

**Argonia Public Schools**  
**Unified School District 359**  
**202 E. Allen**  
**Argonia, KS 67004**

*A Collaborative Family Creating a Legacy of Pride through Uncompromising Excellence*

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**  
**December 9, 2019**  
**7:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** Board President Shane Morrison called the December 9, 2019 meeting to order at 7:00 PM with seven members present. Those members were Joe Allen, Brian Fitch, Melinda McCurley, Sarah Vineyard, Tiffani Vaughn, Scott Jones, and Shane Morrison. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Julie McPherron, Principal Mark Russo, and Clerk Christy Gonzales.

**Approve Agenda:** A motion was made by Sarah Vineyard to approve the agenda as presented. Tiffani Vaughn seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**Appoint New Board Member:** A motion was made by Brian Fitch to approve Scott Jones as new board member. The motion was seconded by Melinda McCurley and carried 6-0. Scott Jones then joined the meeting.

**Audience:** None

**Consent Items:**

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Tiffani Vaughn to approve the meeting minutes of November 11, 2019. Brian Fitch seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**Approval of Warrants:** Brian Fitch made a motion to approve the warrants as presented. Melinda McCurley seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**Reports:**

**High School Principal:** Mr. Russo presented his report. Topics of discussion included attendance and disciplinary issues, Class IA division split, JH/HS basketball scores, Scholar's Bowl, finals schedule, KAY Club, and the K-12 Christmas concert.

**Sumner County Interlocal 619:** Tiffani Vaughn attended the November 25, 2019 meeting and presented her report.

**SCKESC:** Joe Allen attended the December 4, 2019 meeting and presented his report.

**Supt/Elem. Principal:** Dr. McPherron presented the Supt/Elem Principal report to the board. Topics of discussion included Kansans Can Star Recognition Awards, elementary attendance, the football committee meeting with Attica, EPA bus grant, 2018-2019 Yearbook, memorial funds, the staff Christmas luncheon, and upcoming activities.

**KASB Convention Report:** Dr. McPherron and Brian Fitch attended the KASB Convention on December 7<sup>th</sup> and presented a report on the sessions they attended. Brian also presented a report on the Delegate Assembly held on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Discussion and/or Appropriate Action:**

**Contract Approvals:** A motion was made by Melinda McCurley to approve updated contracts as presented. The motion was seconded by Brian Fitch and carried 6-1. Sarah Vineyard abstained from voting.

**Resignation:** A motion was made by Tiffani Vaughn to accept the resignation of Kindergarten teacher, Beth Zahradnik, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, with thanks for her service to the district. The motion was seconded by Joe Allen and carried 7-0.

**Out of District Request:** Discussion. No action taken.

**Recreation Commission Storage Unit:** Discussion. No action taken.

**Gifts and Grants Fund:** Shane Morrison made a motion to approve a monetary gift from Chikaskia Health District with thanks for the donation. The motion was seconded by Brian Fitch. Motion carried 7-0.

**Executive Session:** At 8:40 PM Shane Morrison made a motion to move into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The motion was seconded by Joe Allen and carried 7-0. Dr. McPherron was invited to stay. Mr. Russo excused himself from the meeting at this time.

The board returned to regular session at 9:00 PM.

Shane Morrison made a motion to move into executive session at 9:00 PM for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. Joe Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Dr. McPherron was invited to stay.

The board returned to regular session at 9:20 PM.

Shane Morrison made a motion to go into executive session at 9:20 PM for 20 minutes to discuss confidential student information with exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA. Joe Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Dr. McPherron was invited to stay.

The board returned to regular session at 9:40 PM.

Shane Morrison made a motion to go into executive session at 9:40 PM for 10 minutes to discuss confidential student information with exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA. Joe Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Dr. McPherron was invited to stay.

The board returned to regular session at 9:50 PM.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.