

ALLEN VILLAGE SCHOOL
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
October 13, 2023

Present: Alan Shelby; Kate Duffy; Ron Griffin; Lance Conley; Berenice Merlos

Absent: none

Guests: Phyllis Washington; Zackary Shelby; Debra McGlynn; Rhonda Reddick;
Tommie Brown

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m.

The minutes of the September 13, 2023 board meeting were reviewed and approved by all Board Members.

Debra McGlynn presented to the Board the following items:

- September 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023 check register
- September 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023 payroll register

By motion duly made by Kate Duffy and seconded by Ron Griffin and by unanimous vote of all Board members the September 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023 check register was accepted and approved.

By motion duly made by Lance Conley and seconded by Kate Duffy and by unanimous vote of all Board members the September 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023 payroll register was accepted and approved.

Debra McGlynn presented to the Board, the following Consent Agenda items:

- Procedures for Staff Children that are Students

By motion duly made by Ron Griffin and seconded by Kate Duffy and by unanimous vote of all Board members the Consent Agenda items listed below were accepted and approved.

- Procedures for Staff Children that are Students

Tommie Brown informed the board of the Seal of Biliteracy program at the high school. Rhonda Reddick began the program at Allen Village a few years ago. There are eight current seniors taking part in this program. They perform community service by tutoring and translating for English Learner students. At the end of the year, they take a test to determine the level of their biliteracy skills. All eight students are also in Dual Credit college classes.

Zackary Shelby presented to the board updates on the following:

- Total enrollment is currently 426.
- Attendance for each academy is now at 98-99%.
- Kansas City Public Schools District has moved the bond issue to 2025.
- Staff will be given a climate survey for staff to help ensure good moral and retention.
- MAP data graphs showing the mean scale scores overtime. This data helps to identify areas of need for planning.

Rhonda Reddick told the board about attendance incentives for students including ice cream/ice trucks at the half of the first quarter, and a semi-barbeque Big Bash with food, face painting for younger students, and a DJ for older students at the end of the first quarter. Students with good attendance, behavior, and honor roll were also honored at town hall meetings, received gift cards, and/or took part in auctions.

Phyllis Washington informed the board how the schools encouraged parental involvement at the Open House event by having food trucks at both buildings. Families and staff liked the tacos and pizza. She also let the board know that the school would be closed on Monday, October 30th. Since the school was already closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, it would be best to include Monday as a no school day. School will resume on Thursday, November 2.

Debra McGlynn shared with the board that teachers would be going to Half Price Books to pick out books for their classroom libraries. These books are discounted for educators and will be funded with Title I. Half Price Books has already donated several boxes of free books this year as well.

Phyllis Washington told the board about the reading initiatives that Rhonda Reddick has implemented this school year.

Alan Shelby commented favorably on the use of Five Below for auction items. He's heard that Five Below is Where It's At for students.

Berenice Merlos congratulated Rhonda Reddick and Phyllis Washington on the incentives including the pizza from the food truck. As a parent herself, she appreciated it.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

By motion duly made by Lance Conley, and seconded by Ron Griffin, and by unanimous vote of all Board members the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.