trustmark Voluntary Benefits	1,776.28	Ron Elniff	703.50
USD 273 Health Reserve	121,346.15	Joelle Emerson	261.30
FTC-Fiduciary Trust Co of NH	1,200.00	Ernie Williamson Music ExcellenceK12, LLC	100.00 6,250.00
PAID NOVEMBER 22, 2024:		Flex Made Easy	50.00
Reliance Standard	2,330.48	Fouts Insurance, LLC	349.21
Reliance Standard	2,007.60	Emma Gleysteen	27.00
Total	4,338.08	Gone Logo, LTD	63.00
		Emma Griffiths	31.50
PAID DECEMBER 9, 2024:		Michelle Hahn	250.58
American Boiler & Mechanical	670.00	Arika Haresnape	78.77
Amanda Anderson	464.31	Harris School Solutions	3,133.08
Becker Autos & Trailers	2,200.00	Hiserote Trash Removal	320.00
Beloit Medical Center, PA	280.00	Bernetta Hlad	160.80
BES Petty Cash	405.00	Elizabeth Holway	553.42
Blade-Empire Publishing	169.10	Meagan Housh	72.90
Blick Art Materials	426.70	Korryn Hubert	85.50
Boettcher Supply, Inc	261.92	Wayne Huggins	32.00
Breanna Brown	119.26	Image Quest	1,969.56
Jama Budke	53.92	IMA, Inc	10,000.00
Bumper to Bumper	69.42	Interactive Parenting	130.00
Card Services	16,280.41	Austin Jablonski	15.75
Cawker City Ledger	61.88	KASB	1,350.00
Central Valley Ag	651.02	KS State School for Blind	292.50
Dawn Chandler	334.40	KCCTE	85.00
Jason Channell	20.72	KCCTFCA	400.00
City of Beloit	17,100.70	Kingdom Cartridge	1,323.00
Jana Coil	44.62	KS Parents As Teachers	50.00
Linda S. Cox	467.66	Kansas Gas Service	1,476.79
Craig Home Care	487.50	Sharon Kresin	306.97
Crumbaker Oil & Feed, LLC	4,848.83	Krier's Auto Parts, Inc	59.98
Culligan of Downs	94.00	Jase Labertew	63.00

Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc	1,630.14	Service Pro, LLC	1,000.00
Shelton Lund	75.00	Casey Seyfert	443.54
Karen MacCrary	166.70	Brandon Smith	252.46
Marozas Design Works	1,000.00	Solomon Valley Home Center	3,263.80
Renee J. Mason, RPT	448.90	Janelle Streit	503.84
Amanda McGuire	858.06	Erin Suelter	970.16
Megan McMillan	12.99	Superior Publishing Co	36.00
Becky Byarlay-McQueen	695.55	Darby Sweat	233.16
Meaningful Speech, LLC	598.00	Thompson's O.K. Tire, Inc	339.72
Midwest Music, Inc	239.00	Jeff Travis	411.38
Bethany Mitchell	98.16	USD 107 Rock Hills	6,031.64
Mitchell Co Health Dept	4,320.00	USD 273 General Fund	2,839.40
Mitchell Co Solid Waste	37.50	Waconda Trader	252.00
Dagen Morrell	48.00	Brianna Walter	96.48
Marlene Nelson	312.22	Watts & Sons	50,110.31
Tricia Nelson	1,543.98	Wheat Fields Floral	45.00
n2y	13,314.43	WoodRiver Energy, LLC	161.88
Nex-Tech Wireless	2,248.43	Carlton Wright	220.50
OPAA!	55,173.41	Xerox Financial Services	3,516.70
PAT National Center	700.00	Zachary's Ace Hardware	373.13
Pearson Clinical	101.97	Total	307,172.10
Pitney Bowes, Inc	310.17		
Pitney Bowes, Inc	217.41		
Positive Promotions	2,936.63	FUND SUMMARY:	
USPS	100.00	GENERAL FUND	112,809.72
Prairie Fire Coffee	440.80	SUPPLEMENTAL GEN	2,117.37
Quill Corporation	1,175.55	AT-RISK (K-12)	559.98
Ray's AppleMarket	1,906.82	CAPITAL OUTLAY	52,568.35
Republican Valley Landscape	478.95	FOOD SERVICE	54,619.32
Desiree Richards	599.65	PARENT EDUCATION FUND	6,669.79
Angela K. Ringler	316.24	CAREER & POSTSECND ED	3,861.22
Anna Rubey	16.26	GIFTS & GRANTS	1,995.51
Saddleback Educational	234.64	HEALTH CARE RESERVE	14,370.00
Salina Steel Supply, Inc	809.90	TEXTBOOKS	999.05
Schendel Pest Control	360.00	COOP SPECIAL ED	44,607.11
Lori Schmitt	351.08	MEDICAID	1,636.69
Anna N. Schoen	78.39	SMART START (MCPC)	10,357.99
School Specialty	499.00	TOTAL	307,172.10

Agenda Item 3) Jon and Amy Eilert was struck from the agenda.

Olivia Wright gave the Student Council Report.

Addie Francis gave the Jag-K Report.

Lindsay Klema gave the Site Council report.

Janet Porter gave the PTO report.

The Superintendent reminded the board that they will need to review section E of the Board Policies for the January board meeting. Brady Dean and Karen MacCroy presented the Mitchell County Partnership for Children annual report. The Superintendent explained that the Perkins Consortium will need to be changed and voted upon later in the meeting from the Smoky Hill Service Center consortium to the NCKC4 consortium. Heather Johnson, Booster Club member, discussed with the board the Capital Campaign fundraising for the Trojan Stadium. Phase 1 will be to fix the track and jump runways at Trojan Stadium. The Booster Club along with the USD 273 Educational Foundation will be fundraising for \$800,000 (\$300,000 of that to have the track completed by the 2026 track season). Phase 2 will be new restrooms and a press box at Trojan Stadium. No district funds are expected to be used for Phase 2. The Superintendent discussed with the board a new online payment system through Brightwheel that will be used at the Mitchell County Early Learning Center beginning January 2025. This new system will allow for online payments and automatic withdrawals for parents. We are also working with parents to have a card on file for tuition payment for daycare services by March 2025. The Mitchell County Early Learning Center School Age Program will be starting back up in January 2025. Autumn Andreason will be the director and Anne Houghton will be assisting her. The Superintendent would like to add to Board Policy DFG to read Proceeds from fees for building or equipment use or rental will be credited to the general fund and/or the capital outlay fund. Jon Eilert will meet with the Superintendent on Monday, December 16, 2025 instead of at the board meeting. The Superintendent asked board members, Craig Cousland and Kelsey Adams, that attended the KASB convention to speak a little about their experiences. Craig Cousland said he deepened his knowledge of board duties and realized that USD 273 Beloit and its administration is very well respected by the Kansas State Department of Education and other administrator's in the state.

John Regier. Loyd Group, LLC, the district's auditor presented the 2023-24 audit report.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Thompson, to approve the 2023-2024 audit report as presented by auditor, John Regier. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Stillwell, seconded by Adams, to change Board Policy DFG Fees, Payments and Rentals to read: Proceeds from fees for building or equipment use or rental will be credited to the general fund and/or the capital outlay fund. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Clayton Kelley, Piper Sandler & Co., explained the authorization of the sale of the USD 273 bond.

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Stillwell, to approve the resolution authorizing the offering for sale of general obligation bonds, Series 2025, of Unified School District No. 273, Mitchell County, Kansas (Beloit). Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Stillwell, seconded by Thompson, to approve the district Perkins Consortium changing from the Smoky Hill Service Center Consortium to the NCKC4 Consortium. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Cousland, to approve the Capital Campaign fundraising and naming rights for facilities located at Trojan Stadium. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Stillwell, to approve the district set aside up to \$300,000 of contingency reserve for the district track match of Phase 1 for repairing the track and jump pit runways at Trojan Stadium. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Thompson moved that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:15 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters on non-elected personnel and their contractual obligations because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed and that the Board of Education reconvene into open session at 8:55 P.M. in this room with Jeff Travis remaining. The motion was seconded by Adams. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

The Board reconvened into open session.

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The Board reconvened into open session.

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Cousland, to approve all administrator's contracts through 2026-27 except for Brady Dean through 2025-26 due to his contract being grant funded. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Ludwig moved that the Board of Education go into executive session at 9:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed and that the Board of Education reconvene into open session at 9:18 p.m. in this room with Jeff Travis, Cassie Kopsa and Christie Gerdes remaining. The motion was seconded by Thompson. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

The Board reconvened into open session.

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Cousland, that the meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 P.M. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education