

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LABETTE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 506  
Altamont, KS 67330

Curran Administrative Office

September 14, 2020

7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Justin Bebb  
Greg Bogner  
Rich Falkenstien  
Jessie Foisters  
Dr. Kolette Smith

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Brian Harlow

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Wyrick, Superintendent  
Tony Blackwell, Asst. Superintendent  
Cindy Dean, Board Clerk  
Spence Allison, BGS Principal  
Tiffany Flatt, AGS Principal  
Melissa Green, MdValley Prinicpal  
Shane Holtzman, LCHS Principal

Chris Kastler, MdView Principal  
Donny Peak, MDView Asst. Principal  
Stacy Smith, LCHS Interm Asst. Principal  
Tim Traxson, EGS Principal

1. Jessie Foister called the meeting to order. Rich Falkenstien opened with prayer.
2. Dr. Kolette Smith moved to approved the printed agenda. Justin Bebb seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Consent Agenda  
Kevin Cole mad a motion to approved 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 thanked the Board Members for thoroughly looking over the board expenditures in the board packet and asking questions. Dr. Wyrick updated the Board on the Re-Opening Plan and stated the remote learning is very stressful for our teaching staff and families. Dr. Wyrick stated Randy Watson, State Commissioner of Education made the comment “as a State we can’t sustain a hybrid learning format and need to think how we can bring all students back to the classroom.” Dr. Wyrick reported the discussion and possible action of bringing students back to the classroom will be on the October Agenda.

### 6.2 Administrative Report

Chris Kastler reported Meadow View had a great start to school. Mr. Kastler stated Meadow View has had no problems with staff or students wearing the required masks. Mr. Kastler stated the after-school ECHO Program will start soon and is working on program details now.

Donny Peak stated the Meadow View Teaching Staff and students are doing a fantastic job wearing the mask and being responsible.

Stacy Smith reported the LCHS Teachers are doing a phenomenal job. Mrs. Smith stated the students are so happy to be back to school and are adjusting well to all the changes.

Tiffany Flatt stated several of the teaching staff have school aged children and it is very hard for them to support their own children while teaching remotely. Mrs. Flatt stated the Lady Eagle Volleyball Team did well tonight and brought home a win.

Melissa Green reported Mound Valley had a great start to school and a lot collaboration between teachers helping each other. Mrs. Green stated wearing masks and taking temperatures are going great. Mrs. Green reported the Spelling Bee is this Wednesday and will be on Google Meet since parents can’t attend this year.

Tim Traxson thanked Mr. Blackwell and the Bus Drivers for adapting so quickly to the changes. Mr. Traxson stated Technology Department is doing a phenomenal job helping with the virtual learning. Mr. Traxson stated the students are very happy to be back to school.

Spence Allison stated Bartlett Grade Teachers have done a wonderful job at starting school with all the new changes. Mr. Allison stated the families and students are doing great at wearing the required masks. Mr. Allison reported Samantha Hope has joined the Bartlett Grade School Staff as the new evening custodian and is doing a fine job.

### 6.3 KASB/Legislative

Kevin Cole stated a KASB re-organizational meeting was held last week. Mr. Cole announced there will not be an KASB Annual Convention this week. KSDE will have virtual workshops coming up soon.

### 6.4 SEK Interlocal #637

Kevin Cole reported the SEK Interlocal had their meeting last week and staff is having a hard time and struggling with the virtual learning process. Mr. Cole stated SEK Interlocal Administration Evaluations will take place in November. Mr. Cole stated SEK Interlocal will have Strategic Planning and workshops coming up soon.

## 7. Discussion Items

The Board and Admin Team discussed having a Strategic Planning Session. The next Strategic Planning Session will be Wednesday, October 21 at the Board Office, 5:30 p.m.

## 8. Action Items

8.1 Kevin Cole made a motion to approve the Coronavirus Memorandum of Understanding.

Dr. Kolette Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

8.2 Kevin Cole made a motion for USD 506 not participating in the IRS issued Notice 2020-65.

Rich Falkenstien seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

8.3 Justin Bebb made a motion to approve the Classified Pay Increase as presented.

Rich Falkenstien seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

8.4 Kevin Cole made a motion to approve the Building Level Administration Pay Increase as presented. Justin Bebb seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

## 9. Board Member Comments

Rich Falkenstien – No Comment

Justin Bebb – No Comment

Dr. Kolette Smith stated she is very proud of all our staff starting school with all the new challenges. Dr. Smith thanked everyone for their Act of Kindness during the Pandemic. Dr. Smith expressed her appreciation to the past and present Board Members.

Greg Bogner thanked the staff, students and parents for their team effort making this school year a true success.

Kevin Cole welcomed Jessie Foister back. Mr. Cole stated the teaching staff is doing a fabulous job working through this stressful time. Mr. Cole stated it is great seeing the acts of kindness and appreciation demonstrated by our families through this time. Mr. Cole thanked the custodial and maintenance departments for their amazing efforts this school year.

#### 10. Adjournment

Justin Bebb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be October 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Edna Grade School.