



GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Regular Board of Education Meeting Monday, January 6, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Board Meeting Room, Educational Support Center, 1205 Fleming Street, Garden City, KS 67846

The Board of Education of Garden City USD 457 met for a Regular meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Board Meeting Room, Educational Support Center, 1205 Fleming Street, Garden City, KS 67846.

Board members present were Andy Fahrmeier; Jackie Gigot; Mark Hinde; Nathan Haeck; Randy Ralston; Robin Bergkamp. Joining board members at the conference table was Superintendent, Dr. Mike Dominguez. Also in attendance were Josh Guymon, Deputy Superintendent; Jessica Nothern, Chief Financial Officer; and Drew Thon, Chief Human Resource Officer.

Randy Ralston called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. **PLEDGE** – Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. **SILENT REFLECTION** – Thirty seconds of silent reflection was observed.

C. **MEETINGS OF NOTE**

- Board Faculty Meeting - January 15, 2025 - Gertrude Walker Elementary School - 3:30 p.m. Four or more board members may be in attendance.

D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA with the following amendments:**

D.1. Remove Item F.4.c., Consent Agenda, Appoint Jeanne Billings as representative for the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System for the remainder of fiscal year 2024-25.

D.2. Additional certified and classified personnel actions for consideration, Item F.3.

That the Board of Education approve the agenda as amended. This motion, made by Andy Fahrmeier and seconded by Mark Hinde, Carried.

Bergkamp: Yea

Fahrmeier: Yea

Gigot: Yea

Haeck: Yea

Hinde: Yea

Ralston: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

E. **DELEGATIONS, Q & A, PUBLIC COMMENTS, RECOGNITIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Jennifer Standley requested to address the Board of Education in regards to the YMCA Dome, she was given five minutes to present her information.

E.1. Election of Board of Education Officers and Consider a Resolution to Establish Election of School Board Officers The Board of Education adopted a Resolution to Extend the Term of School Board Officers. The term of current Board President, Randy Ralston and current Board Vice President, Andy Fahrmeier, until successors for such positions are elected by the board at the organizational meeting in July 2025.

That the Board of Education adopt the Resolution as presented. This motion, made by Andy Fahrmeier and seconded by Jackie Gigot, Carried.

Bergkamp: Yea
Fahrmeier: Yea
Gigot: Yea
Haack: Yea
Hinde: Yea
Ralston: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

E.2. Recognition of Diego Torres Rosales for being awarded the Outstanding Student Technology Award for outstanding use of his AAC communication device. Lucas Sullivan, Principal at Garden City Achieve, introduced Diego Torres Rosales and briefly spoke about the award.

E.3. Recognition of Board of Education Members for School Board Recognition Month Dr. Mike Dominguez, Superintendent, presented the Board of Education members with a certificate of recognition and thanked them for their service on the Board of Education.

E.4. Receive District Audit Report Theresa Dasenbrock, CPA, CFE, Lisa Axman, CPA and Tiffany O'Rourke, CPA, with Lewis, Hooper and Dick, LLC, presented the district audit report. There were no major concerns. Board members commented and their questions were answered.

F. CONSENT AGENDA All consent agenda items approved as presented.

That the Board of Education approve all consent agenda items as presented. This motion, made by Andy Fahrmeier and seconded by Robin Bergkamp, Carried.

Bergkamp: Yea
Fahrmeier: Yea
Gigot: Yea
Haack: Yea
Hinde: Yea
Ralston: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

F.1. Minutes

F.1.a. Minutes of the December 19, 2024, Regular Board of Education Meeting – approved as presented.

F.2. **Accounts Payable** totaling \$965,399.81, noting that all major accounts contain adequate balances to meet current obligations – approved as presented.

F.3. **Personnel** – All certified and classified personnel actions approved as presented.

F.3.a. **Certified:**

Appointments: Lee Koch

Contract Recommendation: Adoption of final resolution to terminate Jacob Miller’s contract.

Transfers:

- Amber Potts from administrator intern position at Horace Good Middle School to associate principal position at Horace Good Middle School effective January 2, 2025.
- Roni Knight from library media specialist position at Victor Ornelas Elementary School to instructor position at the Juvenile Detention Center effective January 21, 2025.

Supplemental Contracts:

Radney Abing	HG	Supplemental Overload
Dustin Algrim	EC	Staff Development Council
Claire Cartujano	GW	Sponsor Robotics
Eli Copeland	HS	Wrestling A/C
John Ford	HS	Girls Basketball Head A/C
Jasper Partin	HS	Supplemental Overload
Randall Sleep	KH	Basketball Boys A/C

Rule 10 Assignments:

David Arteaga	HS	Baseball A/C
Shania Castro	KH	Cheer A/C Winter
Shania Castro	KH	Cheer A/C Spring
Manuel Guzman	KH	Basketball Girls A/C
Jaymie Swedberg	HS	Basketball Girls H/C

F.3.b. **Classified**

Resignations: Jeanne Billings, Debra Huber, Casandra Mata, Essalena Powell, Sergio Santana

Assignments: Vanesa Cano-Ortiz, Leydaly Enriquez, Arianna Garcia, Elizabeth Hamilton Castro, Kelli Hernandez, Sanjuana Hernandez Ayala, Tiffany Lucero, Joanna Monge, Raul Quezada, Maria Del Consuelo Rincon, Rebecca Watson

Transfers: Gloria Garcia from Special Education Office Assistant II at the Educational Support Center to Special Education Paraprofessional II at Garfield Early Childhood Center

F.4. **Other**

F.4.a. The Board of Education adopted a Resolution to Establish Board Meeting Dates and Times – approved as presented.

F.4.b. The Board of Education approved the scheduling of Board of Education meeting dates for July: July 7, 2025, and July 21, 2025.

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1. **The Board of Education is asked to consider and approve the following Curriculum Council items:**

G.1.a. New Course - Exploring Art Careers

G.1.b. New Course - A.P. United States Government and Politics

G.1.c. Curriculum - Functional Academics - Teach Town

Josh Guymon, Deputy Superintendent, presented a first read. This item will be on the consent agenda at the next regular meeting.

G.2. The Board of Education is asked to consider and approve a proposal for a new all-inclusive playground with ADA-compliant turf footing for Edith Scheuerman Elementary School. Brandon Anderson, Director of Plant Facilities presented proposals from both Cunningham Recreation (Game Time) and Next Generation Recreation (Play World.)

Board members' questions were answered. Additional information was requested. No action was taken.

G.3. The Board of Education is asked to consider and approve the purchase of the Cenobots Autonomous Scrubber and Sweeper from Pur-O-Zone for Plant Facilities in the amount of \$73,316.25 Brandon Anderson, Director of Plant Facilities, and Brad Stoppkotte, Custodial and Assistant Maintenance Manager, presented a proposal for the purchase of Cenobots autonomous cleaning equipment.

Board members' questions were answered. Additional information was requested. No action was taken.

G.4. Fire Alarm System at Plymell Elementary School Brandon Anderson, Director of Plant Facilities, presented a first read of a proposal to upgrade the fire alarm system at Plymell Elementary School from Davis Fire Systems.

Board members' questions were answered. No action was taken.

G.5. HVAC at Horace Good Middle School Brandon Anderson, Director of Plant Facilities presented a design proposal from GMCN to upgrade the HVAC in the Horace Good Middle School locker room area.

Board members' questions were answered. The following action took place.

That the Board of Education move forward with the bid for the design fees for the HVAC system at Horace Good Middle School in the amount of \$85,000. This motion, made by Nathan Haeck and seconded by Jackie Gigot, Carried.

Bergkamp: Yea
Fahrmeier: Yea
Gigot: Yea
Haeck: Yea
Hinde: Yea
Ralston: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

H. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

- **Jackie Gigot** stated that she hoped everyone had a great break.
- **Andy Fahrmeier** welcomed students and faculty back and stated that with the current weather conditions he wanted to thank the facilities team for preparing the campuses for staff to come back.
- **Nathan Haeck** stated he has had the opportunity to attend several Board-Faculty meetings and stated that it's exciting to see what's going on in the different schools and that it is very encouraging to see the good that is going on. He also thanked staff for getting schools ready to open and wished everyone a great second semester.
- **Randy Ralston** thanked Jessica Nothern and staff for all the work on the audit and budget. He also congratulated Diego for his accomplishments and for receiving his award.
- **Robin Bergkamp** stated she saw that the girls' wrestling team is nationally ranked and stated that it is super exciting. She stated that crews did a great job clearing the parking lot here at the Educational Support Center. She also stated that she is looking forward to a great year.
- **Mark Hinde** stated that he wanted to thank the facilities team for putting the information together to help the district move forward with the facilities and in keeping them up. He thanked Jessica Nothern and the finance team for the good audit report. He also stated it was great to see the recognition that Diego received tonight.
- **Dr. Dominguez** stated that the district has a great maintenance team to address the weather issues. He stated that the district always has the best interest of the students in mind from curriculum to playground equipment, HVAC systems and maintenance equipment. He stated that it is best to not defer maintenance. He stated that he is excited about the second half of the year and thanked the leadership team, facilities teams and thanked the board members for their service.

I. **NEXT BOARD MEETING** - The next meeting of the Board of Education will take place on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room at the Educational Support Center, 1205 Fleming St., Garden City, Kansas.

J. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - After the completion of all other business, the Board of Education will adjourn to executive session for the following reason:

J.1. **Preliminary discussion relating to the acquisition of real property.**

Mr. President, I move that the Board of Education go into executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of having preliminary discussions about the acquisition of real property in order to protect the district's financial interest and bargaining position, beginning at 7:00 P.M. and that the Board of Education reconvene into open session at 7:15 P.M. in the Board Meeting Room. I would like to invite Dr. Dominguez, Jennifer Cunningham, Josh Guymon, Drew Thon and Jessica Nothern to join us in executive session. This motion, made by Andy Fahrmeier and seconded by Mark Hinde, Carried.

Bergkamp: Yea

Fahrmeier: Yea

Gigot: Yea

Haeck: Yea

Hinde: Yea

Ralston: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The open meeting resumed in the board meeting room at 7:15 P.M.

J.2. Personnel matters for non-elected personnel.

Mr. President, I move we go into executive session for 15 minutes, to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, beginning at 7:20 P.M. and the open meeting will resume in the Board Meeting Room at 7:35 P.M. I would like to invite Drew Thon to join us in executive session. This motion, made by Andy Fahrmeier and seconded by Mark Hinde, Carried.

Bergkamp: Yea
Fahrmeier: Yea
Gigot: Yea
Haeck: Yea
Hinde: Yea
Ralston: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The open meeting resumed in the board meeting room at 7:35 P.M.

K. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REVIEW - Jackie Gigot and Mark Hinde

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

That the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 7:39 P.M. This motion, made by Andy Fahrmeier and seconded by Robin Bergkamp, Carried.

Bergkamp: Yea
Fahrmeier: Yea
Gigot: Yea
Haeck: Yea
Hinde: Yea
Ralston: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Jennifer Ramos, Clerk

Randy Ralston, President