

USD 263
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 9, 2026
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, Steve Fry, Crystal Smith, Fred Heersche, Stacy Gear, and Chris Heersche.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Doug Hatfield, Karen Heersche, Bret Shogren, Richard Hampton, Darcy O'Dell, Jamie Moses, Monica Woolard, Penny Hooten, Calista Pickering, Trista Cuthbertson, Erica Mize, Kimberly Torix, Jason Torix, Amirra Torix, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

1.2.1 Karen Heersche was presented with the Inspiring Excellence award.

1.2.2 KASB Board Member Lunch and Learn-Foundations of Boardmanship & Governance in Action-March 24, 2026, 11:30 am-1:00 pm (online)

1.2.3 KASB Board Leadership Teams Workshop-April 10, 2026, 9:00 am-2:00 pm (Hutchinson)

1.3 "GOOD NEWS" BY BOE MEMBERS

*Nothing at this time

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1.4.1 Erica Mize, Mulvane Grade School Principal, reported that they had a great turnout for Donuts with Grown-ups last month. They had a fantastic Magnetic Literacy training last Friday. Third Quarter awards were given out. The BLT will meet on Wednesday. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held this week. State testing begins March 30th.

1.4.2 Richard Hampton, Food Service Director, introduced our new Director, Darcy O'Dell.

1.4.3 Trista Cuthbertson, Asst Superintendent, reported that our Purple Up application was approved. The Mental Health Team met to discuss opening inservice possibilities. There will be an all-school assembly at MMS and MHS sponsored by Zero Reasons Why. All four schools have been nominated for CKH recognition.

1.4.4 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, reported that the bond sale was last Wednesday. Bret Shogren will share information on that later in the meeting. Spring activities are underway. Spring Break is next week.

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 Fred Heersche to approve the amendments to the consent agenda and the addition of Executive Session **8.1 Non-Elected Personnel**. Second by Chris Heersche. Motion carried 7-0.

ADD: CONSENT ITEMS:

3.3.2 New Hires:

Megan MacKay-MMS ELA Teacher (eff 8-1-26)

3.6 Bills:

Add'l Bills for March-ck #21130-21177 in the amt of \$154,438.88

Add'l Bills for March-ACH #252600226-252600241 in the amt of \$308.42

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 (not available)

Bank Reconciliation

Activity Funds Financial Statements

3.3 ROUTINE PERSONNEL

3.3.1 Resignations:

James Inkelaar

MP Custodian (eff 3-12-26)

3.3.2 New Hires:

Hayley O'Donnell

MMS Asst Track Coach (eff 3-10-26)

Cierra Dressler

MMS Scholars Bowl Coach (eff 8-1-26)

Megan MacKay

MMS ELA Teacher (eff 8-1-26)

3.3.3 Change of Status/Transfer:

Katherine Lien

5th Grade Teacher (eff 8-1-26)

Candace Crowell	5 th Grade Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
Kyle Dillon	MHS PBIS Sped Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
Amanda Wells	MMS HI Sped Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
Kelli Pennington	MMS HI Sped Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
Megan Brusco	CO Custodian (eff 3-6-26)
Courtney Prier	3 rd Grade Teacher (eff 8-1-26)

3.4 PDC TRANSCRIPTS None

3.5 PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT: None

3.6 BILLS \$41,176.65
 Add'l Bills for March-ck #21130-21177 in the amt of \$154,438.88
 Add'l Bills for March-ACH #252600226-252600241 in the amt of \$308.42

3.7 PAYROLL \$158,687.98

3.8 TRANSFERS None

3.9 DONATION
 Family MedCenters Mulvane FFA \$250
 Sons of the American Legion MHS Skills Metals \$125, MHS Skills Woods \$125
 Charlie's Car Wash MMS Julina Walker \$500

Motion made by Crystal Smith to approve the consent agenda. Second by Destiny Myers.
 Motion carried 7-0.

4.0 PATRON TIME

Amirra Torix, 304 Filmore, Mulvane, KS 67110, spoke to the Board about mental health and bullying.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

There were no Action Items.

6.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Bond Resolution for Series 2026-A and Note Resolution for Series 2026-B

Bret Shogren, with Stifel Public Finance, reported on the bond sale.

Motion made by Stacy Gear to adopt Resolution 03-09-26A. Second by Crystal Smith.
 Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adopt Resolution 03-09-26B. Second by Chris Heersche. Motion carried 7-0.

7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

7.1 First Reading of KASB Policy Recommendations: IKCA, IKD, and IKDA

Dr. Ensley shared recommended changes/updates on IKCA, IKD, and IKDA per KASB's winter review. These will be brought back to the Board for a second reading at the next meeting.

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

8.1 Non-Elected Personnel

At 7:31 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, Dr. Ensley, and Mrs. Cuthbertson. The board will return to open session in the board meeting room at 7:41 p.m. with possible action to follow. Second by Steve Fry. Motion carried 7-0.

The BOE returned to open meeting at 7:41 p.m.

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

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 7-0.
