

USD 263
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 27, 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, Crystal Smith, Fred Heersche, and Stacy Gear. Chris Heersche and Steve Fry were not present.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Doug Hatfield, Trista Cuthbertson, Trevor Metzger, Erica Mize, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

1.2.1 Trevor Metzger was presented with the Inspiring Excellence award.

1.2.2 KASB Board Leaders Table Talk-May 13, 2026, noon-1:00 pm (online)

1.3 “GOOD NEWS” BY BOE MEMBERS

*Fred Heersche mentioned that the Mulvane Utility Dept fixed the flag pulley at the middle school.

*Destiny Myers attended Picnic on the Playground at MGS. It was great.

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1.4.1 Erica Mize, Mulvane Grade School Principal, reported that Picnic on the Playground was a success. Thank you to all who helped and attended. The fifth-grade field trip to OKC went well. The fifth-grade music program and DARE graduation will be held later this week.

1.4.2 Trista Cuthbertson, Asst Superintendent, reported that the ESOL team attended a conference and collaboration in Manhattan. Members of the DLT went to Lawrence for a standards alignment conference. State assessments are completed. Thank you to Mrs. Cowell and our building test coordinators. Scores will hopefully be available at the end of May. The last DLT meeting for the year was held this week. Thanks to our DLT members for their work. iReady PD planning for 2026-27 is underway.

1.4.3 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, reported that last Wednesday was Administrative Assistant’s Day. Thanks for all of their hard work. Educator Appreciation Week will be celebrated next week.

1.5 MEA REPORT-no report

2.0 APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

Motion made by Fred Heersche to approve the agenda. Second by Stacy Gear. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Crystal Smith to approve the amendments to the consent agenda. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 5-0.

ADD: CONSENT ITEMS:

3.3.1 Resignations:

Dylan LaRue-MMS 7th gr Asst Girls Basketball Coach (eff 5-20-26)
Brett Ramirez-MMS HN ParaEducator (eff 5-15-26)

3.3.2 New Hires:

Matt Peschel-MMS Head Track Coach (eff 8-1-26)
Allyson Osborn-MGS HI Sped Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
Lauren Schoonover-MP HN ParaEducator (eff 8-1-26)

3.6 Bills:

Add'l Bills for April-ck #21368-21380 in the amt of \$15,625.55

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:

Brittany Smith	MHS HN ParaEducator (eff 4-24-26)
Skyla Boster	Driver (eff 5-1-26)
Brooke Shereda	MGS 5 th Grade Teacher (eff 5-20-26)
Kiley Self	MMS HN ParaEducator (eff 4-14-26)
Kelley Lowe	MP PreK Teacher (eff 5-20-26)
Jennifer Phillips	MP PreK Sped Teacher (eff 5-20-26)
Elizabeth Reichert	MP PreK Sped Teacher (eff 5-20-26)
Kody Grant	MMS Stuco Sponsor (eff 5-20-26)
Renee Sweetwood	MP Principal (eff 6-30-26)
Dylan LaRue	MMS 7 th gr Asst Girls Basketball Coach (eff 5-20-26)
Brett Ramirez	MMS HN ParaEducator (eff 5-15-26)

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| 3.3.2 | New Hires:
Lynette Sirimanne
Taylore Schalk
Candice Meyers
Abigail Barnett
Misty Powell
Matt Peschel
Allyson Osborn
Lauren Schoonover | Driver (eff 4-28-26)
MP PreK Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
MGS 5 th Grade Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
MP 2 nd Grade Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
MP PreK Sped Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
MMS Head Track Coach (eff 8-1-26)
MGS HI Sped Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
MP HN ParaEducator (eff 8-1-26) |
| 3.4 | PDC TRANSCRIPTS | None |
| 3.5 | PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT: None | |
| 3.6 | BILLS | \$322,026.38 |
| | Add'l Bills for April-ck #21368-21380 in the amt of \$15,625.55 | |
| 3.7 | PAYROLL | \$1,156,870.37 |
| 3.8 | TRANSFERS | Virtual Education \$6,188
At-Risk \$152,274
4 yr old At-Risk \$6,161
Vocational \$53,309 |
| 3.9 | DONATION | None |
| 3.10 | OTHER | Approve Assurances for Federal Funds

Approve Milk and Pizza Bids for 26-27, 27-28 |

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the consent agenda. Second by Fred Heersche.
Motion carried 5-0.

4.0 PATRON TIME

No patrons were present to speak.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Schedule Special Board Meeting for Bond Resolution Approval

Motion made by Stacy Gear to schedule a Special Board Meeting for the purpose of approving the resolutions for the bond and note on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the BOE room at the District Office. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

6.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Non-Resident Enrollment Capacity

Dr. Ensley updated the Board on non-resident enrollment capacity. Capacity needs to be set by May 1 and is an annual decision.

Motion made by Fred Heersche to approve the USD 263 student enrollment projections and the nonresident enrollment capacity for the 2026-27 school year as recommended and presented by Dr Ensley. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

6.2 *May 25, 2026 BOE Meeting*

Motion made by Destiny Myers to cancel the May 25, 2026, Board of Education meeting. Second by Stacy Gear. Motion carried 5-0.

6.3 *MRC Board Appointment*

Dr. Brian Comer's term expires in May 2026, and he is rotating off the MRC Board. The MRC posted the opening and accepted letters of interest.

Motion made by Stacy Gear to approve the appointment of Ronald Meisch as recommended as a Board rep for the MRC Board. Second by Fred Heersche. Motion carried 5-0.

7.0 *DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS*

There were no Discussion/Report Items.

8.0 *EXECUTIVE SESSION*

8.1 *Non-Elected Personnel*

At 7:10 p.m., Stacy Gear moved that the board recess into executive session regarding an employment issue to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to protect the privacy interests of the individual, to include Dr. Ensley, Trista Cuthbertson, and the Board. The board will return to open session in the board meeting room at 7:25 p.m. with possible action to follow. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

Trista Cuthbertson and Dr. Ensley left executive session at 7:21 p.m.

The BOE returned to open meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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

8.1 EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

Motion made by Stacy Gear to extend Dr. Ensley's Superintendent Contract with USD 263 by 1 year (2027-2028 year). Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Fred Heersche to extend the contracts per recommendation by Dr. Ensley for our returning administrators, directors, assistant directors, and coordinators for the 2026-2027 school year. Second by Stacy Gear. Motion carried 5-0.

9.0 *ADJOURNMENT*

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 5-0.
