

USD 263
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 10, 2025
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: Steve Fry, Destiny Myers, Chris Heersche, Stacy Gear, Crystal Smith, and Fred Heersche.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Colin Cathey, Doug Hatfield, Brad Canfield, Glenda Cowell, Richard Hampton, Erica Mize, Renee Sweetwood, Jeromy Swearingen, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

1.2.1 KASB Board Leaders Table Talk-November 19, 2025, Noon-1:00 p.m. (online)

1.2.2 Brad Canfield was presented with the Inspiring Excellence award.

1.3 “GOOD NEWS” BY BOE MEMBERS

*Stacy Gear noted that the bond passed; she thanked everyone who worked on this over the last several years.

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1.4.1 Renee Sweetwood, Munson Primary Principal, reported that they have initiated “BIG” Days-Bring your Important Grownup. October ended with a big Halloween parade. Thanks to the Process Champions team for all their planning. The BLT has been looking at goals and data. On Thursday, second graders will be performing a Veterans Day Program.

1.4.2 Erica Mize, Mulvane Grade School Principal, reported that they have several activities planned for Veterans Day. Amy Nelson and Erica have been meeting individually with teachers to look at data. They have started a building book study- “How Full is Your Bucket.” Staff put together fifty crockpot meals to assist families during the shutdown. Shout out to Emily Zepeda for the idea. Career Day was held last week at MGS. Thanks to the Process Champions Team and the adult volunteers who made this a success. The annual MGS Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 20th.

1.4.3 Colin Cathey, Mulvane Middle School Principal, reported that Red Ribbon Week activities were held last week. The food drive has begun. Red, White, and Blue Spirit Day is tomorrow in honor of Veterans Day.

1.4.4 Jeromy Swearingen, Mulvane High School Principal, noted that they also celebrated Red Ribbon Week last week. Fall Sports concluded, and winter sports will begin next week. There will be an all-school Veterans Day assembly held

tomorrow. Friendsgiving will be next week. The musical will be performed November 20-22.

- 1.4.5 Richard Hampton, Food Service Director, had no report at this time.
- 1.4.6 Glenda Cowell, Director of Special Services/Communications, reported that they are updating the Purple Star application for the 3-year renewal. Individual plans of study for 6th-12th graders are being developed. We are working on college and career activities for students beginning in lower grades. Nurses are partnering with Simply Hygiene to provide hygiene products for students.
- 1.4.7 Brad Canfield, Director of Operations, reported that the Convergent project is wrapping up. Thanks to Josh Nearhood for his behind-the-scenes support. The MEF Dinner and Auction was a success, bringing in \$71,000. Grant applications will be going out soon.
- 1.4.8 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, thanked the community and patrons for coming out to vote last week. Also, thanks to Jennifer Wyant and Steve Nichols for their efforts over the last several years to get us to this point.

1.5 MEA REPORT-no report

2.0 APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the agenda. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Steve Fry to approve the amendments to the consent agenda. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 7-0.

ADD: CONSENT ITEMS:

3.6 Bills:

Add'l Bills for November-ck #20735-20747 in the amt of \$55,766.72

Add'l Bills for November-ACH #252600136-252600137 in the amt of \$39.41

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:

Ashlee LaRue

Amy Rounds

MHS Color Guard Coach (eff 10-28-25)

MHS ParaEducator (eff 11-21-25)

3.3.2 New Hires:

James Inkelaar
Autumn Hampton
Staci Jones

Custodian (eff 11-11-25)
Sub Teacher (Secondary Position)(eff 11-11-25)
Sub Teacher (eff 11-11-25)

- 3.3.3 Change of Status/Transfer:
Gerald Stegner MMS Custodian (eff 11-3-25)
- 3.4 PDC TRANSCRIPTS Randall Fox
- 3.5 PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT: None
- 3.6 BILLS \$143,381.79
Add'l Bills for November-ck #20735-20747 in the amt of \$55,766.72
Add'l Bills for November-ACH #252600136-252600137 in the amt of \$39.41
- 3.7 PAYROLL \$239,275.37
- 3.8 TRANSFERS Vocational \$292
- 3.9 DONATION
Victory Church USD 263 School Lunches \$1,000
- 3.10 OTHER Approve Recurring Donation from Simply Hygiene

Motion made by Fred Heersche to approve the consent agenda. Second by Chris Heersche. Motion carried 7-0.

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 Wildcat Academy Expansion to 6th-8th Grades

Mr. Cathey and Mrs. Cowell shared information and next steps for expanding Wildcat Academy to the Middle School.

Motion made by Steve Fry to approve expanding Wildcat Academy to the 6th-8th grades for the 2026-27 school year. Second by Stacy Gear. Motion carried 7-0.

7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

7.1 HVAC and Controls Update

Mr. Hampton updated the board on the CNC upgrade project for our HVAC and controls.

7.2 *Bond Issue Updates on Timeline and Schedule*

Dr. Ensley reported that they will meet with the architect, CMAR, committee members, and administration to talk about next steps on Tuesday. He visited with Stifel on the financing piece. They are putting together a resolution that will be on the December 8 BOE agenda. This will start the process for the sale of the bonds. The architects plan to begin meetings at the middle school to work on planning and design.

8.0 *EXECUTIVE SESSION*

There were no Executive Sessions.

9.0 *ADJOURNMENT*

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 7-0.
