

USD 263
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 13, 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: Destiny Myers, Crystal Smith, Fred Heersche, Stacy Gear, and Chris Heersche. Steve Fry arrived later in the meeting.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Doug Hatfield, Trista Cuthbertson, Garth Herrmann, Tracy Barr, Sierra Saucedo, Ryan Rowley, SRO Bohannon, Randy Vogel, Kristina Ganow, Colin Cathey, Jeromy Swearingen, Erica Mize, Amy Nelson, Rebecca Rico, Vanessa Ballard, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

1.2.1 Tracy Barr was presented with the Inspiring Excellence award.

1.2.2 KASB Board Member Lunch and Learn-Foundations of Boardmanship & Governance in Action-April 21, 2026, 11:30 am-1:00 pm (online)

1.3 “GOOD NEWS” BY BOE MEMBERS

*Nothing at this time

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1.4.1 Erica Mize, Mulvane Grade School Principal, stated that they are celebrating the Month of the Military Child with Spirit Week activities. State testing is almost completed. On April 24, the fifth grade will be going to the science museum in Oklahoma City. Thanks to Mulvane PTO, Kansas All-Star Scholars, MEF, Lenore Bishop Foundation, and Credit Union of America for their support. The spring music program and DARE graduation will be April 30th. Thanks to Mrs. Dayton and SRO Bohannon for their work on this.

1.4.2 Colin Cathey, Mulvane Middle School Principal, reported that they are recognizing our military students this month as part of the Month of the Military Child. Students are finishing state assessments. Applications are coming in for MMS Wildcat Academy.

1.4.3 Jeromy Swearingen, Mulvane High School Principal, reported that state assessments are wrapping up. As part of the activities celebrating the Month of the Military Child, the Derby ROTC will be coming to perform at MHS. Thanks to Mrs. Ganow and Mrs. Bartel for their work making the prom a success. Also, thanks to Mrs. Moore and SADD for their work on After Prom. The spring

production is next week. Music festivals are this week, and all sports are in high gear.

- 1.4.4 SRO Bohannon had no report at this time.
- 1.4.5 Trista Cuthbertson, Asst Superintendent, reported that our KESA school improvement team had a great day at the KESA school improvement day in March. We will submit our plan at the end of May. Staff participated in a standards alignment day on April 3rd. The last Team Green and the last Site Council meeting of the school year were held today. Team Green focused on perseverance. Updates on our PreK program and cell phone requirements were the focus of the site council meeting.
- 1.4.6 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, reported that our Purple Star designation was renewed. We are celebrating the month of Military Child. Wednesday is Wear Purple day, Thursday is Red, White, and Blue day, and Friday is Camo day. Thanks to SRO Bohannon for his assistance last 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 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:

Breanna Warren-MP 2nd gr Teacher (eff 5-22-26)

3.3.2 New Hires:

Madison Zimmerman-MGS 5th gr Teacher (eff 8-1-26)

Lindsay Hodges-MGS 4th gr Teacher (eff 8-1-26)

Keli Stanley-MMS Art Teacher (eff 8-1-26)

3.3.3 Change of Status/Transfer:

Kendra Billingslea-.7 fte MP Art Teacher (eff 8-1-26)

3.6 Bills:

Add'l Bills for April-ck #21294-21296 in the amt of \$7,422.00

Add'l Bills for April-ck #21297-21327 in the amt of \$137,900.79

Add'l Bills for April-ACH #252600262-252600266 in the amt of \$67.67

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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|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Kimberly Cunningham | MGS 5 th gr Teacher (eff 5-22-26) |
| Courtney Goldschmidt | MP 1 st gr Teacher (eff 5-22-26) |
| Molly Adams | MHS Math Teacher (eff 5-22-26) |
| Shannon Marlatt | MP HN ParaEducator (eff 3-30-26) |
| Breanna Warren | MP 2 nd gr Teacher (eff 5-22-26) |
- 3.3.2 New Hires:
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| Natasha Warren | MGS Sped Teacher (eff 8-1-26) |
| Jenna Weakley | MP 1 st gr Teacher (eff 8-1-26) |
| Jennifer Dunbar | MMS Asst Volleyball Coach (eff 8-1-26) |
| Makenzie Walker | MP HN ParaEducator (eff 4-14-26) |
| Madison Zimmerman | MGS 5 th gr Teacher (eff 8-1-26) |
| Lindsay Hodges | MGS 4 th gr Teacher (eff 8-1-26) |
| Keli Stanley | MMS Art Teacher (eff 8-1-26) |
- 3.3.3 Change of Status/Transfer:
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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Tatum Heersche | MP 1 st gr Teacher (eff 8-1-26) |
| Jordan Butler | MMS Counselor (eff 8-1-26) |
| Harli Pater | MGS 3 rd gr Teacher (eff 8-1-26) |
| Emily Zepeda | MGS Art Teacher (eff 8-1-26) |
| Kiley Self | MMS HN ParaEducator (eff 3-30-26) |
| Sonia Kappelman | MP ParaEducator (eff 3-30-26) |
| Taylor Beeman | .5 fte MHS Art Teacher (eff 8-1-26) |
| Kendra Billingslea | .7 fte MP Art Teacher (eff 8-1-26) |
- 3.4 PDC TRANSCRIPTS None
- 3.5 PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT: None
- 3.6 BILLS \$208,436.96
 Add'l Bills for April-ck #21294-21296 in the amt of \$7,422.00
 Add'l Bills for April-ck #21297-21327 in the amt of \$137,900.79
 Add'l Bills for April-ACH #252600262-252600266 in the amt of \$67.67
- 3.7 PAYROLL \$155,081.53
- 3.8 TRANSFERS Vocational \$1,806
- 3.9 DONATION
 South Central KS Library System MP Library \$1,000

Derby Burgers LLC

MHS FFA \$860

3.10 OTHER

Approve 2026-27 KASB Legal Assistance Fund Contract, Legal Assistance Fee, Membership Renewal w/Season Pass for Workshop Registrations

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

4.0 PATRON TIME

Randy Vogel, MMS teacher, spoke to the Board about his Mulvane experience during his five years in the district.

Rebecca Rico, 420 E Woodfield, Ave, Mulvane, KS 67110, spoke to the Board about a sign language interpreter at graduation.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

There were no Action Items.

6.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

There were no Discussion/Action Items.

7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

7.1 Bond Counsel Update

Garth Herrmann from Gilmore Bell reviewed recent legislative action on property taxes, the Governor's veto, and the effect on the sale of our General Obligation Bonds on April 1. We will be able to restart the process. Stifel will be putting together new paperwork to begin the sale process.

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

8.1 Attorney/Client Privilege

At 7:32 p.m., Stacy Gear moved the board recess into executive session regarding possible litigation and/or legal issues for consultation with an attorney for the board pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under KOMA, with Dr. Ensley, Trista Cuthbertson, and David Cunningham (via phone) invited to join the board. The board will return to open session in the board meeting room at 7:47 with possible action to follow. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

*Steve Fry arrived as the Board was walking into the executive session. He went into Executive Session with the Board.

The BOE returned to open meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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

At 7:48 p.m., Stacy Gear moved the board recess into executive session regarding possible litigation and/or legal issues for consultation with an attorney for the board

pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under KOMA, with Dr. Ensley, Trista Cuthbertson, and David Cunningham (via phone) invited to join the board. The board will return to open session in the board meeting room at 7:58 with possible action to follow. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

The BOE returned to open meeting at 7:58 p.m.
Mr. Ellis stated that no action was taken during Executive Session.

8.2 *Student Matter*

At 7:59 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, SRO Bohannon, Trista Cuthbertson, Jeromy Swearingen, and Dr. Ensley. The board will return to open session in the board meeting room at 8:09 p.m. with possible action to follow. Second by Fred Heersche. Motion carried 7-0.

The BOE returned to open meeting at 8:09 p.m.
Mr. Ellis stated that no action was taken during Executive Session.

9.0 *ADJOURNMENT*

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Second by Stacy Gear. Motion carried 7-0.
