

**JEFFERSON WEST USD #340**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**April 12, 2021**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Morgan Hall at 6:34pm. Members present: Morgan Hall, David Jensen, Betty Majors, John Thelen, Kris Tuck and Matt Williams. Officials present: Pat Happer, Superintendent; Amy Adams-Mitchell, Board Clerk; others in attendance via Zoom: Rhonda Frakes, Wes Sturgeon, Brandan Giltner and John Hamon, (arriving late) Bldg Administration; and Jenny Ramsey, Jenni Lloyd, Lori Rodecap, Amanda Feuerborn, and Jessica Rodecap.

**II. APPROVE AGENDA (a)**

Motion made by Jensen, second by Tuck to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA (a)**

- A. Minutes of March 15 & April 6, 2021
- B. Claims for Payment
- C. Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Jensen, second by Tuck to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**IV. ACADEMIC REPORTS**

- A. Building Principal Reports  
Mr. Sturgeon and Mrs. Frakes gave building updates.
  
- B. Keystone Update  
Mr. Happer gave the Keystone update.

**V. BOARD ISSUES**

- A. KASB Contract Renewal 2021-22

Motion made by Jensen, second by Majors to approve and authorize the renewal of KASB Membership and Legal fees in the amount of \$13,745.70, as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. Therapy Dog Presentation

Mrs. Jennifer Lloyd gave a presentation for having a therapy dog available within the district next school year. Motion made by Tuck, second by Jensen for Mrs. Lloyd to proceed with training with approval given for implementation of a therapy dog within the buildings next fall as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

- C. KESA YR5 Rpt & Accreditation

Mr. Happer shared information regarding the KESA YR5 Report and Accreditation process.

**D. Senate Bill 40 & Resolution**

Motion made by Thelen, second by Tuck for the mask requirement mandate for wearing masks inside school buildings and on busses for student, staff and visitors to become optional as of May 1. Motion carried 5-1, Majors against. Motion made by Thelen, second by Tuck for the mask requirement mandate for outdoor activities to be lifted effective immediately, following the home team recommendations for activities/events at other schools. Motion carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT S.B. 40 HEARING OFFICER(S)**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 340, Jefferson County, Kansas, is authorized by S.B. 40, 2021 Kansas Legislature, 2021 Regular Session (Kansas 2021), hereafter referred to as S.B. 40, to hold public hearings at the request of an employee, student, or parent or guardian of a student aggrieved by an action taken, order issued, or policy adopted by the board of education pursuant to S.B. 40, New Section 1(a)(1) or an action of an employee of a school district violating any such action, order, or policy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 340, Jefferson County, Kansas, in order to expeditiously conduct a hearing within the 72 hour timeline prescribed by law to allow the person to contest the matter, deems it necessary to appoint a hearing officer to hear such matters on behalf of the board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 340, Jefferson County, Kansas, desires to appoint a hearing officer to hear S.B. 40 matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Pat Happer or his designee be appointed as hearing officer to hear S.B. 40 matters on behalf of the board for the 2020-2021 school year.

By:

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Board Members

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Board Clerk

Motion made by Tuck, second by Thelen to approve the resolution for appointment of hearing officer as presented and read aloud. Motion carried 6-0.

**E. IKA Policy Update**

Motion made by Majors, second by Jensen to approve updates to IKA Policy as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**F. Inclement Weather Days**

Motion made by Jensen, second by Tuck to forgive the making up of the two contract days missed due to the excellent efforts of the teachers on their tremendous work implementing in-person and remote learning simultaneously this school year. We thank the teachers and all staff members for all their work in successfully providing the best possible learning environment of our students. Motion carried 6-0.

**VI. STUDENT ISSUES**

**VII. PLANNING/FACILITIES/EQUIPMENT**

**A. Disposal of Equipment**

Motion made by Tuck, second by Jensen to approve the items presented: 1998 pickup, old snowplow, and old computers. Motion carried 6-0.

## **VIII. PERSONNEL ISSUES**

Motion made by Jensen, second by Majors to recess to executive session for a period of thirty minutes, after a five minute break, to discuss personnel issues of non-elected personnel under KOMA exception, including Mr. Happer, Mrs. Frakes and Mr. Giltner with the meeting to resume in the boardroom at 8:16pm. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Frakes and Mr. Giltner exited executive session at 8:06pm.

### **A. Resignations**

Motion made by Majors, second by Jensen to accept the retirement of Steve Johnson, HS PE Teacher; and the resignations of Wendi Stanley, HS Cheer Sponsor and Sherry Stewart, Food Service; the board thanks them for their service. Motion carried 6-0.

### **B. Contracts**

Motion made by Tuck, second by Jensen to authorize contract and accept the recommendation of hire of Lindsay Gress, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher; Mari McKee and Kathy Howe, Food Service Cooks; Deb Downing & Melanie Hainer, Prom Sponsors; Jenna Beck as HS Head Volleyball Coach. Motion carried 6-0. Motion made by Majors, second by Williams to authorize contract and accept the recommendation of David Bowen for HS PE Teacher and HS Head Football Coach. Motion carried 4-2, Thelen and Tuck.

## **IX. NEGOTIATIONS**

## **X. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- A. KS Assessment Updates
- B. Ozawkie Bldg Sale
- C. Keystone Assessment 2021-22
- D. Staff & Program Planning 2021-22
- E. ESSER II & ESSER III Funds
- F. Prom Update
- G. HS/MS Graduation Updates
- H. Board Elections

Mr. Happer gave updates on the listed items.

## **XI. ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned by President Morgan Hall at 8:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy Adams-Mitchell, Board Clerk

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Morgan Hall, Board President