

**PALCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 269
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

REGULAR MEETING

October 2, 2024

7:00 P.M.

Damar Elementary School Library

MINUTES

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting was called to order by president Tom Benoit at 7PM.

Present members include Tom Benoit, Kyle Benoit, Brandon Kuhn, Rebecca Hageman Brian Pekarek, Paul Prewo, Cindy Blattner.

Absent: Marissa Jones and Cody Pieper

Brandon Kuhn moved to approve the agenda as presented. Rebecca Hageman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Reports began with Paul Prewo - K-12 Principal
Transportation - Last payment received from Purple Wave. All buses are now sold. Requested how to allocate those funds.

Bus 5 is sitting. Use for long excursions only.

New students - 3 entering 10/1/2024.

Work release - Consideration of a work study student opportunity for mornings in Hays. Rebecca Hageman moved to approve out of district work study for qualifying students. Tom Benoit second. There was no discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

Phone system cloud phone discussion of comparable districts. \$317/mo approx Board agrees to proceed.

BB coaches - JH Girls still needing a coach.

Track coach -JH- coach not confirmed.

Dr. Brian Pekarek - Superintendent presented
Financial Update - See handout.

Fence Installation at DES complete.

Fire Marshall Report - Plan of Correction - completed. discussed connecting with local fire department for evacuation plan in both buildings.

Kitchen Inspector Report was completed without deficiency.

Review of BOE Goals - See handout

Agriculture Focus schools - video examples of programs below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dt5fHfRbv8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bZMzvWYOU4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZRfFjeQzMk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0HP4Vh3h1g>

Advocacy in Action – Rebecca Hageman - Cardiac emergency response plan. Due 7/31/2025. Training, AED placement, and staff education.

Technology Representative – Tom Benoit and Marissa Jones - Cameras installed and in. Need to schedule a tech meeting for January.

PDZ Representative – Brandon Kuhn - Gatorade and granola bars for teachers and students at homecoming. Shared cost of pizza for bonfire with VIP club. Paying for grade school pumpkin patch trip.

NCKSEC Representative – Rebecca Hageman, alt. Tom Benoit- Federal fiscal file review. IDEA Act. State of KS requirement of reading compliance by 2028 for educators. Mental Health focus with HiPlains in rural schools.

Negotiations – Rebecca Hageman - No report

SHESC – Tom Benoit - Increased private funding. Serves 47 school districts.

Executive Session - Non-Elected Personnel Tom Benoit moved to enter executive session at 8:37 P.M. 10 minutes for purpose of discussing non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that the Board will return to the open session in this room at 8:47 P.M. Included in the executive session are all present Board members. Dr. Pekarek, Paul, Kami, and Cindy. Kyle Benoit second. No discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

Rebecca Hageman moved to approve Sarah Couse for HS Girls Basketball Coach. Tom Benoit seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 4-0

Brandon Kuhn moved to approve Josh Keller for JH Boys Basketball Coach. Kyle Benoit second. Discussion included BOE appreciation of Josh Keller stepping in to these openings to assist. Motion carried 4-0.

Tom Benoit moved to approve Cindy Blattner for HS Boys Basketball and HS track coach openings. Rebecca Hageman second. No discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

Kyle Benoit moved to approve Danel Wolcott for JH Scholar's Bowl. Brandon Kuhn second. Motion carried 4-0.

Brandon Kuhn moved to approve Toni Bristow for HS Scholar's Bowl.
Rebecca Hageman second. Discussion concerning after retirement. Motion carried 4-0.

Kyle Benoit moved to approve resignation of Mr. Robinson Brandon Kuhn second.
Discussion included BOE regretting Mr. Robinson leaving but respectfully understand.
Motion carried 4-0.

Board Comments included Jerry Hageman, Lion's Club, Tayler's announcing were appreciated during homecoming.

Football field prep was a great team effort.

Tarp football field sign with off season.

Ag Shop window replacement options.

Brandon Kuhn moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08PM. Kyle Benoit second Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted:

Cindy Blattner USD 269 Board Clerk