

USD 263
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
July 28, 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: Destiny Myers, Fred Heersche, Crystal Smith, and Stacy Gear. Chris Heersche and Steve Fry were not present.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Doug Hatfield, Ryan Rowley, Steve Shogren, Steve Nichols, Brad Canfield, Glenda Cowell, Trista Cuthbertson, Jennifer Wyant, Katherine Lien, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENT

*Nothing at this time

1.3 “GOOD NEWS” BY BOE MEMBERS

*Nothing at this time

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 1.4.1 Glenda Cowell, Director of Special Services/Communications, met with eight of our nine new certified staff members last week for onboarding. The building secretaries will be in tomorrow for training. Wildcat Academy and online support staff will be training on Friday.
- 1.4.2 Brad Canfield, Director of Operations, reported that the two main gyms at the middle school and high school are getting final coats of wax today. The Highway Patrol will be here on August 4th for our annual transportation inspection. Benefits enrollment will begin August 1st.
- 1.4.3 Trista Cuthbertson, Asst. Superintendent, reported that the casino cards will be handed out Tuesday evening and all day Wednesday. Building secretaries and assistant principals report back today. New students will begin enrolling on Thursday. WebKIDSS rollover has taken place. Casey Lucas trained administrators on ESI and CPI today.
- 1.4.4 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, thanked the custodians for their work in getting the buildings ready for the new year, the grounds department for their work during this hot weather, the summer food service department for their work feeding our students, and the technology department for preparing for our tech needs.

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 5-0.

Motion made by Crystal Smith to approve the amendments to the consent agenda, including the addition of ***Executive Session 8.1 Non-Elected Personnel***. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 5-0.

ADD: CONSENT ITEMS:

3.6 Bills:

Add'l Bills for July-ck #20222-20226 in the amt of \$107,164.49

ADD: EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8.1 Non-Elected Personnel

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: None

3.3.2 New Hires:
Julie Winslow Bus Driver (eff 7-29-25)

3.3.3 Change of Status/Transfer:
Brittany Shook MGS ParaEducator (eff 8-1-25)
Staci Nelson-Hughes MGS HN ParaEducator (eff 8-1-25)
Khianne Schaus MGS ParaEducator (eff 8-1-25)
Heather Foltz MGS HN ParaEducator (eff 8-1-25)

3.4 PDC TRANSCRIPTS None

3.5 PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT: None

3.6 BILLS \$1,200,365.05

Add'l Bills for July-ck #20222-20226 in the amt of \$107,164.49

3.7	PAYROLL	\$191,472.06
3.8	TRANSFERS	None
3.9	DONATION	None
3.10	OTHER	Resolution for Destruction of Records-Mulvane Middle School

Motion made by Fred Heersche 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

- 5.1 Appointment of BOE Representatives for 2025-26**
Governmental Relations-Jeff Ellis
PDC-Crystal Smith
MRC-Fred Heersche
District Site Council-Destiny Myers, Chris Heersche, Stacy Gear

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the 2025-26 appointments as noted. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 5-0.

6.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Community Facility Steering Update

Committee co-chairs, Steve Nichols and Jennifer Wyant, gave an overview of the committee's discussion and goals after listening to community feedback from the previous bond. Adjustments have been made to the bond amount, term length, middle school configuration, and the pre-k building has been removed. The focus is on deferred maintenance, safety and security, and the Middle School.

Steve Shogren discussed finance options.

Motion made by Fred Heersche to go with a term of 20 years. Second by Stacy Gear.
Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Stacy Gear to proceed with a bond election for improvements and adopt Resolution No. 07-28-25. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

There were no Discussion/Report Items.

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

8.1 Non-Elected Personnel

At 7:34 p.m., Stacy Gear 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, Brad Canfield, Trista Cuthbertson, and Dr. Ensley. The board will return to open session in the board meeting room at 7:44 p.m. with possible action to follow. Second by Fred Heersche. Motion carried 5-0.

The BOE returned to open meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Second by Stacy Gear. Motion carried 5-0.
