

CHEYLIN USD #103
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, January 13, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, January 13, 2025 in the board conference room.

PRESENT:

Jared Boone, President
Jayden Cahoj, Vice-President
Cort Antholz, Member
Kelly Leach, Member
Mike McCarty, Member
Gerard Pochop, Member
Jared Sowers, Member

Jim Reece, Superintendent/Elem. Prin.
Adam Wiginton, HS Principal
Keshia Walden, Clerk

ADOPT AGENDA - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Jared Sowers to adopt the agenda as amended adding item 7.A.1. Student handbook revision.

RECOGNITIONS/COMMENDATIONS 7-0

It was moved by Cort Antholz and seconded by Jayden Cahoj to formally commend the following individuals for their accomplishments:

Cougars of the Week: Kolbie Leach, Taylor McCarty, Klaus Buss

Staff: Barbara Railsback, 42 years of teaching service

All state teams:

Football: Sports In Kansas, 6 Player
Harley McPherson, 1st Team Returner,
John Paul Sabatka, Honorable Mention

Volleyball: Kansas Volleyball Association, 1A Div. 2
Taylor McCarty, 2nd Team

WKLL Academic Testing

January is school board appreciation month. The board was thanked for their service to the district and a picture was taken for the yearbook.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Mike McCarty to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes, December 9, 2024, Board of Education Meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Reports
 1. December 2024 Cash Summary Report

2. December 2024 Budget Summary of Funds
3. December 2024 Treasurer’s Report
4. December 2024 Activity Fund Report
5. December 2024 Transportation Report

C. Approval of bills

Type	Check Numbers	Amount
December Payroll	23827; DD	\$ 120,546.49
Payroll Withholdings	23828-23839	61,303.83
Budget Checks	23840-23841; 23842-23893	56,901.69
Total		\$ 238,752.01

REPORTS:

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Reece informed the board that he had a sound system company examine the current system to see how it could be enhanced for music programs. He was directed by the board to request a quote from the company that installed the current system. He also reported on the unusual smell in the elementary basement that led to evacuation of the elementary students as a precautionary measure. It was discovered to be an HVAC issue and there was no danger to students or staff.

Principals’ Reports

High School Principal Wiginton reported to the board the improved Fastbridge scores for 7-12th grade students from fall to winter. He reviewed with the board the strategic planning exercise that was conducted with the Jr./Sr. High staff at the last inservice. Target areas of improvement include: cell phones, detentions, after school study hall, staff board relations, and online classes.

Elementary Principal Reece informed the board of the cybersecurity incident with PowerSchool. It has not been confirmed if our data was accessed. Mr. Reece reported on topics from the last inservice with elementary teachers including strategies for parent/teacher conferences, classroom management, and the need for science resources. He congratulated the elementary students for having a 98% attendance rate for the 2nd nine weeks.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

John Sabatka and Harley McPherson presented the itinerary for the senior class trip. Both students left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVE SENIOR TRIP - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Cort Antholz to approve the senior class trip changing the dates to March 6th - 8th.

AMEND STUDENT HANDBOOK - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Jared Sowers to amend the student handbook adding the following language to the senior trip guidelines “may miss one day of school”.

ACCEPT GRANTS/DONATIONS - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Jared Sowers to accept the following grants/donations:

Bird City Century II: Hugh O'Brian Leadership Scholarship - \$855

Bird City Century II: Cheylin Teacher Grants - \$2,420.24

Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation: Mini foundation by Junior Board Member - \$500

Superintendent Reece and Clerk Walden presented a budget update to the board regarding the district's current financials.

APPROVE MEAL REIMBURSEMENT AND PER DIEM

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Jayden Cahoj to approve the meal reimbursement and per diem rates as follows:

- Cheylin students (and coaches) who qualify for state activities may be allowed \$15.00 as a meal per diem when off campus or away from home during mealtime. Booster club, local entities, grants, school organizations or the Board may provide additional funding.
- Cheylin staff members may be reimbursed for meal expenses during business meetings/trainings at the following rates:

Breakfast = \$15.00

Lunch = \$15.00

Dinner = \$20.00

Total amount will not exceed \$50.00 per day.

*An itemized receipt must be provided for reimbursement.

*Meals will not be reimbursed if they are provided at the conference/convention. This includes hotel continental breakfast.

*Dinner will only be paid out if the conference ends after 5:00 p.m.

*No reimbursement will be given for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

*Administration has authority to pay a tip of 10%

RESOLUTION TO EXTEND TERM OF BOARD OFFICERS - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Mike McCarty to pass the Resolution to Establish Election of School Board Officers.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MEETING DATES/TIMES - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Jared Sowers to pass the Resolution to Establish Board's Regular Meeting Dates.

Personnel:

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Jared Sowers that the Board go into executive session for 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel pursuant to the

exception for non-elected personnel under KOMA and that the Board and return to the open meeting at 8:04 p.m. in this room. Superintendent Reece was asked to remain.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Jared Sowers that the Board go into executive session for 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel pursuant to the exception for non-elected personnel under KOMA and that the Board and return to the open meeting at 8:24 p.m. in this room. Superintendent Reece was asked to remain.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Jared Sowers that the Board go into executive session for 10 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel pursuant to the exception for non-elected personnel under KOMA and that the Board and return to the open meeting at 8:34 p.m. in this room. Superintendent Reece was asked to remain.

The board returned to the open meeting at 8:34 p.m.

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Jayden Cahoj to accept the following resignations:

Barbara Railsback, Jr./Sr. High FACS & Business
Jeremiah Johnson, Jr./Sr. High Agriculture
Shelley Brown, Current assignment-Special Education

APPROVE HIRES - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Cort Antholz to approve the following hires:

Blakely Aldridge, Jr/Sr. High Agriculture Teacher 2025-2026 school year
Elizabeth Keltz, Head High School Track Coach
Barbara Railsback, Part Time Employment for 2025-26 school year

APPROVE CONTRACT EXTENSION - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Cort Antholz and seconded by Jayden Cahoj to approve the contract extension for Adam Wiginton for the 2025-2026 school year at a salary to be determined.

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS ITEMS - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Cort Antholz to deem a trailer as surplus and dispose of it accordingly.

TABLE GOLF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH ST FRANCIS - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Gerard Pochop and seconded by Jayden Cahoj to table the discussion of a golf cooperative agreement with St. Francis for a later date.

Discussion was held regarding creating objectives and goals for where the board would like to see the ag program be directed in the future. Further discussion will be held at a later date.

ADJOURN MEETING - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Jared Sowers to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

President

Clerk