

BOARD MINUTES
August 12, 2024

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 273 met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:30 P.M., at the Board of Education Office with the following members present: Joe File, Amber Krier, Kelsey Adams, Jacob Ludwig, and Jonathan Stillwell. Also present were Jeff Travis, Superintendent; Tiffany Schroeder, Clerk; Garry Lowry, Beloit Elementary School Assistant Principal; Casey Seyfert, Beloit Jr-Sr High School 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: Craig Cousland, Olivia Wright, Stacy Behrends, Brian Debey, Michael Martin, Samantha Fugate, Clayton Kelley per Zoom (8:45 P.M to 8:50 P.M.).

A motion was made by Stillwell to approve the agenda with the following changes: add 14a) Substitute Pay (A.I.), and strike 2a) Approval of Minutes – July 1, 2024 Special Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ludwig. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

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

Minutes of July 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, July 22, 2024 Special Meeting, and August 9, 2024 Special Meeting;

Payment of Bills and Claims;

Approval of Revenue Journals;

Approval of BOE, BES and BJSHS Activity Funds;

Contracts:

Amanda Hawkins, Paraeducator, Tipton Community School;

Darby Odle, Psychometrician, Beloit Special Education;

Tiarra Cluck, Paraeducator, Rock Hills Elementary School;

Resignations:

Debbie Bentz, Paraeducator, Beloit Elementary School;

Lori Deneke, Paraeducator, Beloit Elementary School;

Emily Dickinson, Special Education Teacher, Beloit Special Education;

Jenna File, Lead Teacher, Mitchell County Early Learning Center;

Jacee Hillegeist, Special Education Teacher, Beloit Special Education.

Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

BILLS

PAID JULY 19, 2024:		Flex Account Administration	1,293.33
MG Trust	200.00	First National Bank & Trust	1,098.46
American Fidelity Assurance	2,179.34	First National Bank & Trust	42,798.83
American Fidelity Assurance Co	1,100.00	KPERS	11,735.52

KPERS-Optional Life	27.70	Crumbaker Oil & Feed, LLC	529.51
KS Dept of Revenue	7,270.34	Cunningham Telephone & Cable	1,791.24
KS Employ Security Fund	186.32	Gary DeKler	38.96
USD 273 Health Reserve	17328.8	Discount School Supply	30.70
FTC-Fiduciary Trust Co of NH	400.00	DS Busline, Inc	381.44
Total	85,618.64	Ashley R. Eck	128.98
		Dunstan Trucking, LLC	2,299.41
		Ali Ernst	11.99
PAID AUGUST 12, 2024:		eSpark Learning	5,776.30
Ackerman Supply, Inc	96.86	ESTR Publications	68.60
All American Glass	395.00	F & A Food Sales, Inc	381.00
American Ag & Auto, LLC	263.45	FES, LLC	5,915.00
Amanda Anderson	349.74	First Bank of Beloit	24.00
Artic Bites, LLC	338.00	Flinn Scientific, Inc	142.67
Athco, LLC	87.00	FHSU-Student Fiscal Services	2,559.84
Stacy Behrends	71.96	Generation Genius, Inc	525.00
Beloit Call	50.00	Geyer Instructional Aids, Co	231.00
Beloit Elementary School	57.29	Glassman Corporation	867.90
Beloit Greenhouse	262.50	Gordon N. Stowe & Associates	748.00
Beloit Jr-Sr High School	5,020.54	Thomas W. Goss	60.30
Bjorem Speech Publications	336.97	Morgan Harris	9,050.00
Blade-Empire Publishing	1,534.20	Britney Hauser	20.10
Boettcher Supply, Inc	1,443.54	Literary Resources, LLC	576.72
Books by the Bushel	984.70	Hiserote Trash Removal Service	320.00
Book Systems	2,290.00	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	5,841.35
Bpservices	523.00	Meagan Housh	79.13
Bracker's Good Earth Clays, Inc	4,379.01	Debra Howell	40.20
BSN Sports	6,815.91	HQ H2O Inc/Culligan	94.00
Bump Armor Tech Protection	1,662.47	MeKelle Hurlbut	22.78
Calhoon's Automotive	4,084.75	Image Quest	5,687.83
Carolina Biological Supply, Inc	416.60	Image Quest	67,819.51
Carrico Implement Co, Inc	16.23	Angela Isaac	71.02
Cawker City Ledger	174.39	Junior Library Guild	570.08
Cengage Learning, Inc	567.00	J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc	566.98
Central Valley Ag	44.17	KASB	3,000.00
Dawn Chandler	90.85	KCCTO	16.00
Child Care Aware	70.00	Kansas Gas Service	816.33
City of Beloit	14,195.06	Lakeshore Learning	419.88
Click Report, LLC	249.00	Lathrop GPM, LLP	8,413.00
Donna Conn	87.94	Learning A-Z	132.00
Marcie Corpstein	100.50		

Learning Resources	246.91	SafeDefend, LLC	3,960.00
Denise A. Long	32.16	Schendel Pest Control	360.00
Loving Guidance, LLC	431.25	School Datebooks, Inc	387.50
Loyd Group, LLC	15,510.00	School Nurse Supply, Inc	337.02
Master Teacher, Inc	1,320.00	School Specialty	3,884.83
Amanda McGuire	561.26	Secure Shred of NCK	550.00
Erin McCain	18.49	Casey Seyfert	3,584.48
Messenger Total Promotions	913.75	Shar Products Co	2,640.49
		Skyward-Network Support	
Midwest Music, Inc	832.32	Program	480.50
Mitchell Co Solid Waste	10.00	Brandon Smith	32.16
Madelynn Moore	36.18	Smoky Hill/Cent KS Ed Svc Ctr	85.00
Courtney Moreland	24.12	Solomon Valley Home Center	881.72
Plank Road Publishing, Inc	109.15	Starfall Education Foundation	355.00
NASSP/NHS	385.00	Inspirit Group, LLC	1,650.00
National Fire Suppression	4,603.75	Subway	110.51
NCD KAAE	756.00	Sunflower Restaurant Supply	1,076.00
Nex-Tech Wireless	2,162.96	Super Duper School Co	43.93
Nicky's Folders	688.75	Superior Publishing Co, Inc	36.00
North Star Teacher Resources	46.36	Teacher Created Resources	204.52
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc	268.96	Teacher Synergy, LLC	453.19
Kansas One-Call System, Inc	2.40	Beth Teselle	32.16
Paper 101	11,020.95	Dawn Thomas	34.84
Janet Parker	32.16	Thompson's O.K. Tire, Inc	1,206.92
PAT National Center	3,055.00	Lynne Thrun	58.96
Pearson Clinical	3,621.67	Trane US, Inc	1,288.33
Pioneer Athletics	2,507.78	Typing.com	947.70
Pitney Bowes, Inc	308.22	UCP Infnitec-Kansas Coalition	1,900.00
Janet Porter	110.66	USD #272 Waconda	14,336.20
USPS	750.00	Vision Communications	1,080.00
Prairie Fire Coffee	34.00	Waconda Trader	324.00
Purewater of NCK	17.00	Ward's Natural Science	150.42
Pur-O-Zone	8,070.23	Watts & Sons	1,836.74
Quill Corporation	7,519.59	Anita Wirth	44.22
Ray's AppleMarket	1,213.81	WoodRiver Energy, LLC	123.54
Really Good Stuff	1,248.63	WPS Publishing	537.90
Ref Reps, LLC	1,125.00	Xerox Financial Services	3,287.72
Reliance Standard	1,105.12	Zachary's Ace Hardware	1,790.51
Renaissance Learning, Inc	11,716.70	Zaner-Bloser, Inc	2,225.52
Rocket Math, LLC	500.00	Total	308,362.20

FUND SUMMARY:

GENERAL FUND	138,366.25	HEALTH CARE RESERVE	1,105.12
SUPPLEMENTAL GEN	8,820.94	TEXTBOOKS	5,841.35
CAPITAL OUTLAY	93,592.53	COOP SPECIAL ED	30,794.73
FOOD SERVICE	1,943.90	MEDICAID	13,299.98
PARENT EDUCATION FUND	6,056.38	SMART START (MCPC)	6,680.35
CAREER & POSTSECND ED	1,860.67	TOTAL	308,362.20

Craig Cousland and Michael Martin have expressed interest in the vacant USD 273 Board of Education position. President File addressed the Board with instructions on how the interviews would take place. One of the two applicant’s names would be drawn and interviewed by the Board of Education, then the other member would be asked to follow. The candidate that was not being interviewed was asked to step into the District Office main area. Both Craig and Michael would explain why they are interested in the position and answer questions.

Craig Cousland’s name was drawn, so he was the first applicant to answer questions from each Board Member. Once Mr. Cousland was finished, he then went into the District Office main area while Michael Martin went in to answer the same questions. The Board proceeded the interview in the same manner as Mr. Cousland’s interview.

The Superintendent discussed the planning of the bond questions and asked the Board if they had any questions. President File asked if there was anything that could be done now to prevent the track from getting worse. Stillwell wanted to make sure the proposition was changed to include the word “subsurface” so it would read as “athletic improvements, including surface and subsurface improvements”. The district needs assessments were discussed. The superintendent said the numbers will change once we get the actual enrollment numbers. The district’s benefit guide for health insurance was distributed to the Board. The Superintendent’s Evaluation was given to the board members to read, as well as the Facility Use Agreement. Sections A and B of the Board Policies have been added to the board members Google Drive for them to look over and review next month. The superintendent wanted to announce that the district received a Trailblazer award.

Clayton Kelley with Piper Sandler & Co. joined the board meeting by Zoom. He was available to answer questions regarding the bond questions. Clayton will make sure the propositions include the wording “surface and subsurface” when referring to the track and tennis courts.

The Board looked over the unencumbered cash balances.

The Superintendent gave an update on the bond.

The Board discussed the bond questions and agreed to the following:

Question #1 would be to construct, retrofit, furnish and equip HVAC at the Elementary School and Junior-Senior High School at an estimated cost of \$5,000,000.

Question #2 would be to construct, furnish and equip a new Agricultural Center/Technology building at an estimated cost of \$3,900,000.

Question #3 would be to construct improvements to the surface and subsurface of the track and tennis courts at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000.

Questions #2 and #3 are contingent on question #1 passing.

Stillwell moved that a resolution authorizing and providing for the calling of a bond election in Unified School District No. 273 Mitchell County, Kansas (Beloit) for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the district separate questions of issuing general obligation bonds of the district; authorizing application to the State Board of Education for the authority to call the bond election and for capital improvement state aid; and providing for the giving of notice of the bond election. The motion was seconded by Krier. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Adams, to approve the teacher reimbursement amount for dual credit to 90% and the USD reimbursement to 10%. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the facility use agreement as presented. The board is still awaiting the presentation of the waiver. It will be brought to the board at the next board meeting. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Adams, to approve the addition to the coaches list for 2024-2025. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Stillwell, seconded by Adams, to approve the addition to the sponsor list for 2024-2025. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Krier, to approve the student handbook for 2024-2025 as presented. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the increase of certified substitute pay to \$100 per day, \$130 for 6+ days and classified substitute pay to \$11.50 per hour. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Stillwell, seconded by Krier, to appoint Craig Cousland to the vacated board member position of Jason Johnson for the remainder of Johnson's term. Motion carried: 4 Yeas, 1 Nay.

Immediately following the appointment, Craig Cousland signed a Loyalty Oath that was administered by Tiffany Schroeder, Clerk of the Board.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Stillwell, that the meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 P.M. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education