

**USD 263**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**June 8, 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 7:02 p.m. by President Jeff Ellis with the following members present: Stacy Gear, Destiny Myers (via phone), and Fred Heersche. Steve Fry, Chris Heersche, and Crystal Smith were not present.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Doug Hatfield, Tom Burkhart, Josh Nearhood, Trista Cuthbertson, Thomas Schmitz, Tracy Schmitz, Sierra Schmitz, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

**1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT**

1.2.1 KASB Board Member Lunch and Learn-Financial Literacy, June 16, 2026, 11:30 am-1:00 pm (online)

**1.3 “GOOD NEWS” BY BOE MEMBERS**

\*Jeff Ellis congratulated the boys baseball team on winning the 4A State title.

**1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1.4.1 Josh Nearhood, Technology Director, reported on our partnership with Axis Communications. Our district is featured as one of their customer success stories. We are going live with Skyward Qmlativ on June 9<sup>th</sup>. He also thanked the technology department for their dedication and hard work.

1.4.2 Trista Cuthbertson, Asst Superintendent, reported that our KESA plan was approved. We will soon begin work on our plan for next year. We have been working on opening inservice, planning new teacher orientation, and scheduling CKH and LETRS training.

1.4.3 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, noted that we are proud of our baseball team, our coaches and players, and appreciate the support of the community. We also congratulate our track athletes on their performance at State. Our bond projects are going well. On Tuesday, the CMAR, architects, and engineers will be meeting. Carolyn Young and he attended the budget workshop in Valley Center today, which included several legislative changes. Wildcat Academy has been approved at grades 6-12. We are researching the replacement of the halogen-style lights at Lyle Couch.

**1.5 MEA REPORT-no report**

**2.0 APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA**

Motion made by Fred Heersche to approve the agenda. Second by Stacy Gear. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the amendments to the consent agenda. Second by Fred Heersche. Motion carried 4-0.

**ADD: CONSENT ITEMS:**

**3.6 Bills:**

Add'l Bills for June-ck #21558-21560 in the amt of \$1,155.03

Add'l Bills for June-ck #21561-21576 in the amt of \$26,569.14

Add'l Bills for 2026 Turf Field Series B-ck #1101 in the amt of \$150.00

Add'l Bills for Turf Field Series B-ACH #252600331-252600333 in the amt of \$314,250.00

Add'l Bills for 2026 Bond Series A-ACH #252600334-252600336 in the amt of \$718,000.00

Add'l Bills for 2026 Bond Series A-ck #1101 in the amt of \$75.00

**3.10 Other:**

Resolution for Destruction of Records-Mulvane Grade School, Mulvane High School, Sped Dept

**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:

Christina Crowe

Sarah Diener

Kylie Bonnell

Chase Myears

April Zachare

Driver (eff 5-21-26)

MMS Food Service (eff 5-21-26)

MGS ParaEducator (eff 5-20-26)

MHS Asst Softball Coach (eff 5-20-26)

MP ParaEducator (eff 5-19-26)

	Talitha Maltbie	MHS Concessions Manager (eff 5-20-26)
	Juli Meyer	Occupational Therapist (eff 5-20-26)
	Freda Dial	MHS HN ParaEducator (eff 5-20-26)
	Kyle Dillon	MMS Asst Track Coach (eff 5-20-26)
3.3.2	New Hires:	
	Leanna Whitmer	MP PreK Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
	Christy Price	MP PreK Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
	Lily Gashler	MP ParaEducator (eff 8-1-26)
	John Mundell	MHS Custodian (eff 6-1-26)
	Kim Fennewald	MP Head Custodian (eff 6-1-26)
	Lily Gashler	ESY ParaEducator (Secondary Position)(eff 6-1-26)
	Lynette Sirimanne	MHS Custodian (Secondary Position)(eff 5-27-26)
	Michael Fox	MMS Science Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
	Shannon Marlatt	MP ParaEducator (eff 8-1-26)
	James Inkelaar	MHS Custodian (eff 6-8-26)
	Marc Marinelli	MHS Math Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
	Amie Clifton	MP 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
3.3.3	Change of Status/Transfer:	
	Malachi Puig	MMS HN ParaEducator (wage change only)(eff 5-18-26)
	Talitha Maltbie	Sub Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
	Richard Pennell	Sub Driver (eff 6-1-26)
	Mariah Miller	MP HN ParaEducator (eff 8-1-26)
	Carolanne Blecha	MMS HN ParaEducator (eff 8-1-26)
	Malachi Puig	MP HN ParaEducator (eff 8-1-26)
	Haley Barnes	MHS Secretary (wage change only)(eff 6-9-26)
3.3.4	Termination:	See Appendix A
3.4	PDC TRANSCRIPTS	Maggie Mangas Elizabeth Palmer Carolanne Tauer
3.5	PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT:	None
3.6	BILLS	\$289,137.82
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3.7	PAYROLL	\$1,317,899.60

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| 3.8  | TRANSFERS   | Virtual Education \$5,997<br>At-Risk \$149,330<br>4 yr old At-Risk \$5,752<br>Vocational \$53,530  |
| 3.9  | DONATION<br>Culver's<br>Lanore Bishop Foundation<br>Lanore Bishop Foundation<br>Credit Union of America | MHS FFA \$2,500<br>MHS Minds in Motion \$200<br>MGS Mixed Ability, Subtraction Tools \$401.91<br>MGS Zepeda \$1,000  |
| 3.10 | OTHER   | Approve ESY Summer Program Staffing (updated)<br><br>Resolution for Destruction of Records-Munson Primary School, Mulvane Grade School, Mulvane High School, Sped Dept<br><br>Approval of MMS & Wildcat Academy Courses, MHS & Wildcat Academy Courses<br><br>Approval of 2026-27 Fees |

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the consent agenda. Second by Destiny Myers.  
Motion carried 4-0.

**4.0 PATRON TIME**

Sierra Schmitz, 1621 Prairie Run Circle, Mulvane, KS, 67110, spoke to the Board about her attendance at HOBY.

**5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

There were no Action Items.

**6.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**6.1 Property, Casualty, and Work Comp Insurance Coverage Renewal**

Mr. Tom Burkhart reviewed insurance coverages, deductibles, and pricing.

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the property, casualty, and workers comp insurance plan as presented for the 2026-27 year. Second by Fred Heersche. Motion carried 4-0.

**6.2 Approval of Safe and Secure Grant Proposal**

Josh Nearhood shared the grant proposal he is submitting for safe and secure schools that includes cameras, cabling, radios, and the Raptor Visitor Management system. This is a district matching grant and is due June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made by Fred Heersche to approve the grant proposal. Second by Stacy Gear.  
Motion carried 4-0.

**7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS**

There were no Discussion/Report Items.

**8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no Executive Sessions.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Second by Stacy Gear. Motion carried 4-0.

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