

USD 263
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 9, 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 Chris Heersche. Steve Fry and Crystal Smith were not present.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Doug Hatfield, Ed Huss, Trista Cuthbertson, Patricia Minks, Jarrod Craig, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

1.2.1 Ed Huss was presented with the Inspiring Excellence award.

1.3 “GOOD NEWS” BY BOE MEMBERS

*Destiny Myers reported that Homecoming was fun and well organized.

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1.4.1 Trista Cuthbertson, Asst Superintendent, reported that she and Glenda Cowell attended the Curriculum Leaders meeting in Topeka. They covered new requirements for at-risk funding. Reality U will be held out at the high school tomorrow.

1.4.2 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, noted that he will be assisting with Reality U tomorrow at the high school. Welcome Jarrod Craig, who is here observing the meeting as part of his district leadership requirement.

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 5-0.

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

ADD: CONSENT ITEMS:

3.3.1 Resignations:

Hannah Morgan-MMS ELA Teacher/MMS Head Track Coach (eff 5-20-26)

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:

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| DeMichael Haggard | MHS Custodian (eff 1-28-26) |
| Nazia Mazhar | MHS HN ParaEducator (eff 2-16-26) |
| Talley Friesen | MMS Sped Teacher (eff 5-20-26) |
| Hannah Morgan | MMS ELA Teacher/MMS Head Track Coach (eff 5-20-26) |

3.3.2 New Hires:

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| Autumn Jump | Sub Teacher (eff 2-10-26) |
| Faith Warkins | Sub Teacher (eff 2-10-26) |
| Zachary Frakes | Sub Teacher (eff 2-10-26) |
| Darcy O'Dell | Food Service Director (eff 2-10-26) |

3.4 PDC TRANSCRIPTS Katrina Landwehr

3.5 PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT: None

3.6 BILLS \$551,720.72

3.7 PAYROLL \$163,124.55

3.8 TRANSFERS None

3.9 DONATION

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mulvane Community Foundation | USD 263 Food Service \$990 |
| Optimist Club | MHS SADD \$300 |
| Optimist Club | MHS FFA \$300 |

Motion made by Destiny Myers to approve the consent agenda. Second by Stacy Gear.
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 Capital Outlay Turf Projects

Dr. Ensley updated the Board on the turf replacement needs at Lyle Couch field. It is near end of life, and is a safety concern. Turf reconditioning has been taking place quarterly. They have been exploring options for about a year to replace the turf. Additionally, they would like the Board to consider adding a multi-purpose turf field at the high school which could be beneficial for classroom use, band practice, athletics, etc. Three state-approved bids were received (Field Turf, Hellas, and Mammoth). Dr. Ensley recommended the bid from Mammoth.

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the bid from Mammoth for the two turf projects in an amount not to exceed 1.5 million. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 5-0.

7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

7.1 First Reading of KASB Policy Recommendations: BCBK, BG, IHF, IIBE, and IKB

Dr. Ensley shared recommended changes/updates on BCBK, BG, IHF, IIBE, and IKB per KASB's winter review. These will be brought back to the Board for a second reading at the next meeting.

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

8.1 Non-Elected Personnel

At 7:19 p.m., Stacy Gear moved that the board recess into executive session regarding an employment issue to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to protect the privacy interests of the individual, to include Trista Cuthbertson, Jay Ensley, and the Board. The board will return to open session in the board meeting room at 7:34 p.m. with possible action to follow. Second by Chris Heersche. Motion carried 5-0.

The BOE returned to open meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Mr. Ellis stated that no action was taken in executive session.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 5-0.
