

**USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Board Minutes for Monday, April 14, 2025  
216 S. Jefferson St., Smith Center, KS 66967  
Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room**

**Item 1. Call to Order**

President Theron Haresnape called the meeting to order.

**7:00 PM**

Present for the call to order were Board Members Marty Hanson, Jodi Frydendall, Adam Rentschler, Libby McDonald, Steve Overmiller and Sara Pruden, Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Susan Panter, Principals Michelle Stamm and Greg Koelsch and teacher Travis Elliott.

**Item 2. Approval of Agenda - Add/Delete**

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**Item 3. Approval of Consensus Items**

- a. Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b. April 14, 2025 Statements
- c. Approval of Donations
- d. Approval of Request from Heather Sasse and Lori Ifland to Move Across on Salary Schedule
- e. Approval of Retirement Letter from Steve McNary, Transportation Director
- f. Approval of Letter of Resignation from Lacey Teselle, Food Service Director
- g. Approval of Letter of Resignation from Elizabeth Franco, Food Service
- h. Approval of Letter of Resignation from Randy Schultz, Custodial

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the Consensus Items. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**Item 4. Public Forum**

None

#### **Item 5. KASB - Membership Renewal & Legal Assistance Fees**

Mr. McEwen discussed the renewal and legal assistance fees for KASB.

Steve Overmiller made a motion to approve the KASB Membership Renewal and Legal Assistance Fees as presented. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

#### **Item 6. Approval of Capacity Numbers for Open Enrollment**

Mr. McEwen gave projected capacity numbers for open enrollment. Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the Capacity Numbers for Open Enrollment as presented. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

#### **Item 7. First Reading and Review of Curriculum Handbooks, Coaches Handbooks, Teachers Handbooks and Student/Parent Handbooks - 2025-2026**

Mr. McEwen went over the changes in the handbooks for the 2025-2026 school year.

#### **Item 8. Approval of Smith Center Elementary Math Curriculum**

Mr. McEwen presented the quote from Envision Math for the elementary school math curriculum. Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve Envision Math curriculum and quote for the 2025-2026 school year. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

#### **Item 9. Discussion of KICS Insurance**

Mr. McEwen discussed the meeting he had with KICS for property insurance. He compared KICS coverage with EMC's coverage, which is the company we are insured through at the current time. The main difference is the deductible for the roofs. KICS has one deductible for both buildings. EMC has two separate deductibles for each building. Mr. McEwen recommended staying with EMC insurance at this time for our property insurance.

#### **Item 10. Discussion of Roofing Project**

Mr. McEwen discussed the roofing project and the timeline for the project being completed. The bids are to be in by Thursday for the lease-purchase from the local banks. The district paid the first payment to HTK for their services.

## Item 11. Reports

- a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report
  - IEP deadline is April 17th
  - There is a professional development inservice coming up
  - New building
  - Hired Janice Fiene as special education teacher in Smith Center
  - Coop is projecting a 2–3% increase in fees to school
  - Health insurance premiums expected to increase
- b. Greg Koelsch, Jr-Sr. High Principal Report
  - Math curriculum - having some problems getting textbook samples from the company that we are most interested in
  - All freshmen and juniors are CPR certified. Next school year all four classes will be certified.
  - Drug & Alcohol Council - presented to the council to ask for donation for a video board in the high school gym. The Drug & Alcohol Council agreed to donate \$15,000, upon final approval through the State. The total cost is \$37,000. There has also been a grant submitted.
- c. Michelle Stamm, Elementary Principal Report
  - Discussed the preschool program. Reviewed how many students we can have in each class.
  - Carnival - had a great turnout. Mrs. Stamm thanked the board members for attending and making cotton candy.
- d. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent Report
  - Summer food service program - we do not have enough staff to have a summer food program this year
  - Open positions - Food Service Director, Director of Transportation, bus drivers, maintenance and cooks
  - KSDE audit is behind schedule
  - ESSER money has been paused
  - Board of Education election deadline is June 1st for upcoming open positions
  - KESA check-in is Wednesday at 1:00
  - Carnival - thanked the board members for attending
  - Regional Track will be in Hill City
  - Regional Golf - not finalized, might be Sacred Heart

**Item 12. Executive Session - Personnel - to Protect the Interest of Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA**

Sara Pruden made a motion that the board members, Mr. McEwen and Greg Koelsch move into Executive Session - Personnel - to Protect the Interest of Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of five (5) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **7:58 PM**. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**7:53 PM**

Susan Panter, Michelle Stamm and Travis Elliott left the closed meeting **7:53 PM**

The board members, Mr. McEwen and Greg Koelsch discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter, Michelle Stamm and Travis Elliott returned to the open meeting.

**7:58 PM**

**Item 13. Approval of Contract for High School Counselor**

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve Alison Rempe as High School Counselor for the 2025-2026 school year. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**Item 14. Executive Session - Personnel - Supplemental Contracts - to Protect the Interest of the Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA**

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the board members, Mr. McEwen, Greg Koelsch and Travis Elliott move into Executive Session - Personnel - Supplemental Contracts -to Protect the Interest of Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of ten (10) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **8:10 PM**. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**8:00 PM**

Susan Panter and Michelle Stamm left the closed meeting.

**8:00 PM**

The board members, Mr. McEwen, Greg Koelsch and Travis Elliott discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

**8:10 PM**

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the board members, Mr. McEwen, Greg Koelsch and Travis Elliott move into Executive Session - Personnel - Supplemental Contracts -to Protect the Interest of Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of ten (10) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **8:20 PM**. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**8:10 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting.

**8:10 PM**

The board members, Mr. McEwen, Greg Koelsch and Travis Elliott discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

**8:20 PM**

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the board members, Mr. McEwen, Greg Koelsch and Travis Elliott move into Executive Session - Personnel - Supplemental Contracts -to Protect the Interest of Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of ten (10) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **8:30 PM**. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**8:20 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting.

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The board members, Mr. McEwen, Greg Koelsch and Travis Elliott discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

**8:30 PM**

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the board members, Mr. McEwen, Greg Koelsch and Travis Elliott move into Executive Session - Personnel - Supplemental Contracts -to Protect the Interest of Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of five (5) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **8:35 PM**. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**8:30 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting.

**8:30 PM**

The board members, Mr. McEwen, Greg Koelsch and Travis Elliott discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

**8:35 PM**

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the board members, Mr. McEwen, Greg Koelsch and Travis Elliott move into Executive Session - Personnel - Supplemental Contracts -to Protect the Interest of Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of five (5) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **8:40 PM**. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**8:35 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting.

**8:35 PM**

The board members, Mr. McEwen, Greg Koelsch and Travis Elliott discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

**8:40 PM**

### **Item 15. Approval of Supplemental Hires for Rule 10 Head Coaches & Certified Staff**

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve Matt Haack as head jr. high football coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve Denyse Kattenberg as head high school volleyball coach and Janice Fiene as assistant high school volleyball coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Marty Hanson made a motion to approve Brandon Hrabe as head high school girls basketball coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was not approved with a vote of 3-4 with Theron Haresnape, Libby McDonald, Adam Rentschler and Jodi Frydendall voting no.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve Alex Hobelmann as head jr. high boys basketball coach and Sage Schlaefli as assistant jr high boys basketball coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve Brandon Hrabe as head jr high girls basketball coach and Janice Fiene as assistant jr high girls basketball coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was not approved with a vote of 3-4 with Theron Haresnape, Libby McDonald, Adam Rentschler and Jodi Frydendall voting no.

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve Janice Fiene as assistant jr high girls basketball coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Adam Rentschler second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve Avery Hawkins as head high school wrestling coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Sara Pruden second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve Greg Frank as head golf coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve Amber Davis as high school scarlett's dance sponsor for the 2025-2026 school year. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve Shareece Hileman as concessions director for the 2025-2026 school year. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Jodi Frydendall made a motion to approve Michelle Elliott as National Honor Society sponsor for the 2025-2026 school year. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve Crystal Ifland and Kareena Herredsberg as junior class sponsors for the 2025-2026 school year. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve Travis Elliott as head teacher for the high school. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Travis Elliott left the meeting at 8:50 PM.

**Item 16. Executive Session - Negotiations - Preliminary Discussion of Letter Pursuant to Employer-Employee Negotiations Under KOMA**

Steve Overmiller made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Negotiations - Preliminary Discussion of Letter Pursuant to Employer-Employee Negotiations Under KOMA for a period of five (5) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **8:55 PM**. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Susan Panter and Greg Koelsch left the closed meeting.

**8:50 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed negotiation matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

**8:55 PM**

Steve Overmiller made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Negotiations - Preliminary Discussion of Letter Pursuant to Employer-Employee Negotiations Under KOMA for a period of ten (10) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **9:05 PM**. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**8:55 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting.

**8:55 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed negotiation matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

**9:05 PM**

### Item 17. Board Comments

None

### Item 18. Adjourn

Steve Overmiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**9:07 PM**

....."it shall be my constant endeavor to devote time, thought and study to the duties and responsibilities of a school board member so that I may render effective and credible service....."

School Board Member Code of Ethics

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Theron Haresnape, President

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Susan Panter, Clerk

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