

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**Garden City Unified School District No. 457**  
**Auditorium, Garden City High School**  
**Monday, December 7, 2020; 6:00 p.m.**  
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The Board of Education of Garden City USD 457 met in regular session on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Garden City High School, 2720 Buffalo Way Blvd. Garden City, Kansas 67846.

Board members present were Lara Bors, Tim Hanigan, Dana Nanninga, Mark Rude, Jennifer Standley and Alex Wallace. Board member Janene Radke joined via Zoom videoconferencing. Joining board members at the conference table was Superintendent, Steven Karlin. Also in attendance were Heath Hogan, Deputy Superintendent; Glenda LaBarbera, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services; and KJ Knoll, Financial Officer. Approximately 50 observers were present in the audience.

Lara Bors, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

	Bors	Hanigan	Nanninga	Radke	Rude	Standley	Wallace
Motion							X
Second					X		
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

**Motion:** That the Board of Education approve the meeting agenda with the following amendments:

1. Additional certified and classified personnel actions for consideration, Item #E-3.

**DELEGATIONS, Q & A, PUBLIC COMMENTS, (a speaker or group will be allotted five minutes to speak after signing a request to address the Board of Education), RECOGNITIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nathan Kells requested to address the Board of Education regarding remote learning, district levels and athletics/activities. He was given five minutes to present his information.

Beth Koksall requested to address the Board of Education regarding level 6 and activities. She was given five minutes to present her information.

Callie Dyer requested to address the Board of Education regarding level 6 and activities. She was given five minutes to present her information.

Symone Simmons requested to address the Board of Education regarding athletics and activities. She was given five minutes to present her information.

James Davis requested to address the Board of Education regarding remote learning. He was given five minutes to present his information.

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Kathy Schaefer requested to address the Board of Education regarding work from home option. She was given five minutes to present her information.

John Wiese requested to address the Board of Education regarding athletics and activities. He was given five minutes to present his information.

Angie Tolbert requested to address the Board of Education regarding remote learning and athletics. She was given five minutes to present her information.

Honey Coash requested to address the Board of Education regarding in person school for elementary age students. She was given five minutes to present her information.

1. Building Presentation - Plymell Elementary School. Linda Finch, Principal, presented the following information:

- School wide zoom every morning
- Lunch and book delivery everyday
- Small group zooms
- Virtual music concert
- 16 days of Christmas challenge
- Video of teachers and students regarding the changes made due to COVID

Board members questions were answered.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - Madison Silva, GCHS Athletic Trainer read a letter on behalf of Andy Flemmer, CEO of St. Catherine Hospital regarding COVID.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

	Bors	Hanigan	Nanninga	Radke	Rude	Standley	Wallace
Motion							X
Second				X			
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

**Motion:** That the Board of Education approve all consent agenda items as amended. Approved actions are as follows.

1. **MINUTES** of the November 9, 2020 Board of Education meeting - approved as presented.

2. **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** totaling \$6,772,064.42, noting that all major accounts contain adequate balances to meet current obligations - approved as presented.

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3. **PERSONNEL** – approved all certified and classified personnel actions as follows:

a. **Certified**

Appointments: Mary Bugg, Ivone Damian Chanocua, Lina Anescar Meile

Contract Recommendation: Leslie Garcia's non-renewal on April 20, 2020 changed to renewal.

Expense Payment Agreement: Biju Kalarikkal – Permanent Residency

Supplementals:

- Byron Clark      SI      Bilingual, Level 2
- Libby Elliot      ES      National Board Certification
- Leslie Garcia      AE      Bilingual, Level 2
- Juliana Munoz      KH      Soccer Boys A/C

Tuition Reimbursement Agreement: Lauren Hastings – Master's Degree

Other: Kaitlyn Pfeifer – Rule 10 A/C Girls' Basketball at GCHS

b. **Classified**

Appointments: Anayensi Cisneros Garcia, Blanca Morales Fernandez, Cynthia Romero, Erika Serrano, Nicole Woods

Resignations: Maria Guerrero, Tiffany Guerrero, Katherine Orozco, Fatima Tamayo

Retirement: Angelita Heinz, Josandra Mesa, Kathy Pool

Termination: James Cisneros

Transfers:

- Alma Carrillo – from special education paraprofessional at Alta Brown Elementary School to Garfield Early Childhood Center
- Karen Chaparro-Gutierrez – from special education paraprofessional at Victor Ornelas Elementary School to Buffalo Jones Elementary School
- Raghi Kalarikkal – from special education paraprofessional (1) to special education paraprofessional (2) at Therapeutic Education Program
- Natali Montelongo-Cruz – from special education paraprofessional at Alta Brown Elementary School to Garfield Early Childhood Center

4. **OTHER**

- a. Donation of \$1,500.00 from Finney County 4-H Foundation for homeless and remote learning needs – approved as presented.
- b. Donation of \$2,500.00 from the Presbyterian Church for students in need – approved as presented.
- c. Grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation for Kenneth Henderson Middle School – approved as presented.
- d. Purchase and installation of a replacement generator at Horace Good Middle School, with an estimate cost of \$37,862.00. This is to be purchased using a state contract – approved as presented.
- e. Curriculum Council items – approved as presented:
  - New course at Garden City High School – Ceramics One
  - New course at Garden City High School – Mixed Media Design
  - Deletion of Course – Art One changed to Mixed Media

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- Deletion of Course - Art Two changed to Ceramics One
  - New course at Garden City High School - Introduction to Programming
  - New course at Garden City High School - Introduction to Safety and Shop Practices Lab
  - New course at Garden City High School - Emergency Medical Responder
- f. KSDE Child Nutrition & Wellness Agreement for the Summer Food Service Program - approved as presented.

**CURRICULUM REPORT**

1. COVID Update - Glenda LaBarbera, Assistant Superintendent presented current COVID data.

Josh Guymon, Director of Special Education presented information on revising the special education plan in Level 6 to allow home visits.

Board members questions were answered.

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Motion		X					
Second							X
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

**Motion:** That the Board of Education adopt the modification to the special education plan.

Drew Thon, Activity Director and Steve Nordby, Principal at Garden City High School presented information on revising level 6 of the district plan to allow activities and athletics practices and competitions at Garden City High School.

Board members questions were answered.

	Bors	Hanigan	Nanninga	Radke	Rude	Standley	Wallace
Motion					X		
Second						X	
Aye						X	
Nay	X	X	X	X	X		X
Abstain							

**Motion:** That the Board of Education approve the athletics/activities revision to the District Plan Level 6.

The Board discussed getting all students back in school as soon as possible and would like some alternatives for the activities in Level 6.

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**BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION**

Jennifer Standley read a statement that stated that she would like to see all students back to face to face school as soon as possible. She would like the district to go back to monitoring schools individually as proposed in the approved plan. She stated that students need to be back in the classroom as it is necessary for their mental and emotional well-being. She stated that now that students are not in school, they are going to the YMCA or Rec or working instead of staying home which takes time away from their school work and puts them out in the community where the numbers of cases were higher than in the schools. Student absenteeism and failing grades have doubled and less than 15% of our middle school students are receiving meals. She stated that local providers are seeing an increase in mental health cases with students. She would like the board to have further discussion about getting students back into the classrooms and listen to the teachers, parents and students who all want to be back in the classroom.

Mark Rude stated that Level 4 would be better for our staff and families than Level 5.

Janene Radke stated that she agrees that students need to be back in school but we are part of the community and we are responsible for the community. She stated that we need to keep working toward that but as a board we shouldn't be making the decision as we gave that ability to Dr. Karlin and his team.

Dana Nanninga stated that we need to support our community but we also need to ask our community to work with us. As a community, we need to be innovative. We also need to ask our parents to make sacrifices and for help to get our kids back in school. She stated that we have to persevere and show our kids that these challenges can make things better. She stated that she supports a proposal that shows we will get our kids back in school as soon as possible.

Dr. Hanigan stated that parents need to be more innovative with their kids and find other activities for them to get the mental health they need other than just from sports.

Alex Wallace thanked everyone who showed up at the meeting tonight and encouraged them not to be discouraged and stated that this will turn around. He thanked all of the presenters at the meeting tonight and acknowledged all of the hard work put in by all staff.

Lara Bors thanked everyone who was present at the meeting tonight. She stated that we all want kids back in school but we have to weigh and balance the information and make the best decision. She stated that she appreciated the work put in on the proposal for activities but would like more details. She also stated that she attended the KASB virtual conference.

Dr. Karlin thanked all the board members for the work they put in on making difficult decisions such as the one for activities in level 6. He stated that he believes that all of the board members make the best decisions in the best interest of the students. He stated that we will come out of this stronger and that our teachers put our kids first and they will be innovative and they will make this work.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING** - THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD MEETING ROOM AT THE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER, 1205 FLEMING STREET, GARDEN CITY, KANSAS.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - the following action was taken.

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Motion					X		
Second							X
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

**Motion:** That the Board of Education table the executive session until the next board meeting on December 17, 2020.

	Bors	Hanigan	Nanninga	Radke	Rude	Standley	Wallace
Motion							X
Second						X	
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Abstain							

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business to come before the board, the following action was taken.

**Motion:** That the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie DeLoach  
 Stephanie DeLoach, Clerk

Approved:

Lara Bors  
 Lara Bors, President