

USD 263
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 14, 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 Vice-President Stacy Gear with the following members present: Destiny Myers, Fred Heersche, Crystal Smith, Jeff Ellis (via phone), and Steve Fry. Chris Heersche was not present.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Doug Hatfield, Travis Keller, Glenda Cowell, Casey Lucas, Trista Cuthbertson, Kim Cunningham, Jodi McCarty, Erica Mize, Heather Parrott, Chantel Johnson, Mandy Roderick, Kari Nolan, Megan Etling, Carolanne Tauer, Rusty and Suzy Westfall, Ray and Sharron Westfall, Jana Brownlee, Melanie Emond, Steven McCoy, Mirranda Dick, Karrie and Mike Jackson, Julius Opitz, Whitney and Brandon Storey, Ammie and Jacob Myers, Amanda and Kim Chenault, Alexis Peden, Lucia Jal Hernandez, Silvia Gaffuri, Amy Hippmann, Cheyenne Plummer, Kylie Bonnell, Brittney Binger, Brittany Kruger, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENT

1.2.1 Travis Keller was presented with the Inspiring Excellence award.

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 this is the last week of state testing. They are looking forward to celebrating successes. Picnic on the Playground will be held April 24th. Spring activities are underway: 4th grade field trip to the zoo on April 29, 5th grade DARE camp on April 29, and 2nd grade to visit MGS on April 22. Plans are underway for MGS 5th grade to visit MMS. PTO will meet at the grade school on May 1.

1.4.2 Heather Parrott, Mulvane Middle School Asst Principal, reported that soccer and track are going well. Eighth graders are working on science assessments this week.

1.4.3 Chantel Johnson, Mulvane High School Asst Principal, reported that they are wrapping up state assessments. MHS hosted the art and tech show last week. There was a great turnout. Our students did well at the large group music festival. The forensics team won at Winfield. Spring sports are underway. Prom was held last weekend. It was a great night. Next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, students are performing *The Hound of Baskervilles*. Senior events are being scheduled.

- 1.4.4 Trista Cuthbertson, Asst Superintendent, reported that we had our KESA school improvement day. We will turn our plan in at the end of April. The last day of LETRS training will be April 18th. Kudos to our teachers for their work and flexibility. Today was the last Team Green meeting of the year. They focused on perseverance.
- 1.4.5 Glenda Cowell, Director of Special Services/Communications, has been working with our counselors on Purple Up Day—April 23rd. She also worked with the RNs and Dr. Comer on epinephrine availability. We are reviewing our Emergency Response Plan. State assessments are underway.
- 1.4.6 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, thanked the citizens who got out and voted last Tuesday. We will be looking at next steps.

1.5 MEA REPORT-no report

2.0 APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

Motion made by Fred Heersche to approve the agenda. Second by Steve Fry. Motion carried 6-0.

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

ADD: CONSENT ITEMS:

3.3.1 Resignations:

Tehya Applegate-Martinez-MGS ParaEducator (*updated eff 4-11-25)
Michael Jeffery-MHS Math Teacher (eff 5-22-25)

3.3.2 New Hires:

Harli Pater-MHS Asst Volleyball Coach (eff 8-1-25)

3.6 Bills:

Add'l Bills for April-ck #19751-19772 in the amt of \$44,242.02
Add'l Bills for April-ACH #242500257-242500260 in the amt of \$52.77

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:	
	Teresa Coppola	MHS ParaEducator (eff 5-22-25)
	Hannah Morgan	MHS Asst Volleyball Coach (eff 4-15-25)
	Kimberly Myers	MMS Cook (eff 5-23-25)
	Paige Newlin	MP 2 nd Grade Teacher (eff 5-22-25)
	Katherine Lorik	MMS Asst Volleyball Coach (eff 5-22-25)
	Miah Konklin	MGS HN ParaEducator (eff 4-8-25)
	Megan Bryant	MHS Klassy Kats Coach (eff 4-1-25)
	Tehya Applegate-Martinez	MGS ParaEducator (*updated eff 4-11-25)
	Christina Blaufuss	MP Nurse (eff 5-2-25)
	Michael Jeffery	MHS Math Teacher (eff 5-22-25)
3.3.2	New Hires:	
	Hannah Morgan	MMS Asst Volleyball Coach (eff 8-1-25)
	Kenneth Kaiser	Sub Teacher (eff 4-15-25)
	Olivia Cornett	Sub Teacher (eff 3-3-25)(secondary position)
	Angela Suffron	Sub Custodian (eff 3-25-25)(secondary position)
	Brandon Johnson	MMS Student Support Facilitator (eff 8-1-25)
	Kristina Behrens	Sub Teacher (eff 4-15-25)(secondary position)
	Harli Pater	MHS Asst Volleyball Coach (eff 8-1-25)
3.3.3	Change of Status/Transfer:	
	Chad Smith	MP/MMS Technology Para (eff 4-15-25)
	Kristen Palmer	MGS HN ParaEducator (eff 4-9-25)
	Allison Meyerhoff	MGS Student Support Facilitator (eff 8-1-25)
	Connie Akred	MMS ELA Teacher (eff 8-1-25)
	Mandy Roderick	MMS Tiered Supports Facilitator (eff 8-1-25)
	Jessica Stahl	MMS Sped Teacher (eff 8-1-25)
3.4	PDC TRANSCRIPTS	Mallory Ashworth
3.5	PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT:	None
3.6	BILLS	\$228,938.72
	Add'l Bills for April-ck #19751-19772 in the amt of \$44,242.02	
	Add'l Bills for April-ACH #242500257-242500260 in the amt of \$52.77	
3.7	PAYROLL	\$153,160.39
3.8	TRANSFERS	Vocational \$278
3.9	DONATION	
	Anonymous	USD 263 School Lunches \$1,000
	Donald Roller	MHS Baseball \$100
3.10	OTHER	Approve Assurances for Federal Funds

Approve 2025-26 KASB Legal Assistance
Fund Contract, Legal Assistance Fee, Membership
Renewal w/Season Pass for Workshop Registrations

Approve Virtual School Teacher Position

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

4.0 PATRON TIME

Kari Nolan, 1136 1st Rd, Mulvane, KS 67110, was present to share our PAX exchange students' experiences at the high school. Amy Hippmann, Julius Opitz, Lucia Jal Hernandez, and Silvia Gaffuri spoke to the Board about their time at MHS.

Steven McCoy, 519 Eastview Dr, Mulvane, KS 67110, spoke to the board on the grade school atmosphere, Munson lunchroom policies, and Munson atmosphere.

Amanda Chenault, 727 N. 1st Ave, Mulvane, KS 67110, spoke to the board on Munson bathroom issues.

Mirranda Dick, 605 Edgewood Dr, Mulvane, KS 67110, spoke to the board on Munson lunchroom policies.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

There were no Action Items

6.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

6.1 ELA Adoption

Members of the ELA team spoke to the board on curriculum priorities and the process and considerations that were looked at to determine the best curriculum at the K-5 level and the 6-12 level. iReady Magnetic will be used at the K-5 level (\$400,662.83-includes \$75,000 in PD) and HMH Into Literature will be used at the 6-12 level (\$307,166.08). We will have a seven-year contract with the companies.

Motion made by Steve Fry to adopt the ELA curriculum as presented by the committee. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 6-0.

6.2 Second Reading of KASB Policy Recommendations: DE, DFAC, DFAC forms: Grant Subrecipient Monitoring Procedures, Procurement Federal Programs, Allowability of Costs, Cash Management, Types of Costs, Obligations and Property Management

Motion made by Crystal Smith to approve policies DE, DFAC, DFAC forms: Grant Subrecipient Monitoring Procedures, Procurement Federal Programs, Allowability of Costs, Cash Management, Types of Costs, Obligations and Property Management as presented. Second by Fred Heersche. Motion carried 6-0.

7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

7.1 Virtual School Update

Glenda Cowell and Chantel Johnson shared the staffing proposal for Wildcat Academy, student expectations, and next steps.

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

8.1 Non-Elected Personnel

At 8:15 p.m., Crystal Smith 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, Trista Cuthbertson, Casey Lucas, and Dr. Ensley. The board will return to open session in the board meeting room at 8:35 p.m. with possible action to follow. Second by Steve Fry. Motion carried 6-0.

Casey Lucas left executive session at 8:27 p.m.

The BOE returned to open meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Mrs. Gear stated that no action was taken in executive session.

At 8:36 p.m., Crystal Smith 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, Trista Cuthbertson, and Dr. Ensley. The board will return to open session in the board meeting room at 8:46 p.m. with possible action to follow. Second by Steve Fry. Motion carried 6-0.

The BOE returned to open meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Mrs. Gear stated that no action was taken in executive session.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Second by Jeff Ellis. Motion carried 6-0.
