USD 263
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
July 27, 2026
7:00 P.M.
DISTRICT OFFICES-628 E. MULVANE
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MINUTES

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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, Fred Heersche, Crystal Smith, Chris Heersche, and Steve Fry. Stacy Gear was not present.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Doug Hatfield, Brad Canfield, Trista Cuthbertson, Sunni Goentzel, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Nothing at this time

1.3 “GOOD NEWS” BY BOE MEMBERS

Nothing at this time

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1.4.1 Brad Canfield, Director of Operations, reported that Wray Roofing is close to being done with the high school roof. Last week, Hutton, Gravity:Works, and PEC did building walk-throughs. The $100 casino cards will be given out Wednesday evening and all day Thursday this week.

1.4.2 Trista Cuthbertson, Asst Superintendent, reported that we welcomed new teachers last week. Skyward QMLATIV transition seems to be going well. The technology department has been working on the reset for online curriculum. We are finalizing the assessment and PD calendars. Secretaries reported back today and met at district office for an update meeting. The SROs are doing a crisis preparedness refresher for administrators and secretaries.

1.4.3 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, announced that they completed negotiations last week. Thanks to the MEA for their work on this. Assistant principals, ADs, and secretaries reported back today. The district kick-off is scheduled for August 11th.

1.5 MEA REPORT-no report

2.0 APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

Motion made by Fred Heersche 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:

3.3.2 New Hires:

Shannon Brewster-Driver (eff 7-28-26)
Haley Barnes-MHS Concessions Coord (Secondary Position)(eff 7-28-26)

3.6 Bills:

Add'l Bills for July-ck # 21684 in the amt of $5,775.93
Add'l Bills for July-ck #21685-21689 in the amt of $5,088.10
Add'l Bills for July-ck #21690-21720 in the amt of $94,955.56
Add'l Bills for July-ACH #262700010 in the amt of $9,499
Add'l Bills for July-ACH #262700011-262700012 in the amt of $1,277.50

3.10 Other:

Approve Contract with Gravity:Works for Bond Project

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:

Kristen Flaming	MMS ParaEducator (eff 7-15-26)

3.3.2 New Hires:

Taylar Branine	Sub Teacher (eff 8-1-26)
Shannon Brewster	Driver (eff 7-28-26)
Haley Barnes	MHS Concessions Coord (Secondary Position)(eff 7-28-26)

3.4 PDC TRANSCRIPTS None

3.5 PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT: None

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3.7	PAYROLL	Not Available
3.8	TRANSFERS	Not Available
3.9	DONATION	None
3.10	OTHER	Approve Contract with USD 266 for O and M Services
		Approve Contract with USD 260 for VI Services
		Approve Contract with USD 260 for DHH Services
		Approve Contract with USD 260 for OT Services
		Approve Agreement with PEC for Bond Project
		Approve Agreement with Hutton for Bond Project
		Approve Contract with Gravity:Works for Bond Project

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

4.0 PATRON TIME

No patrons were present to speak.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Appointment of BOE Representatives for 2026-27
Governmental Relations-Steve Fry
PDC-Crystal Smith
MRC-Fred Heersche
District Site Council-Destiny Myers, Chris Heersche, Stacy Gear

Motion made by Chris Heersche to approve the 2026-27 appointments as noted. Second by Crystal Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

6.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

There were no Discussion/Action Items.

7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

7.1 First Reading of KASB Policy Recommendations: IIBF, IIBGC, and JCDC

Dr. Ensley shared recommended changes/updates on IIBF, IIBGC, and JCDC per KASB's April review. These will be brought back to the Board for a second reading at the next meeting.

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

8.1 Negotiations

At 7:07 p.m., Steve Fry moved to recess into executive session regarding the terms and conditions of employment with the recognized bargaining unit for the teachers, pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, to include Dr. Ensley, Brad Canfield, Trista Cuthbertson, and the board until 7:22 p.m. with possible action to follow. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 6-0.

The BOE returned to open meeting at 7:22 p.m.
Mr. Ellis stated that no action was taken in executive session.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 6-0.

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