

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 343
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
December 11, 2017

Minutes of the regular meeting held on December 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Office.

Members Present: Travis Daniels, Matt Erickson, DeAnn Hupe Seib, Jenny Morgison, Gene Barrett (arrived at 5:50 p.m.), Traci Eddy, Tiffany Ball

Also Present: JB Elliott, Superintendent; Josh Woodward, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Rita Lesser; Justin Dunnaway; and Marty Blosser, Clerk

- 1.0 Call to Order** – President Travis Daniels called the regular meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.
- 2.0 Ordering and Approval of the Agenda** – Matt Erickson moved to accept the agenda as presented. Traci Eddy seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- 3.0 Executive Session** – Matt Erickson moved that the board recess to executive session to discuss an employee’s performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under Kansas Open Meeting Act. Included in the executive session will be Superintendent JB Elliott. This executive session should begin at 5:40 p.m. in this room with the board reconvening at this place at 6:25 p.m. DeAnn Hupe Seib seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made and seconded to extend executive session 5 minutes, to begin at 6:25 p.m. and reconvene at 6:30 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

- 4.0** Let the record show that the board returned to regular session at 6:30 p.m.

- 5.0 Consent Agenda** – Matt Erickson moved to approve the Consent Agenda with:

Personnel Considerations: The employment of Christine Byler as a food service employee; The resignation of Zoey Miller as transportation and custodian, effective November 17th; The resignation of Mike Sweeney as food services employee, effective November 30th.

Attendance Requests: From Christy Mallonee of Lawrence, for Colton Mallonee to attend PLHS as an 11th grader.

Gifts & Grants to the District: None

Tiffany Ball seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

- 6.0 Recognitions** – The PLHS Singers began the meeting by singing a Holiday song.

- 7.0 Board Business**

- 7.1 2016-17 USD #343 Audit Report** – DeAnn Hupe Seib moved to approve the 2017-18 USD #343 audit report as presented. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

- 7.2 Recognition of Service** – Superintendent Elliott presented each of the out-going board members an endowment brick that listed their years of service on the Board of Education.
- 7.3 Transportation Report** – Rhett Scrimsher, USD #343 Transportation Director, presented the board with a transportation update.
- 7.4 Additional Staff Payment** – Tiffany Ball moved to approve a one-time payment to all USD #343 staff members of \$125. Matt Erickson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
- 7.5 Superintendent’s Contract** – Matt Erickson moved to extend the contract for JB Elliott as superintendent of schools to June 30, 2020. Tracy Eddy seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8.0 Executive Session – None

9.0 Reports and Communications

7.1 Superintendent’s Report

- Superintendent Elliott updated the board regarding the plan to visit the Creche Academy daycare in Meriden this week.
- Concerns regarding possible changes to school funding at the federal level were reviewed. Cuts to Title II and a push for vouchers for private schools were mentioned.
- Buildings will close on December 21st and re-open on January 3rd.
- The District Office will be closed December 21st – 25th and on January 1st. Normal office hours on December 26th – 29th and January 2nd – 5th.

7.2 Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report – Director Woodward updated the board on the PLHS/PLMS Career Fairs and the results of the bullying survey for this year.

7.3 Keystone Learning Services Update – Minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting were enclosed with board materials.

9.0 Adjournment – Traci Eddy moved to adjourn the meeting. Tiffany Ball seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 7:42 p.m.

Travis Daniels, President

Marty Blosser, Clerk