**USD 263**
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**
**November 9, 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: Fred Heersche, Destiny Myers, Steve Fry, Crystal Smith, Stacy Gear, and Chris Heersche.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Glenda Cowell, Doug Hatfield, Bev and Branden Hall, Colin Cathey, Chantel Johnson, Kasahra Cotton, Mike Kelso, Vince Haines, Chris Jackson, Brad Canfield, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

1.2.1 Bev Hall was presented with the Inspiring Excellence award.

1.2.2 KASB Board Leaders Table Talk—Board Self Evaluation, December 9, 2026, noon -1:00 pm (online)

1.2.3 KASB Lunch and Learn —Year in Review, December 15, 2026, 11:30 am-1:00 pm (online)

1.3 "GOOD NEWS" BY BOE MEMBERS

*Fred Heersche was invited to the MGS Career Fair. It was a good interaction with students.

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1.4.1 Chantel Johnson, Munson Primary Principal, reported that they have wrapped up their One School, One Book activity culminating in zoo activities at the Grade School and Munson. The second-grade music program is next Tuesday. Students will visit the high school next Wednesday to preview the MHS musical. There will be a school assembly celebrating the successful food drive. It will feature teachers getting a pie in the face.

1.4.2 Colin Cathey, Mulvane Middle School Principal, reported that students are working hard. The girls' basketball team and boys' wrestling team are doing a great job. They have kicked off the food drive. There will be a school dance on Friday.

1.4.3 Kasahra Cotton, Mulvane High School Asst Principal, reported that they hosted Scholars Bowl. Aubrey Teter placed first at State. Thanks to Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Berry for all of their work on the musical. Six students were selected for Honors Band. Staff Friendsgiving is next week. Five teams went to Debate, and all five brought home trophies.

1.4.4 Glenda Cowell, Director of Special Services/Communication, reported that counselors and social workers attended an SRO training on interventions/processes with DCF. The ESOL team attended a training on best practices today. There is such great collaboration with the intervention team.

1.4.5 Brad Canfield, Director of Operations, reported that the MEF Dinner and Auction went well. $65,000 was raised. Grant applications will be going out soon.

1.4.6 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, congratulated Cole Zimmerman and Aubrey Teter for their accomplishments at State Cross Country. On Wednesday, Veterans Day activities will take place in all buildings honoring our Veterans. He will be attending the Orion Administrative Council meeting next week. Congratulations to Trista Cuthbertson, who will be completing her doctoral requirements at the end of this month.

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

ADD: CONSENT ITEMS:

***3.6 Bills:***

Add'l Bills for November- ck #22199 in the amt of $3,463.01
Add'l Bills for November-ck #22200-22219 in the amt of $25,090.16
Add'l Bills for November-ck #1205 in the amt of $483,325.00

***3.10 Other:***

Approval of MHS BTCV Teacher Toolbox Grant for Laminator

***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:

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| | Allison Peiffer | MMS HN ParaEducator (eff 10-28-26) |
| 3.3.2 | New Hires: | |
| | Eden Ensley | MP HN ParaEducator (eff 11-10-26) |
| 3.3.3 | Change of Status/Transfer: | |
| | Brittani Forgey | Sub Teacher (Secondary Position)(eff 11-10-26) |
| | Laura Heath | MHS ParaEducator (eff 10-28-26) |
| | Shyla Niss | MMS HN ParaEducator (eff 11-10-26) |
| 3.4 | PDC TRANSCRIPTS | Kassie Witt<br>Kendra Billingslea<br>Cierra Dressler |
| 3.5 | PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT: None | |
| 3.6 | BILLS | $158,515.75 |
| | Add'l Bills for November- ck #22199 in the amt of $3,463.01 | |
| | Add'l Bills for November-ck #22200-22219 in the amt of $25,090.16 | |
| | Add'l Bills for November-ck #1205 in the amt of $483,325.00 | |
| 3.7 | PAYROLL | $247,841.49 |
| 3.8 | TRANSFERS | None |
| 3.9 | DONATION | |
| | Peter R Marsh Foundation | MMS Music $1,850 |
| | South Central KS Library System | MGS Library $1,000 |
| | Wichita Area Builders Assn | MHS Trap Team $1,100 |
| 3.10 | OTHER | Approve Contract with USD 480 for Braille Services |
| | | Approval of MHS BTCV Teacher Toolbox Grant for Laminator |

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the consent agenda. Second by Destiny Myers. 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 Discussion on Moving the Location for December 14, 2026 BOE Meeting to MGS*

It was suggested that meetings might be moved to the buildings in order to see how bond projects are progressing.

Motion made by Steve Fry to move the location for the December 14, 2026 BOE meeting to the Mulvane Grade School. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 7-0.

***6.2 MHS CTE Pathway Proposal: Early Childhood Development and Services***

Kasahra Cotton shared information on a new CTE Pathway that they'd like to offer at the High School.

Motion made by Steve Fry to approve the CTE Pathway Early Childhood Development and Services as presented. Second by Fred Heersche. Motion carried 7-0.

## *7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS*

***7.1 Bond Project Updates-Gravity:Works and Project Team***

Vince Haines from Gravity:Works, Mike Kelso from PEC, and Chris Jackson from Hutton reviewed work and design concepts that the team is proposing at the Middle School. They have been working with the city on a traffic circulation plan. We are on budget, and construction scheduling is proposed at times to be least impactful to staff and students.

***7.2 First Reading of KASB Policy Recommendations: IHF, JB, JBC, and JBCB***

Dr. Ensley shared recommended changes/updates on IHF, JB, JBC, and JBCB per KASB's summer review. These will be brought back to the Board for a second reading at the next meeting.

## *8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION*

There were no Executive Sessions.

## *9.0 ADJOURNMENT*

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Second by Stacy Gear. Motion carried 7-0.

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