

USD 263
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 8, 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 President Jeff Ellis with the following members present: Destiny Myers, Chris Heersche, Steve Fry, and Fred Heersche. Crystal Smith and Stacy Gear were not present.

Also present: Dr. Jay Ensley, Doug Hatfield, Glenda Cowell, Jeromy Swearingen, and Clerk Schifferdecker.

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENT

1.2.1 KASB Board Leaders Table Talk -October 15, 2025, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

1.3 “GOOD NEWS” BY BOE MEMBERS

*Jeff Ellis thanked everyone who helped put together the 1960’s Mulvane Wildcat Football Recognition Night.

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 1.4.1 Glenda Cowell, Director of Special Services/Communications, reported that we had our six-month executive check-in last week. All was in order. The team will meet again in six months. Several staff members attended the Counting Kids training last week. All intervention teams are in place. Buildings are finishing their FastBridge assessments.
- 1.4.2 Jeromy Swearingen, Mulvane High School Principal, noted that fall sports got into full swing last week. Thanks to all who put together the bonfire. It went well. Also, thanks to Denise Woods and Stuco for putting together the activities beforehand. Homecoming is next week. There will be a traveling pep assembly again this year. They’ve had a positive start, and the new staff members are doing a great job. MHS has started Manic Mondays at the end of the day. It’s gotten very competitive!
- 1.4.3 Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent, thanked Dave Fennwald, Shannon Ellis, and Jeri Myers for putting together the 1960s football recognition. He attended a Sedgwick County District 5 meeting today with Jim Howell and area superintendents.

1.5 MEA REPORT-no report

2.0 APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

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

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

ADD: CONSENT ITEMS:

3.3.2 New Hires:

Sabrina Sherrow-Sub Teacher (eff 9-9-25)

Kari Schwanke-MHS Asst Girls Basketball Coach (eff 9-9-25)

Jake Dennison-MHS Asst Debate Coach (eff 9-9-25)

Braden Malone-MHS Theater Tech Director (eff 9-9-25)

3.6 Bills:

Add'l Bills for September-ck #20410-20441 in the amt of \$201,559.10

Add'l Bills for September-ACH #252600033-252600038 in the amt of \$96.85

3.9 Donation:

Mulvane Jr League Football -MHS Football (uniforms)

Aircraft & Commercial Enterprises-MHS Volleyball \$300

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:

Storm Scott

MHS Asst Girls Basketball Coach (eff 8-26-25)

Samantha Ibbetson

MP At-Risk Aide (eff 5-22-25)

LaShelle Heckart

District Software Support Tech (eff 9-10-25)

3.3.2 New Hires:

Justice Blake

Sub Teacher (eff 9-9-25)

Angela Taylor

Sub Teacher (eff 9-9-25)

Christine Parks

Sub Teacher (eff 9-9-25)

Sabrina Sherrow

Sub Teacher (eff 9-9-25)

Kari Schwanke

MHS Asst Girls Basketball Coach (eff 9-9-25)

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| | Jake Dennison | MHS Asst Debate Coach (eff 9-9-25) |
| | Braden Malone | MHS Theater Tech Director (eff 9-9-25) |
| 3.3.3 | Change of Status/Transfer: | |
| | Paula Urton | MP HN ParaEducator (eff 8-26-25) |
| | Stefanie Dannels | District Software Support Tech (eff 8-31-25) |
| 3.4 | PDC TRANSCRIPTS | Kimberly Downs |
| 3.5 | PURCHASE ORDERS OVER LIMIT: None | |
| 3.6 | BILLS | \$152,691.41 |
| | Add'l Bills for September-ck #20410-20441 in the amt of \$201,559.10 | |
| | Add'l Bills for September-ACH #252600033-252600038 in the amt of \$96.85 | |
| 3.7 | PAYROLL | \$127,421.20 |
| 3.8 | TRANSFERS | None |
| 3.9 | DONATION | |
| | Mulvane Jr League Football | MHS Football (uniforms) |
| | Aircraft & Commercial Enterprises | MHS Volleyball \$300 |
| 3.10 | OTHER | Approval for Temporary Signage |

Motion made by Destiny Myers 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

There were no Action Items.

6.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

6.1 KASB Delegate Certification

Motion made by Chris Heersche to appoint Steve Fry as the KASB voting delegate representative for Mulvane for the 25-26 school year for the KASB Convention on November 15th. Second by Fred Heersche. Motion carried 5-0.

7.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

7.1 First Reading of KASB Policy Recommendations: IB, JBC, JBCD, JGFGB, JH

Dr. Ensley shared recommended changes/updates on IB, JBC, JBCD, JGFGB, and JH per KASB's summer review. These will be brought back to the Board for a second reading at the next meeting.

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

8.1 *Student Matter*

At 7:09 p.m., Steve Fry 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, Jeromy Swearingen, Glenda Cowell, and Dr. Ensley. The board will return to open session in the board meeting room at 7:19 p.m. with possible action to follow. Second by Chris Heersche. Motion carried 5-0.

The BOE returned to open meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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

9.0 *ADJOURNMENT*

Motion made by Fred Heersche to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Second by Destiny Myers. Motion carried 5-0.
