

**USD 263**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**January 13, 2025**  
**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: Chris Heersche, Fred Heersche, Crystal Smith, Stacy Gear, and Destiny Myers. Steve Fry was absent.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Doug Hatfield, Colin Cathey, Renee Sweetwood, Erica Mize, Trista Cuthbertson, Nicole Peschel and family, Glenda Cowell, Thomas Schmitz, Joshua Nearhood, Brad Canfield, Jeromy Swearingen, Kari Schwanke, members of the MHS girls basketball team, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

**1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENT**

- 1.2.1 Nicole Peschel was presented with the Inspiring Excellence award.
- 1.2.2 KASB Teacher Retention Data Webinar, January 14, noon-1:00 pm (online)
- 1.2.3 KASB Fundamentals of Negotiations, January 16, 9:00 am-3:00 pm (Topeka)
- 1.2.4 KASB School Finance 101, (January 27 Topeka 9:00 am-2:00 pm) or (February 14 online 9:00 am-noon)
- 1.2.5 KASB Employment Law Workshop, January 30, 8:00 am-3:00 pm (Topeka)
- 1.2.6 KASB Prepping for Negotiations, February 5, 2:30 pm-4:00 pm (Haysville)

**1.3 “GOOD NEWS” BY BOE MEMBERS**

\*Destiny Myers thanked the grade school for Coffee on the Curb and enjoyed the Grinch’s visit at Christmas. She also had the opportunity to help chaperone the dance at the middle school.

\* Crystal Smith thanked the maintenance staff for their work clearing the grounds and lots after the recent storms.

**1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 1.4.1 Renee Sweetwood, Munson Primary Principal, thanked the custodial team and those working on the heat at Munson for their work in keeping everyone warm. They have finished iReady for math and will be reviewing data. iReady for reading is being piloted. The ELA team will meet this week to discuss the adoption.
- 1.4.2 Erica Mize, Mulvane Grade School Principal, reported that they will meet on January 23 with the iReady consultant to review data. She will be working on standards alignment on January 28. Spring class pictures are February 6<sup>th</sup>. Valentine’s parties and Donuts with Grown-ups is February 13<sup>th</sup>.

- 1.4.3 Colin Cathey, Mulvane Middle School Principal, thanked P1 for their work on the heat at MMS and MMS staff for their flexibility. Also, thanks to the custodial and maintenance staff for their work.
- 1.4.4 Jeromy Swearingen, Mulvane High School Principal, reported that finals are wrapped up for the first semester. Thanks to the staff for their work in getting this completed. Also, thanks to the transportation dept, maintenance dept, and heating and air for their work during and after the storms. Congratulations to Coach Peschel and the girls basketball team for their win at McPherson.
- 1.4.5 Glenda Cowell, Director of Special Services/Communications, met with the GEI team to look at the data dashboard. ESOL will meet on Tuesday to look at best practices, ILPs, and KELPA. On February 3 and 4, KSDE's Trish Backman will present information on suicide prevention and intervention.
- 1.4.6 Brad Canfield, Director of Operations, thanked the maintenance and grounds departments for their dedication and long hours to make our areas safe. Also, he appreciates the ongoing work of our transportation department as they transport our students on the streets that melt and refreeze in these temperatures.
- 1.4.7 Joshua Nearhood, Technology Director, had no report at this time.
- 1.4.8 Trista Cuthbertson, Asst Superintendent, met with Team Green today. They talked about setting goals. The third Site Council meeting was tonight and they discussed KESA 2.0. The ELA adoption committee meets on Wednesday. The walkthrough cadre will meet at the grade school.
- 1.4.9 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, thanked Rex Wheeler, James Unruh, Rick Wheeler, Chad Smith, and our lead custodians for the long hours put in behind the scenes this past week. Thanks to Kendra Billingslea and the Munson Primary art students for the beautiful art display in the BOE room. Community donations to the food service department have taken care of all negative student lunch balances. Thanks to the Board Members for their time and effort spent serving in this important role.

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 6-0.

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

### ADD: CONSENT ITEMS:

#### **3.3.1 Resignations:**

Donita Wood-FS Warehouse Assistant (eff 1-20-25)

Taylor Peak-MMS Counselor (eff 5-22-25)

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

Nicole Rinck-MP HN ParaEducator (eff 1-14-25)

**3.6 Bills:**

Add'l Bills for January-ck #19383-19397 in the amt of \$61,028.72

Add'l Bills for January-ACH #242500161-242500167 in the amt of \$91.23

**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:

Chloe Naillieux

Donita Wood

Taylor Peak

MP HN ParaEducator (eff 12-30-24)

FS Warehouse Assistant (eff 1-20-25)

MMS Counselor (eff 5-22-25)

3.3.2 New Hires:

Tiffany Willson

Timothy Hayes

Ashlee LaRue

Lori Carselowey

Nicole Rinck

MGS ParaEducator (eff 12-10-24)

MMS Custodian (eff 1-14-25)

MHS Color Guard Coach (eff 1-14-25)

Sub Teacher (eff 1-14-25)

MP HN ParaEducator (eff 1-14-25)

3.3.3 Retirement:

Sandra Phillips

MP Technology Support (eff 1-1-25)

3.4 PDC TRANSCRIPTS None

3.5 PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT: None

3.6 BILLS \$261,588.85

Add'l Bills for January-ck #19383-19397 in the amt of \$61,028.72

Add'l Bills for January-ACH #242500161-242500167 in the amt of \$91.23

3.7 PAYROLL \$1,310,780.89

3.8 TRANSFERS None

3.9 DONATION

Knights of Columbus

Lenore Bishop Foundation

USD 263 Special Education Dept \$489.20

MMS Katie Entwisle \$500

Lenore Bishop Foundation

MP Lori Warren \$500

Motion made by Crystal Smith to approve the consent agenda. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **4.0 PATRON TIME**

No patrons were present to speak.

#### **5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

##### **5.1 Resolution to Establish Election of School Board Officers**

Background for the resolution was reviewed.

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve a resolution to establish the election of school board officers at the first meeting in July 2025. Second by Chris Heersche. Motion carried 6-0.

##### **5.2 Resolution to Establish Board's Regular Meeting Dates**

Background for the resolution was reviewed.

Motion made by Fred Heersche to approve a resolution to set the board's meeting dates at the July meeting. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **6.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

##### **6.1 District Copier Bids**

Joshua Nearhood reviewed the bids.

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the CPI bid as described (\$82,100). Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS**

##### **7.1 Update on Virtual School Application Process**

Glenda Cowell shared information on the status of virtual schools in Kansas, virtual student enrollment, virtual school requirements and options, steps to apply, and steps to launch a virtual school. Glenda and Chantel will attend a virtual schools conference on February 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>. Next steps on the possibility of starting a virtual school in Mulvane will be considered.

#### **8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no Executive Sessions

#### **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Second by Stacy Gear. Motion carried 6-0.

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