

USD 263
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 26, 2026
7:00 P.M.
DISTRICT OFFICES-628 E. MULVANE
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MINUTES

**Please be respectful-No cell phone use or texting during the meeting. Mute or turn off phones.*

1.0 MEETING OPENING

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jeff Ellis with the following members present: Destiny Myers, Stacy Gear, Fred Heersche, and Crystal Smith. Chris Heersche and Steve Fry were not present.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Doug Hatfield, Glenda Cowell, Trista Cuthbertson, Casey Lucas, Craig Helser, Renee Sweetwood, Brad Canfield, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

- 1.2.1 KASB School Finance 101 Workshop-February 13, 2026, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (online)
- 1.2.2 KASB Board Leaders Table Talk-February 18, 2026, noon-1:00 p.m. (online)

1.3 “GOOD NEWS” BY BOE MEMBERS

*Crystal Smith gave kudos to the maintenance crew for their work in preparation for classes on Tuesday.

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 1.4.1 Renee Sweetwood, Munson Primary Principal, reported that they had a great session with Orion reviewing FastBridge data. Also, she is impressed with the team and how clean Munson is for tomorrow.
- 1.4.2 Glenda Cowell, Director of Special Services/Communications, reported that she has been collaborating with the high school and middle school in preparation for Wildcat Academy enrollment. Also, she's been working with our new state assessment test coordinators. Our special services team has met and been focusing on mental health interventions.
- 1.4.3 Trista Cuthbertson, Asst Superintendent, reported that the DLT met on Friday. The April 3 PD Day will focus on our KESA goal of standards alignment. The e-walkthrough cadre met at the middle school. Discussion was held with the PDC regarding 2026-27 professional development. For opening inservice in August, planning has begun on choiceboard options.
- 1.4.4 Casey Lucas, Asst Sped Director, reported that fall child find numbers were somewhat low. Spring appointments are full.
- 1.4.5 Brad Canfield, Director of Operations, reported that they had several MEF grants submitted. The custodial team, maintenance, and grounds departments worked

hard to have the lots and sidewalks cleared for Tuesday. Thanks to all for their efforts.

1.4.6 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, appreciated the support crew for their efforts removing the snow from the grounds. Also, thanks to the PreK team for their work on the PreK proposal.

1.5 MEA REPORT-no report

2.0 APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

Motion made by Fred Heersche to approve the agenda. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the amendments to the consent agenda. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

ADD: CONSENT ITEMS:

3.3.1 Resignations:

Tammy Gowdy-MMS 6th gr Science Teacher (eff end of 25-26 yr)

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.2 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Clerk & Treasurer Report
Bank Reconciliation
Activity Funds Financial Statements

3.3 ROUTINE PERSONNEL

3.3.1 Resignations:

Sophia Vessio	MP KPP Aide (eff 1-15-26)
Paula Wing	.3 fte MMS Math Relay/Spelling Bee (eff 5-20-26)
Kari Schwanke	MHS Volleyball Co-Head Coach (eff 5-20-26)
Julina Walker	MMS Scholars Bowl (eff 5-20-26)
Julina Walker	MMS RADD Sponsor (eff 5-20-26)
Jesse Kollmeyer	MHS PE Teacher (eff 5-20-26)
Jesse Kollmeyer	MHS Girls Golf Coach (eff 5-20-26)
Jesse Kollmeyer	MHS Head Softball Coach (eff 1-22-26)
Tammy Gowdy	MMS 6 th gr Science Teacher (eff end of 25-26 yr)

3.3.2 New Hires:

Kylie Bonnell	MGS ParaEducator (eff 1-27-26)
Shelby Claycomb	Sub Teacher (Secondary Position)(eff 1-27-26)
Amy Alkire	Sub Teacher (eff 1-27-26)

	Blake Springer	MHS Head Softball Coach (eff 1-27-26)
3.3.3	Change of Status/Transfer: Matthew Peschel Kody Grant	MMS Industrial Arts Teacher (eff 8-1-26) MMS Wildcat Academy Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
3.4	PDC TRANSCRIPTS	None
3.5	PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT:	None
3.6	BILLS	\$88,315.05
3.7	PAYROLL	\$1,136,429.01
3.8	TRANSFERS	Virtual Education \$6,196 At-Risk \$154,861.40 4 yr old At-Risk \$6,225.01 Vocational \$55,731
3.9	DONATION Credit Union of America KS All-Star Scholars Fund Lenore Bishop Foundation Mulvane PTO	Lori Colvin \$1,000 MGS Field Trip Lori Colvin \$3,040 MGS Field Trip Lori Colvin \$780 MGS Charter Bus \$1,260

Motion made by Crystal Smith to approve the consent agenda. Second by Fred Heersche. Motion carried 5-0.

4.0 PATRON TIME

No patrons were present to speak.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

There were no Action Items.

6.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Wray Roofing Proposal

Craig Helser reviewed Wray Roofing's qualifications and scope of work for the roof at the high school.

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the bid as presented by Wray Roofing in the amount of \$1,128,985. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 5-0.

6.2 All Day PreSchool Program Proposal

Administrators and representatives from the PreK team were present to review the process, benefits, and proposal for a blended PreK Program with a full-day option. A half-day option will still be available.

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the proposal for the PreK adjustments. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

6.3 *2026 Summer Credit Recovery*

Dr. Ensley shared that there are no major changes from last year. The program will have the same structure and set-up.

Motion made by Fred Heersche to approve the 2026 summer credit recovery program as proposed. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 5-0.

6.4 *2026 Driver's Education Proposal*

Dr. Ensley reported that there is one instructor for the program. The instructor fee increased slightly. That is the only adjustment from last year.

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the 2026 summer driver's ed proposal. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

7.0 *DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS*

7.1 *Update from MMS STUCO Students-(*Due to the snow day and no school for students, this will be postponed to a meeting in the future.)*

7.2 *Purple Star Update*

Glenda Cowell reviewed the background and process for becoming a Purple Star district. We currently have 93 students who are dependents of full-time or part-time military personnel. These students have extra challenges due to frequent moving. Our staff members participate in professional development focusing on ways to support our military students. Activities and events were shared. We are working on renewing our application to be a Purple Star district.

8.0 *EXECUTIVE SESSION*

8.1 *Student Matter*

At 7:55 p.m., Stacy Gear moved that the board recess into executive session regarding a student issue to discuss matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA to include the Board and Dr. Ensley. The board will return to open session in the board meeting room at 8:00 p.m. with possible action to follow. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

The BOE returned to open meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Ellis stated that no action was taken during Executive Session.

9.0 *ADJOURNMENT*

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 5-0.
