

Board Minutes

January 17, 2024

The Community Unit School District #2 of Scott and Morgan Counties met in regular session, Wednesday January 17, 2024.

Gary Westermeyer called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Terry Kunkel, Roger Barnett, Matt Bangert, April Coats, Gary Westermeyer and Drew Barnett. DeWayne Hart was absent.

Zach Morrissey, Liz, Dalton and Douglas Devall, Christy Beddingfield, Renee Slotter, Haley Sharrow, Sara Ogden, Tabitha Carie, Kennedy Barnett, Hunter Fitzgerald, Alana and Austin Boehs, Jordan Mueller, Isabella Powell, Sylvia Hoots and Shawn Kerwin were guests in attendance.

Gary Westermeyer asked for a motion to move to closed session 7:01p. Matt Bangert made the motion. Drew Barnett seconded the motion. Yea: April Coats, Drew Barnett, Matt Bangert, Terry Kunkel, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

All of those in attendance were dismissed with the exception of Board members and the Superintendent, Dr. Kevin Blankenship during this time.

All guests and employees were invited back into the regular session at 7:56p.

At 7:56p April Coats made the motion to reconvene as a regular meeting. Drew Barnett seconded. Yea: April Coats, Roger Barnett, Terry Kunkel, Drew Barnett, Matt Bangert and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

Gary Westermeyer gave the floor to Haley Sharrow to speak on behalf of the Bluffs Education Association. A mission statement was read aloud. Gary Westermeyer responded respectfully, thanking the union members in their position. He apologized for recent actions and gave his word that the board will thrive and continue to build a supportive school environment.

Roger Barnett made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of previous month's minutes, monthly bills, financial reports and payroll after a small edit request is updated in the minutes. Credit Hours to Service Hours for NHS. April Coats seconded the motion. Yea: April Coats, Drew Barnett, Matt Bangert, Terry Kunkel, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

None

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Blankenship reported on the ball field project. The scoreboard is arriving this week. Athletics and NWEA testing in full swing. Calendar committee is set to meet soon in regards to the FY25 school year. He also reported on the recent inclement weather school closing. The wind chill in the area was a definite concern for many school districts in the early hours of the day and the risk could not be warranted if something were to happen. The wind chill warning was lifted and extra curricular activities resumed.

Principal's Report

Mr. Range announced that NWEA testing began this week as we enter the second week of the third quarter. Report cards for 1st semester are available in Teacherease. He congratulated the West Central Cougar boys basketball team on their recent tournament wins in Waverly and in the Winchester Invitational Tournament. Recognizing specific students, Zack Evans, Chance Little and Ryker Ford for their athletic achievements during these games. An accommodation was also given to the West Central Cougar Cheerleaders on their win at the Winchester Invitational Tournament cheer competition.

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April Coats inquired about the 2nd quarter report cards not being available for viewing in Teacherease as of yet. Mr. Range will address.

New Business:

Dr. Blankenship reported on the Building project/maintenance grant - High School project punch list 99% complete. Bathrooms were completed over the holiday break with the exception of replacing the incorrect doors with the correct doors. The corridor units are on the agenda to complete as well. The HVAC system upheld the cold snap and continued to work properly. Veregy is still working on locating contractors for specific jobs in regards to the secure entrance project in addition to the most effective and cost efficient way to secure the breezeway long term. He also stated that he is preparing research and estimates for metal detectors.

The proposed motion to approve the personnel report containing the following;

1. Resignation Kaitlyn Holder - WC Softball Coach
2. Resignation Bailey Littleton - HS Science teacher
3. Resignation Shelbie Flath - Office Administrator
4. Approve - Michelle Weber WC Softball Head Coach

Roger Barnett made the motion to approve the personnel report. Terry Kunkel seconded the motion. Yea: April Coats, Terry Kunkel, Drew Barnett, Matt Bangert, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

Matt Bangert made the motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Drew Barnett seconded the motion. Yea: all in favor.

ATTEST:

President

Secretary