

**USD 263  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
December 8, 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: Steve Fry, Destiny Myers, Chris Heersche, Stacy Gear, and Crystal Smith. Fred Heersche was not present.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Doug Hatfield, Brad Canfield, Glenda Cowell, Jeromy Swearingen, Kendra Banzet, Karen Camp, Malcolm Watkins, Ryan Rowley, Patricia Minks, Kenzi Minks, Ainsley Wood, Monte Creech, Gracyn Crow, Rebecca Hires, Dwight Darcy, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

**1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT**

1.2.1 KASB Board Leaders Table Talk-December 17, 2025, Noon-1:00 p.m. (online)

**1.3 “GOOD NEWS” BY BOE MEMBERS**

\*Jeff Ellis attended the play at the High School. The students and staff did an excellent job, and he appreciates their hard work.

**1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1.4.1 Jeromy Swearingen, Mulvane High School Principal, thanked Mr. Mitchell and the students for their work on the production of *Mean Girls*. Winter sports are underway. The choir and band have performances coming up. The dance went well with over 300 in attendance. Scholars Bowl, FFA, and Debate have busy schedules in the coming weeks.

1.4.2 Glenda Cowell, Director of Special Services/Communications, has been working with the team on the strategic plan and KESA planning. We have Magnetic Literacy training this week for K-5 staff. The FastBridge window is open. The DLT will meet on Wednesday.

1.4.3 Brad Canfield, Director of Operations, had no report at this time.

1.4.4 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, thanked the high school students and Mrs. Banzet for presenting this evening. Also, thanks to the MEF for their work. Grant applications are being accepted.

1.5 MEA REPORT-Kendra Banzet reported that they met on December 3. They are preparing the negotiations survey.

## **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 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:***

Jesse Kollmeyer-MHS Winter Weights Coordinator (eff 12-4-25)

#### **3.3.2    *New Hires:***

Tatum Heersche-Sub Teacher (eff 12-9-25)

#### **3.4    *PDC Transcripts:***

Brad Canfield

#### **3.6    *Bills:***

Add'l Bills for December-ck #20841-20860 in the amt of \$25,948.92

Add'l Bills for December-ACH #252600157-252600159 in the amt of \$30.00

#### **3.9    *Donation:***

St Michael Council K of C Charities Aid Foundation-USD 263 Sped Dept 431.60

## **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:**

Penny Hooten

Jennifer Zorn

Amara Hendrix

Lori Dunlap

Jesse Kollmeyer

MMS Asst Cheer Coach (eff 5-20-26)

MP Custodian (eff 12-12-25)

Driver (eff 10-6-25)

Sub Food Service (eff 10-7-25)

MHS Winter Weights Coordinator (eff 12-4-25)

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| 3.3.2 | New Hires:      |  |
|       | Brandon Johnson | MHS Asst Boys Baseball Coach (eff 12-9-25) |
|       | Daniel Claussen | Custodian (eff 12-9-25)                    |
|       | Tatum Heersche  | Sub Teacher (eff 12-9-25)                  |
- 3.4 PDC TRANSCRIPTS Brad Canfield
- 3.5 PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT: None
- 3.6 BILLS \$232,448.29  
Add'l Bills for December-ck #20841-20860 in the amt of \$25,948.92  
Add'l Bills for December-ACH #252600157-252600159 in the amt of \$30.00
- 3.7 PAYROLL \$1,347,935.38
- 3.8 TRANSFERS  
Virtual Education \$6,182  
At-Risk \$157,202  
4 yr old At-Risk \$7,347  
Professional Development \$53,725
- 3.9 DONATION  
Katie Entwisle/Adam Entwisle MHS Girls/Boys Basketball \$1,200  
St Michael Council K of C Charities Aid Foundation-USD 263 Sped Dept 431.60
- 3.10 OTHER Resolution for Destruction of Records-Central Office

Motion made by Steve Fry to approve the consent agenda. Second by Stacy Gear. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **4.0 PATRON TIME**

Karen Camp, 1512 E. 119<sup>th</sup> St, Mulvane, KS 67110, spoke to the board on student issues at the middle school.

Patricia Minks, 11908 S. Greenwich Rd, Mulvane, KS 67110, spoke to the board on the timing of bond issue meetings.

#### **5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

There were no Action Items.

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

##### **6.1 Bond Sale Resolution**

Mr. Shogren presented the Board with information related to the sale of the bonds on December 4, 2025. He has provided the resolution to review for possible action to approve.

Motion made by Steve Fry to approve Resolution 12-08-2025 as presented by the bond counsel, authorizing the bond and note sale. Second by Stacy Gear. Motion carried 6-0.

## **7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS**

### **7.1 MHS Student Presentations-- Work-Based Learning and Internships**

Students Ainsley Wood, Monte Creech, Gracyn Crow, Rebecca Hires, and Dwight Darcy spoke to the board about their work-based learning experiences/internship. These took place at Equine Surgery and Medicine, Iverson Westfall Plumbing, Mulvane Grade School, Mulvane Library, and Westfall Electric. Students shared PPT slides on their observations.

### **7.2 Bond Project Report-Hutton, Schaefer**

Ryan Rowley and Malcolm Watkins shared project schedules for work at the Grade School, High School, Middle School, and Munson Primary.

## **8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **8.1 Student Matter**

At 7:39 p.m., Stacy Gear moved that the board recess into executive session regarding a student issue to discuss matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA to include the Board, Glenda Cowell, and Jeromy Swearingen. The board will return to open session in the board meeting room at 7:49 p.m. with possible action to follow. Second by Steve Fry. Motion carried 6-0.

The BOE returned to open meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Mr. Ellis stated that no action was taken during Executive Session.

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Steve Fry to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Second by Chris Heersche. Motion carried 6-0.

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