

Unified School District No. 505, Labette County, State of Kansas

May 8, 2023

Roberta Carter, president, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM with all members present, except Julia Nash and Seth Born. Others present: Craig Bagshaw, Superintendent; Josh Brennon, District technology; Jolene Hall, Chetopa K-12 principal; Keaton McCracken, St. Paul K-12 principal; and Terri Ross, clerk.

A motion, "I make a motion to approve the agenda" was made by Brad Harris and seconded by Barbara Evans. The motion passed, 5-0.

The consent agenda included the minutes of the April 10, 2023 meeting; May bills; April VISA bill; and April activity accounts. A motion, "I make a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented" was made by Kari Chambers and seconded by Brad Harris. The motion passed, 5-0.

Under SEK reports, Roberta Carter reported: filled most of the positions; K-12 special ed teacher at Chetopa has been filled; significant increase in the cost of insurance; and they are working on the floor and roof at the RISE center.

Under technology, Josh Brennon reported: had to purchase some computer parts; phone system doesn't have to be replaced yet since the regulation doesn't apply to us; Senior checkout should go smoothly; and received 28 responses in one day to the esports survey with 42% interested.

Under principal reports, Mr. McCracken's report included: Fastbridge scores are promising; JH track is over; students are improving their personal best in HS track and 2 will be going to regionals; softball is just shy of 500 and baseball has a few wins; Gennie Vitt has 12 HS records in Powerlifting; baseball field grass is green now; working on summer list; Thursday is the last day for seniors, May 18 for everyone else; awards banquet is Wednesday and travel ball kids are doing well. Mrs. Hall reported: celebrated teacher appreciation week; senior art project complete and the winner will be announced at graduation; Paxson's retirement party went well and he received a proclamation from the City of Chetopa; Pac Team carnival went well and the Pac Team paid for bowling for the JH and HS and paid for the elementary to go to the zoo; the JH and HS students will also tour the PSU technology building; Sunday is graduation; Thursday, May 18 is the elementary and JH awards; softball ended early due to injuries; and 13 for JH cheer and 19 JH volleyball so we will need new uniforms.

Under superintendent reports, Mr. Bagshaw reported: City of Chetopa wants the school to pay half (\$2200) for damage to the asphalt; needs assessment was done and will be used when doing the budget; need to bid buses for the bus grant; applied for \$10,000 and received \$5,000 from a community foundation grant; and a suburban was in an accident and will probably be totaled.

Under board matters, a motion, "I make a motion to accept the completed District Needs Assessment as presented. Additionally, USD 505 will utilize this document as a guide to develop the 2024 District Budget" was made by Brad Harris and seconded by Kari Chambers. The motion passed, 5-0. A motion, "I make a motion to accept a \$5,000 grant from the Parsons Area Community Foundation for weight room improvements" was made by Kari Chambers and seconded by Brad Harris. The motion passed, 5-0. A motion, "I make a motion to order 3 new school buses understanding that the district must destroy the older buses to receive the \$75,000 grant from the State of Kansas" was made by Barbara Evans and seconded by Tyler Pike. The motion passed, 5-0.

In accordance with Kansas statute 75-4319, a motion, "I make a motion to go into executive session with the Board, Mr. Bagshaw, Mrs. Hall, and Mr. McCracken until 8:15 PM, to protect the parties involved for discussion of matters related to non-elected personnel including separations, new hires and employee performance and evaluation" was made by Kari Chambers and seconded by Barbara Evans. The motion passed, 5-0.

The open meeting resumed at 8:15 PM. A motion, "I make a motion to accept the following resignations: Jordyn Shields, Chetopa 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; Emily Handshee, Chetopa High School Math; Ithica Lacey, St. Paul K-12 Art; Rhonda Willis, St. Paul High School Track" was made by Brad Harris and seconded by Kari Chambers. The motion passed, 5-0. A motion, "I make a motion to hire Shawna Benke as Chetopa Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher" was made by Kari Chambers and seconded by Brad Harris. The motion passed, 5-0. A motion, "I make a motion to hire Opal Odaffer as Chetopa Title I support" was made by Barbara Evans and seconded by Tyler Pike. The motion passed, 5-0. A motion, "I make a motion to allow the transfer of Jena Darnell to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Chetopa Elementary" was made by Tyler Pike and seconded by Kari Chambers. The motion passed, 5-0.

A motion, "I make a motion to adjourn" was made by Brad Harris and seconded by Kari Chambers. The motion passed, 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

MEMBERS PRESENT:  
Roberta Carter  
Barbara Evans  
Brad Harris  
Kari Chambers  
Tyler Pike