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Regular Board of Education Meeting
Garden City Unified School District No. 457
Board Meeting Room, 1205 Fleming Street
Monday, February 1, 2021; 6:00 p.m.

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The Board of Education of Garden City USD 457 met in regular session on Monday, February 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 1205 Fleming Street, Garden City, Kansas 67846.

Board members present were Lara Bors, Dana Nanninga, Janene Radke, Mark Rude and Jennifer Standley. Board member Alex Wallace joined via Zoom video conferencing. Joining board members at the conference table was Superintendent, Steven Karlin. Also in attendance via Zoom video conferencing were Heath Hogan, Deputy Superintendent; Glenda LaBarbera, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services; and KJ Knoll, Financial Officer. Approximately 11 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	Nanninga	Radke	Rude	Standley	Wallace
Motion						X
Second			X			
Aye	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.
2. Add Item #E-4-d, Other, Consider approval of the purchase of replacement hardware & software.
3. Add Item #E-4-e, Other, Consider approval of revised job description for Title Programs & Services Coordinator.

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

Alie Hernandez requested to address the Board of Education in regards to middle school music tours. She was given five minutes to present her information.

Darby Reimer requested to address the Board of Education in regards to middle school music tours. She was given five minutes to present her information.

Kourtney Kneeland requested to address the Board of Education in regards to middle school music tours. She was given five minutes to present her information.

1. Building Presentation - Gertrude Walker Elementary School. Amy Hollingsworth, Principal at Gertrude Walker Elementary School presented the following information:
 - Robotics
 - Engage
 - Time Capsule

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- Fast Forward
- Mystery Staff Person
- Videos of students

Board members questions were answered.

CORRESPONDENCE - None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

	Bors	Nanninga	Radke	Rude	Standley	Wallace
Motion						X
Second				X		
Aye	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 following regular Board of Education Meetings:
 - January 11, 2021 - approved as presented.
 - January 19, 2021 - approved as presented.
2. **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** totaling \$6,210,080.39, noting that all major accounts contain adequate balances to meet current obligations - approved as presented.

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

a. **Certified**

Appointments: Beau Guadian, Linda Harman, Reagan Hill

Other: personnel action for Rule 10 coach

- Ashley Morris KH A/C Track

Resignations: Effective June 1, 2021: Adanari Carlson, Bethany Eckols, Lauren Hastings and Cody Morrison; Sara Woods will not be released until a suitable replacement has been found and she will be assessed a liquidated damages fee in the amount of \$4,000.

Retirement: Maureen Krantz, Dawni Lunzmann, Rhonda Stuvick, Debra Travers

Supplemental Contracts:

- Sarai Alvarez BJ Bilingual, Level 2
- Laura Martinez FW Bilingual, Level 2
- Karissa Pena HS A/C Track
- Cheston Skinner HS A/C Track
- Yudith Valerio GE Bilingual, Level 2
- Vanessa Vital FW Bilingual, Level 2
- Jose Vital-Caro ST Bilingual, Level 2

Transfers:

- Jeffrey Dunlap - from fifth grade communications position to fifth grade mathematics position at Bernadine Sitts Intermediate Center for the 2021-22 school year.
- Jennifer Felvus - from fifth grade mathematics position at Bernadine Sitts Intermediate Center to mathematics position at Horace Good Middle School for the 2021-22 school year.

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- Andrew Potts – from instructional coach position to science position at Kenneth Henderson Middle School for the 2021-22 school year.
- Maria Santos – from English as a second language position to interventionist position at Charles Stones Intermediate Center for the 2021-22 school year.

Tuition Reimbursement Agreement: Tessa Wadel – special education

b. Classified

Appointments: Nayeli Carrillo, Elizabeth Cockes, Mirella Escobar, Aida Galarza, Hasel Mata, Deborah Medina-Escalera, Adilene Morales Ballesteros, Dawn Nelson, Jennifer Peterson

Resignations: Daniela Aguilar Ramos, Paola Castro-Barbosa, Rhonda Kramer, Maria Sanchez-Alba, Rozella Terrazas

Transfers:

- Amy Arteaga – from special education paraprofessional at the Therapeutic Education Program to special education paraprofessional at Abe Hubert Elementary School.
- Gloria Claros – from night custodian to head custodian at Charles Stones Intermediate Center.
- Marissa Hernandez – from special education paraprofessional (1) to special education paraprofessional (2) at Alta Brown Elementary School
- Patricia Hernandez – special education paraprofessional at Charles Stones Intermediate Center to special education paraprofessional at Abe Hubert Elementary School
- Julia Mejia – from special education paraprofessional at Bernadine Sitts Intermediate Center to Office Assistant Supplemental at the Educational Support Center
- Dannyal Nunez – from youth officer at Garden City High School to youth officer at Georgia Matthews Elementary School
- Ana Cantu Ortiz – from special education paraprofessional at the Therapeutic Education Program to paraprofessional at Alta Brown Elementary School.

4. OTHER

- a. Consider approval of a request to alter GCHS social studies elective graduation requirements and re-name Social Issues as Social Studies Elective – approved as presented.
- b. Consider approval of a request to grant a Fine Arts credit for the Manufacturing Pathway Drafting courses of Technical Drafting, Architectural Drafting and Advanced Drafting Design – approved as presented.
- c. Consider approval of a request to grant a Fine Arts credit for the Manufacturing Pathway technical level courses of Welding II and Advanced Metals – approved as presented.
- d. Consider approval of the purchase of replacement hardware and software to support virtual desktop operations with an estimated cost of \$154,100. This is to be purchased using state contracts – approved as presented.
- e. Consider approval of the revised job description for Title Programs & Services Coordinator – approved as presented.

CURRICULUM REPORTS

1. Social Emotional Advisory Update / Mental Health Pilot (BG 1.5, 3.4) – Glenda LaBarbera, Assistant Superintendent and Sarah Stucky, Mental Health Liaison presented the following information:

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- Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco referrals
- SEL Advisory Council Meetings
- Stop-It App
- SEL Training 2020-2021
- College & Career Competency Framework
- Student Assertiveness Questionnaires
- Case management and therapy
- 2020 Crisis Data

Board members questions were answered.

2. COVID Update - Glenda LaBarbera, Assistant Superintendent; Heath Hogan, Deputy Superintendent; Linda Finch, Principal at Plymell Elementary and Amy Ricks, Principal at Charles Stones Intermediate Center presented the following information:
 - COVID Positive Staff and Student Data
 - COVID Employee Vaccine Survey
 - Technology plan updates: in grades 5-12 iPads will be sent home each evening at all levels, in grades K-4 iPads may be sent home each evening and they will be required to be sent home each evening in levels 5 and 6.
 - Elementary Library Level 4 plan updates: libraries will be open with restrictions at level 4.
 - Intermediate Center plan updates: students will eat in the cafeteria/gym with physical distancing at all levels; at 3:45 bus students will wait in gym physically distanced for their buses to arrive; playground equipment will be open at level 4; small intervention groups from same homeroom may take place at level 4; libraries will be open at level 4; after school program will be open at all levels except level 6.
 - Special Education plan updates: gloves and face shields may be removed in the functional rise rooms in levels 3 and 4; para can wear appropriate PPE instead of KN95 masks in level 5 in the self-contained, functional/RISE rooms and day school; students in self-contained, functional/RISE rooms can attend onsite in Level 6, Stage 1 for 2.5 hours per day if 50% of staff are in attendance.

Board members questions were answered.

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

Motion: That the Board of Education approve all revisions to the plans as proposed.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Facilities Plan Update – KJ Knoll, Financial Officer and John Geist, Director of Plant Facilities presented the following information:
 - Updates: rooftops, heating & A/C, LED lighting, painting/ exterior
 - 10 year HVAC project
 - IAQ Study
 - Synexis, Ionization & other cleaning technology
 - HVAC cost proposal

Board members questions were answered.

2. Revised 2020-2021 Calendar as a result of the KSDE 1116 hour waiver – Heath Hogan, Deputy Superintendent presented a draft revised calendar which would make the last day of school for students and staff May 28th instead of June 1st. The proposed revised 2020-2021 calendar will be placed on the consent agenda for approval at the February 15th BOE meeting.

Board members questions were answered.

3. Resolution to Recognize Community Efforts and Accomplishments to Mitigate the Infection Rate and Spreading of COVID-19. Dr. Karlin presented COVID data and Lara Bors, President read the resolution.

Motion: That the Board of Education approve the resolution.

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

BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

Janene Radke stated that she appreciates the information posted on Charles Stones Intermediate’s Facebook page which lists daily information for the students and parents.

Lara Bors stated that she attended the last delegate assembly and the legislative agenda was approved. She also asked board members to speak with representatives about HB 2068, HB 2119 and SB 61 dealing with school vouchers and tax credits which would take away state based aid for pupils from public schools. She also stated that KASB is hosting a Women’s Leadership Conference on April 21-22. She stated that she appreciates the promotion of Black History Month on the district’s website.

Dr. Karlin thanked the students who presented during public comment. He stated that the district is very supportive of the music programs. He gave information on the COVID vaccine for staff.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING - THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD MEETING ROOM AT THE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER, 1205 FLEMING STREET, GARDEN CITY, KANSAS.

	Bors	Nanninga	Radke	Rude	Standley	Wallace
Motion						X
Second			X			
Aye	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 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie DeLoach
 Stephanie DeLoach, Clerk

Approved:
Lara K. Bors
 Lara Bors, President

RESOLUTION 21-13

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE GARDEN CITY AND FINNEY COUNTY COMMUNITY TO MITIGATE THE INFECTION RATE AND SPREADING OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound and lasting impact on the City of Garden City, Kansas, and Finney County, Kansas, (hereinafter referred to as the "Community");

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has materially and significantly impacted in-person learning for all students in Unified School District No. 457 (USD 457);

WHEREAS, since the Spring 2020 school semester, in-person learning has been affected as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, USD 457 has implemented "#457Strong: A Vision for Growth, Success, and Safety for All Garden City Public Schools Re-entry Plan During the COVID-19 Pandemic" (USD 457's Plan) to help mitigate the spread and impact of COVID-19 in the school district;

WHEREAS, as a result of USD 457's Plan, and the Community's adherence to the 3W's Approach of Washing your hands, Watching your distance, and Wearing a mask (3W's Approach) significantly contributed to a reduction in COVID-19 infections in the Community to the point that USD 457 has returned to in-person learning at all educational levels and schools;

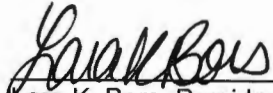
WHEREAS, without the support, cooperation and perseverance of the Community with the 3W's Approach, the return to in-person learning would not have accomplished the level of success achieved; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 457, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) The Board hereby recognizes the efforts of the Community to adhere to the 3W's Approach, as well as, support and cooperate with USD 457's Plan and urges the Community to continue to follow to the guidelines set forth in both.
- 2) The Board recognizes that without the sacrifices of the Community the success of the return to in-person learning for USD 457 students would not have been possible.

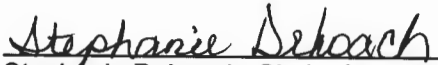
- 3) Accordingly, the Board wishes to recognize the efforts of the Community by passing this Resolution so that the appreciation of the Board, as well as, the employees of USD 457, can be publicly acknowledged.

ADOPTED BY THE Board of Education, Unified School District No. 457, Finney County, State of Kansas, on the 1st day of February, 2021.



Lara K. Bors, President
Board of Education
Unified School District No. 457
Finney County, State of Kansas

ATTEST:



Stephanie DeLoach, Clerk of the Board