

USD 263
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 12, 2026
7:00 P.M.
DISTRICT OFFICES-628 E. MULVANE
unofficial draft
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: Fred Heersche, Stacy Gear, Destiny Myers, Steve Fry, and Chris Heersche. Crystal Smith was not present.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Glenda Cowell, Doug Hatfield, Steve Ukena, Trista Cuthbertson, Brad Canfield, Erica Mize, Jeromy Swearingen, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

1.2.1 Steve Ukena was presented with the Inspiring Excellence award.

1.2.2 KASB Data Center Developments: District Best Practices Webinar, October 28, 2026, noon-1:00 p.m.

1.2.3 KASB Convention, November 6-8, 2026 (Wichita)

1.3 “GOOD NEWS” BY BOE MEMBERS

Nothing at this time

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1.4.1 Erica Mize, Mulvane Grade School Principal, thanked Fred Heersche for his assistance cutting fire hoses for intruder prevention. During the inservice day last week, staff worked on standards alignment. She’s been meeting individually with teachers to go over classroom data for each student. Parent/teacher conferences are this week. Students will share their Wildcat Notebooks. Information has been sent out to assist with the download of the Raptor application. First quarter awards are coming up.

1.4.2 Jeromy Swearingen, Mulvane High School Principal, noted that parent/teacher conferences begin tonight and continue Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. Last week was Test Day. Thanks to the counselors and teachers for their work in putting this day together. The juniors will attend the Futures Fair at WSU tomorrow. Last Tuesday, seniors applied to colleges during Kansas Apply Free Days. Thanks to the maintenance department for their work on the field, enabling us to host cross country last week. League is this week. Several of our fall sports teams have recognized their seniors on Senior Night.

1.4.3 Glenda Cowell, Director of Special Services/Communications, announced that we are proud to have a Horizon Award nominee in-district, Blythe McDaniel. KAP interim assessments are complete. The auditor has received our information for the September 20 count.

- 1.4.4 Brad Canfield, Director of Operations, noted that the MEF Dinner and Auction is Saturday. The MHS auditorium upgrade is progressing and should be completed in November.
- 1.4.5 Trista Cuthbertson, Asst Superintendent, reported that the Site Council met. They discussed the Raptor visitor program, the cell phone policy, and heard bond issue updates. The first Team Green meeting was held on September 28. Administrators met today to work on at-risk accountability. We've started on the social studies curriculum adoption.
- 1.4.6 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, reported that the SO66 has been submitted. The MEF dinner and auction is Saturday. We've met with the architects. They will be in the district on Friday.

1.5 MEA REPORT-no report

2.0 APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the agenda. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Fred Heersche to approve the amendments to the consent agenda. Second by Chris Heersche. Motion carried 6-0.

ADD: CONSENT ITEMS:

3.3.1 Resignations:

Gilbert Hoover-MHS ParaEducator (eff 10-12-26)

3.3.2 New Hires:

James Fulkerson-MP Custodian (eff 10-13-26)

3.6 Bills:

Add'l Bills for October- ck #22061-22082 in the amt of \$59,672.30

Add'l Bills for October-ck #22083 in the amt of \$10,140.90

Add'l Bills for October-ck #1203 in the amt of \$38,840.00

Add'l Bills for October-ACH #262700090-262700092 in the amt of \$105.00

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

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| 3.3.1 | Resignations:
Gilbert Hoover | MHS ParaEducator (eff 10-12-26) |
| 3.3.2 | New Hires:
Kirstie Brown
James Fulkerson | MHS Cook (Secondary Position)(eff 10-13-26)
MP Custodian (eff 10-13-26) |
| 3.3.3 | Change of Status/Transfer: | None |
| 3.4 | PDC TRANSCRIPTS | None |
| 3.5 | PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT: None | |
| 3.6 | BILLS | \$181,523.65 |
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| 3.7 | PAYROLL | \$175,270.71 |
| 3.8 | TRANSFERS | None |
| 3.9 | DONATION | None |

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the consent agenda. Second by Fred Heersche.
Motion carried 6-0.

4.0 PATRON TIME

No patrons were present to speak.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

There were no Action Items.

6.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

There were no Discussion/Action Items.

7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

7.1 Discuss New Raptor Visitor ID Procedure

Glenda Cowell updated the Board on the Raptor Visitor program that will be used to screen visitors for student and staff safety. Part of the cost was covered by the Safe and Secure Schools Grant. Administrators, SROs, and front office staff have been working on processes and procedures. Parent information and guidance have been sent out.

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no Executive Sessions.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Second by Stacy Gear. Motion carried 6-0.
