

**USD 263**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**May 11, 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: Destiny Myers, Crystal Smith, Fred Heersche, Chris Heersche, and Steve Fry. Stacy Gear was not present.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Doug Hatfield, Kallie Kimble, Jeromy Swearingen, Rob Barton, Glenda Cowell, Colin Cathey, Jason Mitchell, Kelli Pennington, SRO Bohannon, Paul Colella, Brad Canfield, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

**1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT**

1.2.1 Kallie Kimble was presented with the Inspiring Excellence award.

1.2.2 KASB Board Member Lunch and Learn- Foundations of Boardmanship & Governance in Action-May 19, 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 Colin Cathey, Mulvane Middle School Principal, reported that they are wrapping things up for the year. Thank you to the Mulvane Police Dept for their assistance bringing in the guest speaker last week. He delivered a powerful message. The soccer season is completed. We are hosting league track tomorrow. Our CAP results are back, and they look very positive. FastBridge results show great growth. Kudos to the staff and students for their hard work. Eighth grade promotion will be held at the high school on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

1.4.2 Jeromy Swearingen, Mulvane High School Principal, thanked Coree Mueller for her work in bringing the guest speaker to Mulvane last week. There is a band concert tonight. Senior awards, graduation practice, and graduation are all slated for this week. The last day for senior finals is tomorrow. Students are busy taking AP exams.

1.4.3 Glenda Cowell, Director of Special Services/Communications, reported that she has been working with district teams to review assessment results and plan for the upcoming school year. They are working on transition plans, summer resources, and new teacher orientation.

1.4.4 Brad Canfield, Director of Operations, announced that the summer food service program will begin on June 1 at the grade school. They will get started on the turf

project on May 18<sup>th</sup>, and the roof replacement project will begin the week of May 21<sup>st</sup>.

- 1.4.5 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, reported that Educator Appreciation Week was last week. Thanks to all of our staff. Graduation is Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the Kansas Star. The end-of-year staff recognition assembly will be held next Wednesday.

- 1.5 MEA REPORT-no report

## **2.0 APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA**

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

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

### **ADD: CONSENT ITEMS:**

#### **3.3.1 Resignations:**

Elizabeth Terry-MP 2<sup>nd</sup> gr Teacher (eff 5-20-26)

#### **3.3.2 New Hires:**

Madisen Mattix-Summer Paint Crew (Secondary Position)(eff 6-1-26)  
Christina Moore-Summer Paint Crew (Secondary Position)(eff 6-1-26)  
Cristy Jenkins-Summer Paint Crew (Secondary Position)(eff 6-1-26)  
Caiden McElligott-MMS HN ParaEducator (eff 5-12-26)  
Kristen Salazar-Summer Food Service (Secondary Position)(eff 6-1-26)  
Gina Niblack-Summer Food Service (Secondary Position)(eff 6-1-26)  
Julie Owens-Summer Food Service (Secondary Position)(eff 6-1-26)  
Nicole Behrend-Summer Food Service (Secondary Position)(eff 6-1-26)

#### **3.6 Bills:**

Add'l Bills for May-ck #21445-21462 in the amt of \$76,800.36

Add'l Bills for May-ACH #252600298-252600305 in the amt of \$117.59

## **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:

Lisa Vessio	MP Head Custodian (eff 5-28-26)
Julina Walker	MMS Teacher (eff 5-20-26)
Daniel Claussen	MHS Custodian (eff 4-28-26)
Elizabeth Terry	MP 2 <sup>nd</sup> gr Teacher (eff 5-20-26)

#### 3.3.2 New Hires:

Tim Beikman	MMS 7 <sup>th</sup> gr Girls Asst Basketball Coach (eff 8-1-26)
Lori Colvin	MMS STUCO Sponsor (eff 8-1-26)
Madisen Mattix	Summer Paint Crew (Secondary Position)(eff 6-1-26)
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#### 3.3.3 Change of Status/Transfer:

Chantel Johnson	MP Principal (eff 7-1-26)
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3.4 PDC TRANSCRIPTS None

3.5 PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT: None

3.6 BILLS \$157,057.53  
Add'l Bills for May-ck #21445-21462 in the amt of \$76,800.36  
Add'l Bills for May-ACH #252600298-252600305 in the amt of \$117.59

3.7 PAYROLL \$164,072.61

3.8 TRANSFERS None

#### 3.9 DONATION

Phoenix Swim Club	MHS Athletic Assistance Fund \$1,000
Lenore Bishop Foundation	MMS ELA (LeClair, Fitzmaurice) \$934.75
Carson Insurance Group	MMS Iron Wildcat Award \$200
Mulvane Marauders	MHS USA Skills Metals \$2,000

3.10 OTHER

Proposal to Waive Inclement Weather Day-Jan. 26, 2026

Approve ESY Summer Program/Staffing

Approve Summer Driver's Ed Staff

Approve Summer Credit Recovery Staff and Paras

Motion made by Steve Fry 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**

**6.1 MHS Auditorium Upgrade Proposal**

Rob Barton from McClelland Sight and Sound went over the high school auditorium upgrade proposal.

Motion made by Chris Heersche to approve the auditorium upgrade package for Mulvane High School as proposed in the amount of \$496,325. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 6-0.

**7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS**

**7.1 Wildcat Academy Virtual School Update**

Mr. Cathey and Mrs. Cowell reviewed the Wildcat Academy vision and reported on Year One numbers. We had thirteen graduates from Wildcat Academy this year. We are excited to expand the program to our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be using the same online program that we use currently for Wildcat Academy. Applications are open for next year.

**8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**8.1 Non-Elected Personnel**

At 7:42 p.m., Steve Fry 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 Dr. Ensley, Mr. Cathey, Mr. Swearingen, Officer Bohannon, and the Board. The board will return to open session in the board meeting room at 7:57 p.m. with possible action to follow. Second by Fred Heersche. Motion carried 6-0.

Officer Bohannon and Mr. Cathey left the executive session at 7:50 p.m.

The BOE returned to open meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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

8.1 EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

Motion made by Steve Fry to approve hiring Kasahra Cotton for the MHS Assistant Principal position for the 2026-27 school year. Second by Fred Heersche. Motion carried 6-0.

9.0 *ADJOURNMENT*

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

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