

Monday, March 10, 2025
BOE Meeting Minutes

Present: Kelly Booton, Ben Schrag, Patrick Flaming, Kyle Funk, Bryant Miller, Sara Hiebert, Paige Conquest, Scott Boden, Mark Crawford, Jody Schmidt and Joni Smith

Guests: Cynthia Goerzen, Olivia Duerksen, Braden Unruh, Dr. Chad Higgins and Sarah Sampson

Absent:

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Regular Agenda for BOE Meeting

The Goessel USD 411 Board of Education will meet in a regular monthly session at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, March 10, 2025 in the Board Conference Room at Goessel Elementary School, 500 East Main, Goessel, Kansas. The USD 411 Board of Education may vote to amend the agenda, discuss any item on the agenda, vote to approve, vote to disapprove, vote to table, or decide not to vote on any item as listed on the agenda.

1. Meeting Opening – 7:00 pm

- A. Call to Order
- B. Announcements by the President of the Board or his/her designee
- C. Good news by BOE members

2. Approve or Amend the Agenda (Action Item)

Bryant Miller moved Patrick Flaming seconded to approve the agenda with addition of 8E. Carried 5 to 0.

3. Consent Agenda (One vote to approve all below items in one motion)

A. Approval of Previous Minutes

B. Financial Reports

The following financial reports are attached.

- ✓ Cash Summary
- ✓ Check Listing - \$60,813.09
- ✓ Treasurer Report
- ✓ Activity Funds Financial Statements – High School and Elementary
- ✓ District Credit Card Usage – \$1,917.70
- ✓ Donations -

D. Personnel – resignations

- a. Leslie Duerksen – GES secretary/district treasurer – effective end of the school year
- b. Cassoday Griffin – GES food service – effective end of the school year
- c. Diana Schmidt – bus driver and transportation director - effective end of the school year
- d. Megan Duerksen – JH Student Council
- e. Gerard Dunne – HS boy's basketball assistant coach
- f. Janna Duerksen – Senior Class Sponsor

E. Personnel – supplemental new hires

- a. Luke Freeman – Track assistant coach

Paige Conquest moved Kyle Funk seconded to approve. Carried 5 to 0.

4. Patron Time

A. Patrons to Speak to the Board of Education

Presentation ([Proposed protocol extracted from KASB Policy Handbook and other district practices](#))

At this time during the meeting, members of the public may address the Goessel School District Board of Education. Each speaker must have registered with the Board Clerk, Joni Smith, before the meeting is called to order by completing a Speaker's Card and giving it to the Board Clerk. When recognized by the President of the Board of Education, Kelly Booton, the citizen may address the board on appropriate topics. The Board of Education is not required to reply to the comments but may if they so choose. Each person or organization is allowed to address the board for no more than 5 minutes.

5. Special Presentations – [ESSDACK health insurance pool](#) – [Sarah Sampson \(ESSDACK consultant – Fee Insurance\)](#) and [Dr. Chad Higgins \(Executive Director – ESSDACK\)](#)

Ben Schrag and Braden Unruh arrived 7:03 pm

Sara Hiebert arrived 7:12 pm

Cynthia Goerzen arrived 7:15 pm

Braden Unruh left at 7:35 pm

Dr. Chad Higgins, Sarah Sampson, Olivia Duerksen and Garrett Hiebert left at 7:40 pm

6. Administrator's Report

- A. Elementary Report
- B. Jr. High/High School Report
- C. Superintendent Report

7. Discussion Items

- A. Marion County Special Education Cooperative Report (MCSEC) – Sara Hiebert
- B. Legislative Updates – Bryant Miller/Patrick Flaming
- C. Every grant for LED lighting project
- D. District Banquet – Saturday, March 29, 2025
- E. JH/HS Principal Interview process and planning
- F. Classified Employee Handbook – first read: ([I am completing the draft and will have copies available on Monday night, March 10th](#))
- G. City of Goessel letter request for granting an easement – Scott Boden

8. Action Items

- A. Motion to consider Monday, May 5, 2025 as a non-student contact date. [Recommend approval of this as one-less student contact date. We will be hosting a 10:00am JH Invitational track meet on this date. Even though we had a total of five snow days if you count the in-service day on Feb. 5th the BOE approved. The other snow days were 1/7, 2/12, 2/18 & 2/19. We have enough student contact hours to be above the state requirements.](#)

Bryant Miller moved Sara Hiebert seconded to approve. Carried 7 to 0.

- B. Motion to the 2025-26 one page calendar. [Recommend approval of option C calendar. A Meet and Confer survey results show 82% of responders favored option C.](#)

Ben Schrag moved Patrick Flaming seconded to approve. Carried 7 to 0.

- C. Motion to approve the K-12 Albert plan. Recommend approval. Mr. Boden and I sat down with our K-12 representative in January and reviewed/negotiated terms and costs related to 2023-24 services, prior to them issuing a new contract and bid amount.

Ben Schrag moved Kyle Funk seconded to approve. Carried 7 to 0.

- D. Motion to consider out of state field trip requests. Recommend approval of all three of these out of state student field trips.
- i. Eighth grade field trip to Steamboat Arabia (KC Mo.)
 - ii. JH incentive trip to Worlds of Fun (KC Mo.)
 - iii. Senior trip to Branson (Branson, Mo.)

Patrick Flaming moved Bryant Miller seconded to approve. Carried 7 to 0

- E. Motion to accept the resignation of teacher Mr. Nathan Graber effective the end of this school year. Recommend approval

Sara Hiebert moved Kyle Funk seconded to approve. Carried 7 to 0

9. Executive Session(s)

Ben Schrag moved and Patrick Flaming seconded to go into executive session with the board for discussing actions adversely affecting a student under KOMA. Executive session is to protect the district's right to the confidentiality and the public interest and to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. The board will return to the open meeting at 8:43 pm Carried 7 to 0.

Joni Smith and Cynthia Goerzen left at 8:23 pm

**Entered executive session at 8:23 pm
Returned to open meeting at 8:43 pm**

Joni Smith returned at 8:43 pm

Ben Schrag moved and Bryant Miller seconded to go into executive session with the board for discussing an individual's employee's performance, pursuant to the KOMA exception for non-elected personnel. Executive session is to protect the district's right to the confidentiality and the public interest and to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. The board will return to the open meeting at 8:48 pm Carried 7 to 0.

Joni Smith left at 8:43 pm

**Entered executive session at 8:43 pm
Returned to open meeting at 8:48 pm**

Joni Smith returned at 8:48

10. Adjourn: 8:48 Next regular Board of Education Meeting – April 14, 2025 @ 7:00pm.

