

**Minutes of the Board of Education  
Unified School District No. 435  
Dickinson County**

**Abilene, Kansas**

**September 21, 2020**

The Board of Education of Abilene Unified School District No. 435 held a special meeting in the board room at the District Office on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. with the following members:

Present: Jeff Bathurst, Kyle Becker, Randy Gassman (5:03 p.m.), Rob Keener, Veronica Murray, Jennifer Waite, Chris West

Absent:

Others attending all or part of the meeting: Superintendent - Greg Brown, Asst. Superintendent - Dana Sprinkle, Technology Director - Mike Liby, School Nurse - Brandi McGivney, Abilene Reflector-Chronicle Reporter - Kathy Hageman, KASB Attorney - Donna Whiteman (zoom), Principals by zoom - Dr. Ben Smith, Jenna Delay, Derek Berns, Ethan Gruen, Mindy Sanders, Dr. Twyla Sprouse

**Opening of Meeting**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Kyle Becker.

**Approval of Agenda**

Chris West moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jeff Bathurst seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**New Appointment**

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Due to the absence of the board clerk, a temporary board clerk was appointed for the meeting.

Chris West moved to appoint Dana Sprinkle as the temporary board clerk. Jennifer Waite seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Randy Gassman joined the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

## **Presentation to the Board**

### **Donna Whiteman, KASB**

Donna Whiteman, an attorney from KASB, shared information on the legal issues surrounding COVID-19.

## **Student Development**

### **Review of updated instructional plan**

The board reviewed the updated instructional planning that occurred due to COVID-19 and the Dickinson County Health Department guidelines. Discussion was held. Ms. Whiteman's legal perspective was included in the discussion.

## **Executive Session**

At 6:03 p.m., Jennifer Waite moved that the board go into executive session with Mr. Brown, Mrs. Sprinkle, and Ms. Donna Whiteman to discuss legal ramifications with their legal counsel pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the Attorney/Client relationship under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume in the board room in 25 minutes. Randy Gassman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The board returned to the open meeting at 6:28 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., Randy Gassman moved that the board go into executive session with Mr. Brown, Mrs. Sprinkle, and Mrs. McGivney to discuss a confidential student matter pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume in the board room in 10 minutes. Veronica Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The board returned to the open meeting at 6:40 p.m.

At 6:40 p.m., Randy Gassman moved that the board go into executive session with Mr. Brown and Mrs. Sprinkle to discuss a personnel item pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume in the board room in 10 minutes. Jennifer Waite seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The board returned to the open meeting at 6:50 p.m.

At 6:51 p.m., Randy Gassman moved that the board go into executive session with Mr. Brown and Mrs. Sprinkle to discuss a personnel item pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting would resume in the board room in 5 minutes. Jennifer Waite seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

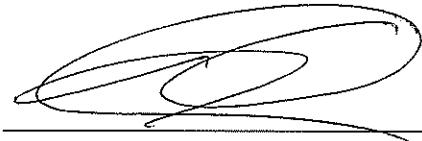
The board returned to the open meeting at 6:56 p.m.


**Adjournment**

Veronica Murray moved to adjourn. Jennifer Waite seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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President

  
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Clerk