



# GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Special Board of Education Meeting Monday, January 20, 2025 - 7:00 AM  
Baron's Steak House, 1911 E. Kansas Avenue, Garden City, Kansas 67846

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The Board of Education of Garden City USD 457 met for a Special meeting on Monday, January 20, 2025, at 7:00 AM at Baron's Steakhouse, 1911 E. Kansas Avenue, Garden City, Kansas 67846.

Board members present were Andy Fahrmeier; Jackie Gigot; John Wiese; Mark Hinde; Nathan Haeck; Randy Ralston; Robin Bergkamp. Also in attendance was Drew Thon, Chief Human Resource Officer.

Randy Ralston called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION to interview Superintendent candidates pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA.**

Mr. President, I move we go into executive session for 95 minutes, to interview a Superintendent candidate pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA beginning at 7:40 A.M. and the open meeting will resume at 9:15 A.M. I would like to invite Dr. Brian Yearwood, Dr. Greg Batenhorst, Drew Thon and Jennifer Ramos 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

Wiese: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Dr. Greg Batenhorst, Drew Thon and Jennifer Ramos left the executive session at 7:58 A.M.

The open meeting resumed at 9:15 A.M. and the following action took place.

Mr. President, I move to adjourn and reconvene today at 5:00 p.m. at the current location. This motion, made by Andy Fahrmeier and seconded by Robin Bergkamp, Carried.

Bergkamp: Yea

Fahrmeier: Yea

Gigot: Yea

Haeck: Yea

Hinde: Yea  
Ralston: Yea  
Wiese: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The meeting was called back to order at 5:00 P.M., dinner was served. The following action took place.

Mr. President, I move that we go into executive session for 95 minutes, to interview a Superintendent candidate pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, beginning at 5:20 P.M. and the open meeting will resume at 6:55 P.M. I would like to invite Dr. Terry McCarty to join us in executive session. This motion, made by Andy Fahrmeier and seconded by Robin Bergkamp, Carried.

Bergkamp: Yea  
Fahrmeier: Yea  
Gigot: Yea  
Haeck: Yea  
Hinde: Yea  
Ralston: Yea  
Wiese: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Dr. McCarty left the executive session at 6:35 P.M.

The open meeting resumed at 6:55 P.M.

That the Board of Education recess for 15 minutes beginning at 6:55 P.M. and resume in open session at 7:10 P.M. This motion, made by Andy Fahrmeier and seconded by Mark Hinde, Carried.

Bergkamp: Yea  
Fahrmeier: Yea  
Gigot: Yea  
Haeck: Yea  
Hinde: Yea  
Ralston: Yea  
Wiese: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The open meeting resumed at 7:10 P.M. and the following action took place.

That the Board of Education go into executive session for 30 minutes, to discuss superintendent candidates pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, beginning at 7:27 P.M. and the open meeting will resume at 7:57 P.M. I would like to invite Drew Thon to join us in executive session. This motion, made by Andy Fahrmeier and seconded by Nathan Haeck, Carried.

Bergkamp: Yea  
Fahrmeier: Yea  
Gigot: Yea  
Haeck: Yea  
Hinde: Yea  
Ralston: Yea  
Wiese: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Drew Thon left the executive session at 7:50 P.M.

The open meeting resumed at 7:57 P.M. and the following action took place.

That the Board of Education extend the executive session for 15 minutes beginning at 8:00 P.M. and the open meeting will resume at 8:15 P.M. This motion, made by Jackie Gigot and seconded by John Wiese, Carried.

Bergkamp: Yea  
Fahrmeier: Yea  
Gigot: Yea  
Haeck: Yea  
Hinde: Yea  
Ralston: Yea  
Wiese: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The open meeting resumed at 8:15 and the following action took place.

That the Board of Education extend the executive session for 15 minutes beginning at 8:15 P.M. and the open meeting will resume at 8:30 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  
Wiese: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The open meeting resumed at 8:30 P.M. and the following action took place.

That the Board of Education extend the executive session for 29 minutes beginning at 8:31 P.M. and the open meeting will resume at 9:00 P.M. I would like to invite Dr. Greg Batenhorst and Drew Thon to join us in executive session. This motion, made by Andy Fahrmeier and seconded by Robin Bergkamp, Carried.

Bergkamp: Yea  
Fahrmeier: Yea  
Gigot: Yea  
Haeck: Yea  
Hinde: Yea  
Ralston: Yea  
Wiese: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The open meeting resumed at 9:00 P.M., next steps were discussed. The following action took place.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

That the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:16 P.M. This motion, made by Jackie Gigot and seconded by Nathan Haeck, Carried.

Bergkamp: Yea  
Fahrmeier: Yea  
Gigot: Yea  
Haeck: Yea  
Hinde: Yea  
Ralston: Yea  
Wiese: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Jennifer Ramos, Clerk

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Randy Ralston, President