

USD 217 Board of Education Meeting Recap

November 14, 2023



Highlights: Staff, Vehicles, Leave policies, New business

The USD 217 Board of Education met in session, Monday November 14, 2023. BOE members in attendance were: Jason LaRue, Courtney Reza, Phoebe Brummett, and Troy Cooper. Highlights from the meeting include:

Staff: The BOE accepted the resignation of Pete Milburn as head maintenance/grounds. The BOE voted to offer the position to Tim Dunn. Donie Watson was hired as a substitute custodian/kitchen helper.

Vehicles: The BOE voted for RFQs to be sent out for a minimum 8 passenger SUV, white, with less than 35,000 miles and no more than \$60,000. With using SUVs for our bus routes, there have been multiple times there have not been enough vehicles for extra curricular activities. This and given the ages of our other SUVs, the need to get our vehicles back on a rotation scheduled is needed. The BOE will continue to look at the ages and conditions of all USD 217 vehicles as we proceed with our needs assessment.

Leave policies: There is currently nothing in any of the staff handbooks that prevents certified staff from donating days to classified staff and vice versa. The BOE agrees with this in mind, any staff member will be able to donate sick leave days to any staff member.

Facilities/New Business: From the insurance claim back in July 2023 on all the roofs in the district, EMC finally got their claims adjuster report back to us. It is a 100+ page document that I will be working on going through. The BOE was presented the new graduation requirements from KSDE for freshman beginning in 24-25. The BOE voted to approve them as presented. Financial literacy will no longer be a full year credit but a semester (.5) credit. The BOE declared the desks/chairs from upstairs as surplus. I wrote 2 Cooper Clark grants – one for playground filler and one for a SMART board and 2 interactive ipanels. They were both approved by Cooper Clark. The BOE has requested information regarding the rental properties. Current property tax rates, current insurance rates, free rent for first year teachers, deposits, etc. This information will be gone over next month.

STAFF RELEASE

Calendar Change: Due to Basketball games and conflicts of BOE members on Monday, December 11, 2023, the BOE meeting will be moved to Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

Questions &/or Concerns: Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions &/or concerns regarding any of the highlights.



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