USD 263
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 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: Fred Heersche, Destiny Myers, Steve Fry, Crystal Smith, and Chris Heersche. Stacy Gear was not present.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Glenda Cowell, Doug Hatfield, Katie and Adam Entwisle, Jeromy Swearingen, Colin Cathey, Chantel Johnson, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

1.2.1 Katie Entwisle was presented with the Inspiring Excellence award.

1.2.2 KASB Board Leaders Table Talk-Getting Ready for the Upcoming Legislative Session, November 11, 2026, noon -1:00 pm (online)

1.2.3 KASB Lunch and Learn—Collaboration Beyond the Board, November 17, 2026, 11:30 am-1:00 pm (online)

1.3 "GOOD NEWS" BY BOE MEMBERS

Nothing at this time

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1.4.1 Chantel Johnson, Munson Primary Principal, reported that parent/teacher conferences have wrapped up. They had 94% participation. Staff and students are excited to begin One School, One Book activities featuring the book *8 Class Pets*. Halloween parties are scheduled for Friday. Many parents have begun the pre-registration process for Friday.

1.4.2 Colin Cathey, Mulvane Middle School Principal, reported that they have wrapped up student-led conferences with 92% engagement. Fall sports have concluded with a very successful season. Girls' basketball and boys' wrestling begin this week. Red Ribbon Week begins and will feature Spirit Days.

1.4.3 Jeromy Swearingen, Mulvane High School Principal, reported that they had about 90% participation for student-led conferences. The juniors went to the Futures Fair. Sophomores will be visiting WSU Tech. FFA attended a national conference. Red Ribbon Week is this week. We are hosting the final fall JV football game this evening.

1.4.4 Glenda Cowell, Special Services Coordinator, has been working with the tier facilitators and ELA teachers on the adopted curriculum. On Friday, several staff members attended an individual plans of study training for secondary IPS team

leaders. She has been working with the mental health team to review interventions.

1.4.5 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, reported that the October 17 MEF Dinner and Auction was very successful. Thanks to the Education Foundation for all they do for our district. He will meet with Hutton and Gravity:Works on tracking expenses. We are wrapping up the first quarter. Thanks to the students and staff for their hard work.

1.5 MEA REPORT-no report

2.0 APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

Motion made by Fred Heersche to approve the agenda. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

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

ADD: CONSENT ITEMS:

3.4 PDC Transcript:
Jason Mitchell

3.6 Bills:
Add'l Bills for October- ck #22135-22138 in the amt of $80,890.68
Add'l Bills for October-ck #22139-22143 in the amt of $17,208.56
Add'l Bills for October-ck #22144-22159 in the amt of $7,525.43
Add'l Bills for October-ACH #262700105-262700108 in the amt of $110.00

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

3.3.1 Resignations:

Cecily Barton	MP HN ParaEducator (eff 10-21-26)

3.3.2 New Hires:

Kenneth Donohue	MGS Cook (eff 10-27-26)

	Carol Shriver	MMS Cook (eff 10-27-26)
	Addison Mackey	Sub Teacher (eff 10-27-26)

3.3.3 Change of Status/Transfer:

Rick Wheeler	Fire Safety Coord (wage change only)(eff 10-27-26)
Chad Smith	Fire Safety Coord (wage change only)(eff 10-27-26)

3.4	PDC TRANSCRIPTS	Candace Crowell Jason Mitchell
3.5	PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT: None	
3.6	BILLS	$186,564.78

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3.7	PAYROLL	$1,194,878.39
3.8	TRANSFERS	None
3.9	DONATION	
	Culvers	MHS FBLA $418.70

Motion made by Destiny Myers to approve the consent agenda. Second by Crystal Smith. 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

6.1 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

The Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted by Sedgwick County in November 2024. The district needs to formally adopt the plan in order to be eligible for state and federal mitigation grants.

Motion made by Steve Fry to approve the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Second by Fred Heersche. Motion carried 6-0.

6.2 November 23, 2026 BOE Meeting

Motion made by Chris Heersche to cancel the November 23, 2026 Board of Education meeting. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

6.3 December 28, 2026 BOE Meeting

Motion made by Steve Fry to cancel the December 28, 2026 Board of Education meeting. Second by Fred Heersche. Motion carried 6-0.

7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

7.1 Bond Projects Update

Dr. Ensley and Mr. Canfield will meet with Hutton and Gravity:Works on Tuesday. They have performed a mechanical evaluation for Munson and the Grade School and are looking at HVAC options. They have also looked at the secure entry options for MGS. At the November BOE meeting, Gravity:Works will have a plan to share for the Middle School. The High School lighting and sound projects are almost completed and will be ready for the November 19th performance. The roof is complete at the High School. The chiller will be ordered at a later date. Secure locks will be upcoming.

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no Executive Sessions.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

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