

CHEYLIN USD #103
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, April 14, 2025 in the board conference room.

PRESENT:

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

Jim Reece, Superintendent/Elem Principal
Adam Wiginton, 7-12 Principal
Keshia Walden, Clerk
Teryn Carmichael, Bird City Century II Development Foundation

ADOPT AGENDA - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Jayden Cahoj to approve the agenda as amended (moving item 7.A. BCCII to immediately follow adoption of agenda).

Teryn Carmichael, Director of Bird City Century II Development Foundation, presented information in regards to the “Cheylin Little Learners Fund”. This is an endowment fund made up of \$70,000 from the Patterson Family Foundation and \$30,000 from BCCII which will help offset operating costs and keep more grant funds available for other important projects. Teryn Carmichael left the meeting.

The board commended the following students for their successes:

- A. All-League Basketball Honors
 - First Team: Taylor McCarty
 - Second Team: Gabi Pochop, Brynlee Reid
 - First Team: Landon Schoenberger
 - Second Team: Kohen Pochop
- B. All-State Basketball Honors: Sports In Kansas or KBCA
 - Kohen Pochop: 1A, Division II, Honorable Mention
 - Landon Schoenberger: 1A, Division II, Honorable Mention
 - Taylor McCarty: 1A, Division II, First Team (SIK)
 - Brynlee Reid, 1A, Division II, Honorable Mention (SIK)
- C. Cougar of the Week: Xavier Lennox, Banks Hendricks, Adaline Cahoj, Kenlee Beeson

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Cort Antholz and seconded by Jayden Cahoj to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes, March 10, 2025, Board of Education Meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Reports
 - 1. March 2025 Cash Summary Report
 - 2. March 2025 Treasurer's Report
 - 3. March 2025 Budget Summary of Funds
 - 4. March 2025 Activity Fund Report
 - 5. March 2025 Transportation Report

C. Approval of bills

| Type | Check Numbers | Amount |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| March Payroll | DD; 23997 | \$ 97,764.37 |
| March Payroll Withholdings | 23986-23996 | 52,222.08 |
| Budget Checks | 23998-24038; 23619; 24050-24052 | 77,282.19 |
| Total | | \$227,268.64 |

REPORTS:

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Reece gave an update regarding the progress on the facilities projects. He is waiting on bids from electricians for some work to be done in the HS gym and the Bird City bus barn. The board was informed of the new requisition process through Amazon as well as beginning the process of implementing KanPay as an online payment system. Superintendent Reece explained items the district is learning as they go through the H1B visa process.

HS Principal Report

Principal Wiginton reported that state assessment testing is wrapping up. He will be updating the record boards this summer as well as looking at updates to scoreboards in the gyms. He is waiting on guidance from KSHSAA to see if shot clocks will be implemented in the future. Mr. Wiginton gave an update on the formation of the cell phone committee and he hopes to hold a meeting next week. He informed the board of the results from the state powerlifting meet.

Elementary Principal Report

Principal Reece informed the board that the musical instruments that were sent to Emporia for repair are back. He included other informative items relating to the elementary in a document provided to the board.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Budget Amendment Hearing

Superintendent Reece reviewed the amendment to the 2025-2026 budget.

ADOPT BUDGET AMENDMENT - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Cort Antholz to approve and adopt the amended 2025-2026 Cheylin USD 103 Budget as presented.

The 2025-2026 class schedule was presented to the board as an information item.

KASB MEMBERSHIP DUES - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Gerard Pochop and seconded by Mike McCarty to approve the Kansas Association of School Boards 2025-2026 school year dues in the amount of \$4,029.39.

KASB LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Cort Antholz to approve the Kansas Association of School Boards contract in the amount of \$2,750.00 for the 2025-2026 Legal Assistance Fund Membership.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS 2025-2026 - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Gerard Pochop to approve the Cheylin Tuition Reimbursement Programs for the 2025-2026 school year.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Jared Sowers to approve the request from Brynn Dawson to participate in the tuition reimbursement program for the summer 2025 session.

Negotiations:

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Mike McCarty that the Board go into executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing the negotiations draft letters pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and that the Board return to the open meeting at 7:18 p.m. in this room. Superintendent Reece and Clerk Walden were asked to remain.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Mike McCarty that the Board go into executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing the negotiations draft letters pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and that the Board return to the open meeting at 7:33 p.m. in this room. Superintendent Reece and Clerk Walden were asked to remain.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Mike McCarty that the Board go into executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing the negotiations draft letters pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and that the Board return to the open meeting at 7:48 p.m. in this room. Superintendent Reece and Clerk Walden were asked to remain.

The board discussed the Buy-In sheet from NKESC for the 2025-2026 school year.

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 exception under KOMA and that the Board return to the open meeting at 8:15 p.m. in this room. Superintendent Reece and Principal Wiginton were asked to remain.

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Kelly Leach to accept the following resignations effective at the end of current contract: Lisa Anderson, 5th grade teacher and Rodney Neitzel, concessions manager.

APPROVE CUSTODIAL HELP - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jayden Cahoj and seconded by Mike McCarty to approve the following hires for summer custodial work: Kambri Shellenberger, Katia Kramer, Elda Kramer.

APPROVE SUMMER SCHOOL TEACHERS - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Mike McCarty to approve the following summer school teachers: Morgan Reeves, Anne Coon, Kayla Bursch(provisional).

APPROVE ELEMENTARY TEACHER - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Mike McCarty to approve Bonnie Ashlock as 5th grade teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

APPROVE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Cort Antholz and seconded by Jared Sowers to approve Dan Carson as Transportation Director.

APPROVE CERTIFIED STAFF - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Jayden Cahoj to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Reece to offer contracts for the 2025-2026 school year to the certified staff as outlined in the letter to the Board of Education.

APPROVE DRIVERS ED TEACHER - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Mike McCarty to approve Dan Carson as Drivers Ed Teacher for the summer 2025 session.

Superintendent Reece informed the board of a date change for fall parent teacher conferences on the 2025-2026 calendar due to a scheduling conflict with volleyball.

Discussion was held regarding concessions. The district will advertise for a concessions manager.

ADJOURN MEETING - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Kelly Leach to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

President

Clerk