

Goodland USD 352: BOE Meeting April 28

by Matt Price
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The Goodland USD 352 Board of Education met in regular session April 28th. 1 and 2. The meeting was called to order by Board President Terry Smith and at the Roll Call, all of the board members were present physically except for Brad Schick who attended by phone. Also present at the beginning of the meeting were: Superintendent Bill Biermann and Board Clerk Judy Goodwin were also in attendance. Visitors present: Janet Craft, Kristen Matheson, Amity Ihrig, Raquel/Brian Coon, Rebecca Brace, Tate Douglas, Adelaide Brace, Maddy Potterf, Josh McKenzie, Rayne Markley, Hayden Short, Bella Wright, Keegan Greeson, Rhett Ihrig, Natalie Cure, Abby Johnson, Mikayla Scott, and Maddy Angelos. 3 and 4. The Agenda and Consent Agenda were approved 7-0. 5. There was no one who wished to address the board in Public Forum. 6. Presentations: a. Jag-K Students: Adelaide Brace, Maddy Potterf, Rayne Markley, and Keegan Greeson gave a short talk for the Board of Education about the offices each of them hold within the Jag-K group and also, what they have learned from Jag-K. The club has a total of 41 students who are involved. b. State Qualifiers for Science Olympiad: Gold Medalist = Rhett Ihrig/Maddy

Angelos – Anatomy-Physiology, Tate Douglas/Natalie Cure – Bungee Drop; Bronze Medalist = Bella Beaudion/Maddy Angelos – Entomology, Ben Wolak/Rostin Springer – Robot Tour 7. Reports: a. NKEC Report, Terry Smith – Short report given b. Ft Hays Tech Report, Brad Schick – Short report given c. Superintendent’s Report d. State Assessments to finish up 4 district vehicles listed on Purple Wave Max Jones – New Windows/Doors – install this week State music overall 8. Discussion Items: a. SCCF Grant Application Approval Stacey Price moved, seconded by Jim Gillespie, to approve the \$4,885 grant from the Sherman County Community Foundation for improvement at the community garden at North Elementary, as presented. Motion carried 7-0. b. Technology Contract – Apple Travis Daise moved, seconded by Jonathan Spellmeier, to approve Resolution 2025-1, Authorizing and approving the execution and delivery of a master lease purchase agreement with Apple, as presented. Motion carried 7-0. c. Disposal of Unused Property Brad Schick moved, seconded by Stacey Price to allow Superintendent Bill Biermann, to sell old technology equipment, as well as district vehicles through Purple Wave, as presented.

Motion carried 7-0. d. Bids on Vehicles Brad Schick moved, seconded by Jonathan Spellmeier to approve the bid from Herl Chevrolet for 2 suburbans in the amount of \$123,890.00, as presented. Motion carried 7-0. e. Student Matters (eligible for executive session) f. Personnel (eligible for executive session) Travis Daise moved, seconded by Stacey Price, that the board of education, Superintendent Biermann go into executive session at 6:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual and that the Board of Education reconvene into open session at 7:10 p.m. in this room. Motion carried 7-0. The Clerk, and guests left the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The Clerk, and guests returned to the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Travis Daise moved, seconded by Jonathan Spellmeier, to approve the recommendation of Jessica Vignery as Elementary School Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented. Motion carried 7-0. Stacey Price moved, seconded by Jim Gillespie to approve the resignation of Joseph McGinnis-Fletcher as GJSHS Evening Custodian effective April 22, 2025. Motion carried 7-0. Stacey Price moved, seconded by Jim Gillespie to approve the resignation of Molly Witzel as GJSHS Sr

English Teacher/HS Yearbook Advisor effective May 22, 2025. Motion carried 7-0. Stacey Price moved, seconded by Jim Gillespie to

approve the resignation of Hannah Kvasnicka as North Elementary 4th Grade Teacher effective May 23, 2025. Motion carried 7-0.

The next meeting of the board will be at 6 p.m. May 12th. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



In The Paper 50 Years Ago

May 9, 1975



PRICE MEMORIAL WINNERS -- Denise Dreiling, left, and Sheila Dressman, center, were named recipients of this year's Ricky Price Memorial Award during the GHS Band Spring "Pop" Concert Thursday night. The Price award usually goes to the two band members selected for the Lions Club Band Camp each summer. Here, band director Jim Garner holds the plaque on which Denise and Sheila's names will be inscribed. (Staff Photo).

Now That's Rural: Eli Svaty, Seward County

By Ron Wilson
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"All leaders are learners." – Rick Warren.

Today we'll meet a young man who is leading the economic development effort in his county while working with other organizations to help learn more about effective rural development. Eli Svaty is the executive director of the Seward County Development Corporation and recent president of the Western Kansas Rural Economic Development Alliance. Svaty grew up on a farm near Ellsworth. He was active in the community, including community theater, and earned a degree in English from Sterling College. After graduating from college in 2006, he was back home when he heard from his cousin who had taken a teaching position at Liberal. She told him that Liberal High School was looking for English teachers and encouraged him to apply even though he didn't have certification. Svaty applied and was told he could have the job if he completed a brief teacher certification program at Fort Hays State. In a matter of days, he was teaching in the classroom. A few months later, as Svaty was thinking of moving on, his cousin told him about a young woman named Marilyn that she wanted him to meet. The cousin was also working on a production of the musical Oklahoma for the community theater. Svaty told his cousin that if she would cast him in the musical's leading man role and Marilyn in the leading female role, he would stay. Not only did they star in the production, they fell in love and got married. What a great cousin to have. Svaty found he loved teaching. He earned a master's degree from Fort Hays State and became department chair at Liberal High. Later, the Seward County Devel-

opment Corporation was created. In fall 2019, Svaty became its first executive director. Shortly thereafter, the pandemic hit. "Fortunately, my Board wasn't expecting us to land a big new factory overnight," Svaty said. He started working on supporting and building small businesses in the community. He now considers small business growth one of his greatest accomplishments. "With support from NetWork Kansas, K-State Research and Extension and other partners, we built a network of entrepreneurial support," Svaty said. Small business activity has grown. In January 2022, he added a bilingual director of entrepreneurship to his office staff. Over time, the office was able to foster new large-scale industrial projects as well, such as an innovative cellulosic ethanol plant. Seward County includes the county seat of Liberal and the rural community of Kismet, population 332 people. Now, that's rural. For more information about Seward County, go to www.swks.org. In 2022, Svaty was selected for the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership program. He valued the experience. "It was awesome to see different businesses and communities around the state," Svaty said. He was pleased class members saw the huge scope of agribusiness in southwest Kansas. Among many other things, his KARL class was also able to participate in the Gettysburg Leadership Experience at the historic Gettysburg battlefield in Pennsylvania and take an international tour to Spain. In 2023, Svaty was elected president of the Western Kansas Rural Economic Development Alliance. That organization provides advocacy, education and peer support for economic developers in the western half of the state. The group meets quarterly in such rural communities as Harper, Osborne and Lincoln. "It was a great resource to learn what other communities are doing. I gained a real appreciation for all

the behind-the-scenes work that went in to hosting events in those communities," Svaty said. Svaty has developed a great appreciation for the lifestyle of southwest Kansas. "Things here are done on a grand scale but with midwestern humility," Svaty said.

"Once (the life here) hooks you in, you don't want to leave." Svaty is especially thankful for his opportunities to grow. "I'm a learner at heart," he said. Leaders are learners. We salute Eli Svaty of the Seward County Development Corporation for

making a difference in personal and professional growth with the KARL program and in leading the WKREDA organization. His performance is evidence that leaders are learners, and learners can be leaders. Audio and text files of Kansas Profiles are available at https://

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•PUBLIC NOTICE•

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE INTEREST OF
Name: Alexandria Bricker
Year of Birth 2012

Case No. 24-JC-2

IN THE INTEREST OF
Name: Amelia Chauvin
Year of Birth 2014

Case No. 24-JC-3

NOTICE OF HEARING Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: Amanda Chauvin, Address Unknown, and all other persons who are or may be concerned. You are hereby notified that a motion to find Amanda Chauvin, Mother of the children named above unfit and to terminate parental rights, appoint a permanent custodian, or enter such orders as are deemed appropriate and has been filed. The Court may find the parent is unfit by reason of conduct or condition which renders the parent unable to care properly for the children, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parent should be terminated, and permanent custodian should be appointed for the children. A hearing on that motion will be conducted on the 24th day of June, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in the courtroom of the Sherman County Courthouse in the City of Goodland, Kansas. The Court will receive testimony and other relevant information with regard to the safety and wellbeing of the children named above and may enter orders regarding custody and case planning necessary to achieve permanency for the children named above, including proposals for living arrangements for the children and services to be provided the children and the children's family. The hearing will determine if the parent should be deprived their parental rights and the right of custody of the children. The parent, and any other person having legal custody are required to appear before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition with the Clerk of the District Court, prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition, finding that the children are children in need of care, removing the children from the custody of parent, or any other present legal custodian until further order of the Court, or finding the parent unfit, and entering an order permanently terminating the parent's parental rights.

An attorney has been appointed as guardian ad litem for the children: Jeffery A. Mason, P.O. Box 876, Goodland, KS 67735, (785) 890-6529. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally either with or without an attorney. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support. An attorney has been appointed for you: Leslie Beims, P.O. Box 762, St. Francis, KS 67756, (785) 728-8081

/s/ Jacki Waters
Clerk of the Sherman County Kansas District Court

480+/- ACRES IRRIGATED & DRYLAND

ABSOLUTE **LAND AUCTION**

THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

TUES., MAY 20, 2025 @ 10:30 AM, CDT

**AUCTION LOCATION: HUNTER HALL
BREWSTER, KANSAS**

**SELLER: SAS, LLC,
Gary Adrian, Mgr**

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS:
TR 1: SE/4 of Sec 19-7-36
155.08 ac dryland
TR 2: N/2 of Sec 11-6-36
244 ac irrigated; 75.93 ac dryland

CROPS:
TR 1: There are no growing crops.
TR 2: Seller will retain 2025 wheat crop.

MINERAL RIGHTS: All Seller's interest will go to the Buyers.

POSSESSION:
•Date of closing on open acres.
•After harvest on ac planted to wheat.

IRRIGATION INFO:
There is a Valley 7-tower sprinkler, a Reinke 7-tower sprinkler & a NG motor included in the sale. Water Right File #4676 is also included. This property is located in the GMD 4 LEMA.

Call DON HAZLETT at 785-443-1299

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TR 2

TR 1

CO RD 2

CO RD 3

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BREWSTER

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