

BOARD MINUTES  
February 12, 2024

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 273 met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:30 P.M., at the Board of Education Office with the following members present: Joe File, Amber Krier, Jason Johnson, Jacob Ludwig, Jonathan Stillwell and Tony Thompson. Also present were Jeff Travis, Superintendent; and Tiffany Schroeder, Clerk.

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

Guests present were: Richard Sedlacek (left at 7:40 pm), Tara Pruitt, Stephanie Porter, Brian Debey, Tamma Lawson, Heather Johnson (6:37 pm), and Brian Jordan – via Zoom (6:37 pm).

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Johnson, to adopt the agenda with the following changes: add Resignation of Eric Short to the consent agenda and add 9a) Richard Sedlacek (I.I.). Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

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

- Minutes of January 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting;
- Payment of Bills and Claims;
- Approval of Revenue Journals;
- Approval of BOE, BES and BJSHS Activity Funds;
- Contracts:
  - Paige Goddard, Teacher Assistant, Beloit Elementary School;
  - Katie Wendell, nurse, Beloit Jr-Sr High School;
- Resignations:
  - Nathan Kemling, Music Teacher, Beloit Jr-Sr High School;
  - Gary Pingel, English Teacher, Beloit Jr-Sr High School;
  - Eric Short, Custodian, Beloit Elementary School,

Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**BILLS**

<b>PAID JANUARY 4, 2024:</b>		American Fidelity Assurance Co	8,253.40
Advance Life Ins of KS	930.53	Flex Account Administration	7,317.42
		Berman & Rabin, PA	405.66
<b>PAID JANUARY 18, 2024:</b>		Meredith Johnson, Treasurer	416.00
The LC Group, LLC	5,000.00	First National Bank & Trust	405.67
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<b>PAID JANUARY 19, 2024:</b>		Kansas Payment Center	285.00
MG Trust	700.00	KPERS	50,146.75
Am Fidelity Health Svcs Adm	250.00	KPERS Retirement-WAR	2,383.44
American Fidelity Assurance	14,757.22	KPERS-Optional Life	331.12

KS Dept of Revenue	29,039.45	City of Beloit	18,624.34
KS Employ Security Fund	758.50	Kirsten Jones	300.00
Security Benefit Life Ins Co	800.00	Jana Coil	238.55
USD 273 Health Reserve	115,664.69	Conscious Discipline	6,669.00
FTC-Fiduciary Trust Co of NH	1,200.00	Brandon Cox	112.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>405,451.02</b>	Linda S. Cox	535.79
		Craig Home Care	110.86
<b>PAID JANUARY 29, 2024:</b>		Crumbaker Oil & Feed, LLC	6,124.79
BlueCross BlueShield of KS	1,420.55	Cunningham Telephone & Cable	1,503.67
BlueCross BlueShield of KS	132,546.52	Delta Dental of KS	19,502.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>133,967.07</b>	Dollar General	52.00
		DS Busline, Inc	60,704.62
<b>PAID JANUARY 31, 2024:</b>		Dunstan Snow Removal	200.00
Reliance Standard	1,165.24	Ashley R. Eck	181.44
		Ron Elniff	460.47
<b>PAID FEBRUARY 12, 2024:</b>		Joelle Emerson	400.86
Jennifer Adolph	55.14	Kayle Ester	31.50
American Boiler & Mechanical	1,064.93	Peggy Falcon	57.64
Amanda Anderson	233.18	Fire Alarm Specialist, Inc	120.00
Beloit Elementary School	266.52	Fouts Insurance, LLC	700.00
Beloit Jr-Sr High School	399.80	Ashton Fraley	36.00
Beloit Medical Center, PA	560.00	Michelle Hahn	335.10
Beloit Jr-Sr HS Petty Cash	505.46	Martin Hesting	59.94
Blade-Empire Publishing	1,573.59	Hiserote Trash Removal Service	320.00
Felisha Bland	474.22	Elizabeth Holway	526.62
Blue Chip Athletic	360.00	Meagan Housh	96.95
Boettcher Supply, Inc	523.24	HQ H2O/Culligan	120.00
Bumper to Bumper	137.54	Wayne Huggins	7.00
Bureau of Education & Research	279.00	Heather Isbell	122.35
Callabresi Heating & Cooling	875.00	Allison Johnson	62.88
Cardio Partners, Inc	2,367.00	Jostens	614.95
Card Services	13,819.61	J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc	94.90
Carrico Implement Co, Inc	156.12	Daniel Kelly	231.22
Cawker City Ledger	58.13	Kingdom Cartridge	1,514.00
CDW Government, Inc	7,884.76	Cassie Kopsa	161.25
Central KS Library System	206.89	Kansas Gas Service	5,657.47
Central Restaurant Products	216.52	Krier's Auto Parts, Inc	3,199.21
Central Valley Ag	253.99	KSDE	275.00
Dawn Chandler	308.64	Leah Larsen	517.45
Jason Channell	76.46	Lathrop Gage, LLP	470.00

Liberty Hardwoods, Inc	926.02	Subway	162.75
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc	469.61	Superior Publishing Co, Inc	72.00
Karen MacCroy	513.52	Teacher Synergy, LLC	179.94
Renee J. Mason, RPT	269.86	Jacee Tice	58.95
Amanda McGuire	508.58	Tom's Music House	135.00
Becky Byarlay-McQueen	571.16	Trane US, Inc	1,288.37
Messenger Total Promotions	1,028.70	Jeff Travis	516.80
Midwest Bus Leasing, Inc	2,000.00	USD 299 Sylvan Grove	1,053.26
Midwest Music, Inc	263.50	Vision Communications	334.40
Mitchell Co Solid Waste	5,824.00	Waconda Trader	879.45
Madelynn Moore	35.37	Brianna Walter	158.51
Marlene Nelson	275.10	Watts & Sons	157.95
Nex-Tech Wireless	2,171.34	Waxie Sanitary Supply	121.49
Kansas One-Call System, Inc	1.20	WillyGoat, LLC	3,789.59
OPAA!	55,920.47	Anita Wirth	19.58
Pearson Clinical	528.11	WoodRiver Energy, LLC	6,522.06
Audrey Pingel	11.50	Xerox Financial	3,428.97
Pitney Bowes, Inc	308.22	Zachary's Ace Hardware	275.20
USPS	400.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>272,381.99</b>
Prairie Fire Coffee Roasters	796.20		
Pur-O-Zone	6,901.01		
Quill Corporation	2,829.62	<b>FUND SUMMARY:</b>	
Ray's AppleMarket	2,385.46	GENERAL FUND	138014.57
Renaissance Learning, Inc	34.00	SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL	7941.15
Desiree Richards	292.79	CAPITAL OUTLAY	721.93
Angela K. Ringler	295.41	FOOD SERVICE	50416.99
S&S Drug Company, Inc	23.90	PARENT EDUCATION FUND	1524.74
Salina Steel Supply, Inc	739.80	CAREER & POSTSECND ED	3824.07
Schendel Pest Control	1,108.99	HEALTH CARE RESERVE	19502.56
		TEXTBOOK & STUDENT	
School Specialty	121.36	REV	25.00
Casey Seyfert	727.93	COOP SPECIAL ED	31179.93
Smoky Hill/Cent KS Ed Svc Ctr	250.00	MEDICAID	2300.92
Solomon Valley Home Center	631.48	SMART START (MCPC)	16930.13
Janelle Streit	355.01	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>272,381.99</b>

The Superintendent introduced Heather Johnson, Foundation for Future Generations Co-Director, who addressed Brian Jordan, KASB representative who was attending the meeting via Zoom. Heather Johnson discussed how the last community bond meeting went and how the Foundation may need someone to help facilitate the future community meetings. Brian Jordan told the Board that he facilitates these types of meeting very frequently. Usually at community meetings, the attendees are

addressed at the door and asked if they had questions for the Foundation or Board. If they do then they would write their name on a piece of paper. During the meeting, their name will be read and they would have three minutes to ask their question. Board President File said after attending the last community meeting, he feels it is important to have a few of the board members there to tell the background of how the district got to this situation.

Next on the Superintendent report, the board discussed having voter registration information available at the Parent-Teacher Conferences and to make the parents aware of the next community meeting being held March 4, 2024 at the Beloit Elementary School. The Superintendent displayed the District's website that holds the bond information. The preschool packets will become available for parents to pick up on March 1, 2024. There is the potential of needing another room for preschool due to the influx in students. The south building of the Mitchell County Early Learning Center could be used as a 3-year old preschool because it is a dual licensed facility. Conscious Discipline was discussed at the last parent teacher conference and it went over very well. The Superintendent discussed the need to establish mud routes. He does not want the bus drivers to be uncomfortable driving on the roads. Therefore, he would like to leave the decision to use mud routes up to the individual bus driver. The bus driver would call the parents to let them know they would be running mud routes. The Superintendent said that grant money was found to fund one of our current social workers for the next school year. This would be a partnership with Pawnee Mental Health. The next board meeting will be held Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Also, in the Superintendent's report health insurance was discussed. Last year's health insurance increase took away the raise received by most employees. Other options may need to be looked at. IMA came out to talk to the district. This company will look at and address health insurance issues through the year instead of annually. The Superintendent will discuss with the Employee Council. Board Member Krier stated to be sure to look closely at coverage to make sure it includes local medical facilities. The Superintendent discussed with the Board the bank meeting that was held. All local banks were invited to this meeting. All were in attendance except Farmway Credit Union. Board President File thought it was a positive meeting with all banks agreeing that the bond could be handled locally.

Casey Seyfert gave the Student Council Report.

Tamma Lawson gave the JAG-K report.

Stephanie Porter gave the Site Council report.

Janet Porter gave the PTO report.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Thompson, to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar as presented. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Stillwell, to approve the Handbook policy as presented. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Jon Stillwell left the room at 8:05pm

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Krier, to approve the purchase of the quote for the 2018 Genie TZ-50 lift from Stillwell Sales for \$24,000. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays with Jon Stillwell abstaining.

A motion was made by Stillwell, seconded by Johnson, to approve the purchase of the sound system at Trojan Stadium from Solid Rock AV for \$65,697.84 with contributions from Booster Club (\$23,000) and the Doug Dougherty Memorial (\$2,560). Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Agenda Item 9a) Richard Sedlacek was struck from the agenda due to his absence.

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 9:00 P.M. in this room with Jeff Travis, Janet Porter and Casey Seyfert remaining. The motion was seconded by Ludwig. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

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A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Stillwell, that the meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 P.M. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

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President, Board of Education

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Clerk, Board of Education