BOARD OF EDUCATION

LABETTE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 506

Altamont, KS 67330

Mound Valley School November 13, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Justin Bebb

Greg Bogner

Kevin Cole

Rich Falkenstien

Jessie Foister

Dr. Kolette Smith

Absent Board Members:

Brian Harlow

Others Present:

Dr. John Wyrick, Supt. Spence Allison, BGS Principal

Shane Holtzman, Asst. Supt Melissa Green, MDValley Principal

Cindy Dean, Board Clerk Stacy Smith, LCHS Principal

Isabelle Redford, Communications Director

1. Jessie Foister called the meeting to order. Kevin Cole opened with prayer.

2. Kevin Cole made a motion to approve the printed agenda. Rich Falkenstien seconded

the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Consent Agenda

Rich Falkenstien made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Greg Bogner seconded the

motion. Motion carried 6-0.

4. Recognitions/Communications

None at this time

5. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comments

None at this time

6. Reports

6.1 Superintendent Report

Dr. Wyrick congratulated Kevin Cole as being nominated as President Elect for the Kansas

Association of School Boards. Dr. Wyrick stated this is huge for the SEK School Districts

and specially Labette County School District. Kevin Cole thanked Dr. Wyrick and the USD

506 Team for the kind words.

Dr. Wyrick updated the Board on the Highway 160 update. Dr. Wyrick stated he spent a

day last week with former State Representative Rich Proehl and Representative Goddard

giving them a tour of the Highway 160. Dr. Wyrick is very hopeful HWY 160 will be

nominated as the next Highway Project for the new year.

6.2 Administrative

Spence Allison reported the Bartlett Grade Fall Family Fun Night last Friday was a success.

Mr. Allison stated he along with Dr. Wyrick grilled hamburgers and hotdogs and about

150 were in attendance. Mr. Allison reported the Bartlett Grade Pre-School has

11 students enrolled now. Mr. Allison stated he is awaiting the License approval

for the Bartlett Grade Day Care so we can start this soon as possible.

Stacy Smith reported the LCHS FFA Teams did a fantastic job at the FFA National

Convention. Mrs. Smith reported Winter Sports Practice has begun and have 51 boys and

40 girls out for LCHS Basketball and 20 boys and 28 girls out for Wrestling. Mrs. Smith

stated Senator Moran was on campus for a tour of the LCHS Campus recently and was

truly blown away by the student-guided tour. Mrs. Smith commented and said Senator

Moran called her that evening because he could not stop thinking about our students and

District. In closing their conversation Senator Moran said that was the most memorable

school visit he has ever been on.

Melissa Green reported Mound Valley Grade had their Grandparents/Veterans Day

Celebration last week and thanked Mr. Elliott for his help on putting together such a

great program. Mrs. Green stated the Mound Valley After School Program is going great

and has a good number of students attending.

Isabelle Redford stated the Labette County Schools Facebook and other District Social

Media sights have really blown up here recently have a good number of followers.

6.3 KASB/Legislative

Kevin Cole stated the School Vouchers and School Fundings will be the big topics again.

6.4 SEK Interlocal #637

Kevin Cole reported the SEK Interlocal approved to lease a new building in Columbus for

a 2nd location for The Learning Center. The new building will be referred to as the TLC

South. Mr. Cole stated a Window Grant will help fund this TLC South.

Justin Bebb left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

7. Discussion Items

None at this time

8. Action Items

8.1 Kevin Cole made a motion to approve Policy JBC. Rich Falkenstien seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

8.2 Dr. Kolette Smith made a motion to approve Policy JBCC. Rich Falkenstien seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

9. Executive Session

Dr. Kolette Smith moved the Board go into executive session for 30 minutes, to discuss

an individual employee’s performance pursuant to non-elected personal under KOMA,

beginning at 8:00 p.m. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room

at 8:30 p.m. To include Dr. Wyrick, Mr. Holtzman, and Mrs. Smith in the Executive Session.

Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Kolette Smith moved to extend the executive session for 20 minutes, to discuss an

Individual employee’s performance pursuant to non-elected personal under KOMA,

beginning at 8:33 p.m. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room at

8:53 p.m. Greg Bogner seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

No action was taken as a result of executive session

10. Board Member Comments

Rich Falkenstien – no comments

Greg Bogner congratulated the LCHS FFA Teams on their job well done at the National

Convention. Mr. Bogner thanked Mrs. Green for hosting us tonight. Mr. Bogner

congratulated Kevin Cole on his new role at the KASB Level.

Kevin Cole thanked the schools for having the wonderful Veterans Day Celebrations last

week honoring our Veterans. Mr. Cole thanked the Theatre Department for the great

performance. Mr. Cole thanked his board team for all the generous words toward his

tonight.

Dr. Kolette Smith stated she is very happy to be her for another 4 years. Dr. Smith

stated the Edna Grade Chili Fundraiser was a huge success and had a great time

attending. Dr. Smith state the Theatre Department Performance was a hit and thanked

them for an outstanding job.

Jessie Foister congratulated the LCHS FFA Team for a job well done a the National

Convention. Mrs. Foister stated the Edna Grade Doors look fantastic.

11. Adjournment

Dr. Kolette Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Bogner seconded the

Motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. The next regular board

Meeting will be December 11, 2023 at Labette County High School.