

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MAY 17, 2016  
12:00 P.M.**

The Board of Education of Unified School District 234, Fort Scott, Kansas, met in special session at their offices at 424 S. Main at 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jordan Witt, Michelle Parker, Vanessa Poyner, Janet Braun, Gary Billionis

ABSENT: Michelle Hudiburg, Jamie Armstrong

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Bob Beckham, Clerk Gina Shelton

OTHERS PRESENT: Connie Billionis, Jason Silvers

**OPEN THE MEETING – 12:00 P.M.**

President Witt opened the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Poyner, and carried by unanimous vote that the board go into executive session to discuss personnel matters for nonelected personnel and that the board return to open meeting at 12:10 p.m.

The executive session was required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual.

The board invited Superintendent Bob Beckham to attend the executive session.

Board Member Parker exited the room at 12:10 p.m. and re-entered at 12:10 p.m.

**CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT**

It was moved by Mrs. Braun, seconded by Mrs. Poyner, and carried by unanimous vote that the board approve the following employment matters:

- A. Rescinded resignation of Patty Smilie, high school counselor

May 16, 2016

Mr. Bob Beckham  
Mr. Shawn Thomas  
Members of the Board of Education of USD 234

I am requesting to rescind my letter of resignation submitted May 7, 2016. I have had thoughts of retirement for the past year and as the end of the current year approached, I became more uncertain about a decision. Because the May board meeting was Monday night, my self-imposed pressure hurried me into a decision. My decision was hasty. I would like your consideration for my re-employment as counselor at Fort Scott High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. At this time I would also like to submit my resignation to be effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Sincerely,

  
Patricia L. Smilie

- B. Employment of Josh Messer as a high school social science teacher for the 2016-17 school year
- C. Resignation of Dakota Hall from middle school football

**ADJOURN – 12:13 P.M.**

It was moved by Mrs. Braun, seconded by Mrs. Poyner, and carried by unanimous vote that the board adjourn.

**ATTEST:**

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Board President

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Board Clerk