

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

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Doug Hatfield, Joshua Nearhood, Carolyn Young, Clayton Hubbell, Nicole Yarnell and family, Trista Cuthbertson, Megan Etling, Jesse Meisch, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENT

1.2.1 KASB Safe Schools and Threat Preparedness April 2, 2025, 9:00 am-noon
(Wichita)

1.2.2 Nicole Yarnell was presented with the Inspiring Excellence award.

1.3 “GOOD NEWS” BY BOE MEMBERS

Nothing at this time

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1.4.1 Joshua Nearhood, Technology Director, reported that the sixth grade Chromebooks have started coming in and they are getting them set up.

1.4.2 Carolyn Young, Finance Director, had no report at this time.

1.4.3 Trista Cuthbertson, Asst Superintendent, worked with Dr. Jenkins to finalize plans for our school improvement day. We are applying for KESA Star recognition. K-5 LETRS training took place last Friday and we have a make-up session scheduled for Thursday. There is one last training date in April, and then most all of our teachers will be trained.

1.4.4 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, noted that winter activities have wrapped up. Congratulations to our student athletes. We had an individual state champ in bowling and our men’s team placed second overall. He attended a collaborative board meeting with Commissioner Howell. This is the first of six meetings with a focus on finding ways for municipalities to work together.

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

ADD: CONSENT ITEMS:

3.3.1 Resignations:

Kistin Petersen-MHS Special Education Teacher (eff 5-22-25)

3.3.2 New Hires:

Sasha Blauser-MGS ParaEducator (eff 3-11-25)

3.6 Bills:

Add'l Bills for March-ck #19599-19630 in the amt of \$60,105.42

Add'l Bills for March-ACH #242500224-242500229 in the amt of \$155.27

3.9 Donation:

Carson Bank-MHS Trap Team \$500.00

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:

Tracy Osmun

Michelle Mize

Autumn Jarrell

Johann Swope

Kistin Petersen

MP Custodian (eff 2-26-25)

MHS Asst Softball Coach (eff 2-25-25)

MGS HN ParaEducator (*updated eff 3-6-25)

MGS ParaEducator (eff 4-4-25)

MHS Special Education Teacher (eff 5-22-25)

3.3.2 New Hires:

Sarah Diener

Chase Myears

Katherine VanDyke

Amy Branine

MMS Cook (eff 3-24-25)

MHS Asst Softball Coach (eff 3-6-25)

MGS HN ParaEducator (eff 3-11-25)

MHS Head Cheer Coach (eff 7-1-25)

	Shelbi Burke Sasha Blauser	MHS Asst Cheer Coach (eff 7-1-25) MGS ParaEducator (eff 3-11-25)
3.3.3	Change of Status/Transfer: Ashlee LaRue	MHS ParaEducator (eff 3-3-25)
3.3.4	Retirement: Scott Swaney Brenda Perry	MMS Science Teacher (eff 5-22-25) MHS At-Risk Aide (eff 6-30-25)
3.4	PDC TRANSCRIPTS	None
3.5	PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT:	None
3.6	BILLS	\$136,091.56 Add'l Bills for March-ck #19599-19630 in the amt of \$60,105.42 Add'l Bills for March-ACH #242500224-242500229 in the amt of \$155.27
3.7	PAYROLL	\$153,649.30
3.8	TRANSFERS	None
3.9	DONATION Mulvane Optimist Club Carson Bank	MHS SADD \$300.00 MHS Trap Team \$500.00
3.10	OTHER	Approve SCKESC (dba Orion Education and Training) 5-Year Interlocal Agreement and Resolution

Motion made by Crystal Smith to approve the consent agenda. Second by Steve Fry.
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 District Audit Report

Clayton Hubbell from Busby, Ford, and Reimer reviewed the 2023-24 audit.

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the audit as presented to the Board for the calendar year 2023-24. Second by Fred Heersche. Motion carried 7-0.

6.2 Internet Bids

Mr. Nearhood shared internet bid information. This will be a 5-year contract.

Motion made by Chris Heersche to approve the internet bid from IdeaTek at \$2050/month. Second by Stacy Gear. Motion carried 7-0.

7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

There were no Discussion/Report Items

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

8.1 Non-Elected Personnel

At 7:15 p.m., Steve Fry moved that the board recess into executive session regarding an employment issue to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to protect the privacy interests of the individual to include the Board, Trista Cuthbertson, and Dr. Ensley. The board will return to open session in the board meeting room at 7:35 p.m. with possible action to follow. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 7-0.

The BOE returned to open meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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

8.1 EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

Motion made by Steve Fry to extend the contracts per recommendation by Dr. Ensley for our administrators, directors, assistant directors, and coordinators for the 2025-2026 school year. Second by Stacy Gear. Motion carried 5-2 (F Heersche opposed, D Myers abstained).

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

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