USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for June 8, 2026
216 S. Jefferson St., Smith Center, KS 66967
Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room

Item 1. Call to Order

President Marty Hanson called the meeting to order. **7:00 PM**

Present for the call to order were Board Members Adam Rentschler, Libby McDonald, Wyatt Rhoades, Sara Pruden, Jodi Frydendall and Joe Wiehl, Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Susan Panter, Maintenance Director AJ Kuhlmann and Athletic Director Travis Elliott.

Item 2. Approval of Agenda - Add/Delete

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of item 7a. Approval of EMC and Workers Compensation Insurance. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 3. Approval of Consensus Items

a. Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting
b. June 8, 2026 Statements
c. Approval of Donations
d. Approval of Request from Ashley Breshears to Move Across on Salary Schedule
e. End of Year Authority
f. Approval of Professional Development Council (PDC) Points
g. Approval of HS Cross Country to use 2 suburbans to Wilson Lake August 21-23
h. Approval of HS Volleyball to use 2 suburbans to attend tournament in Abilene, KS June 24-26.
i. Approval of HS Football Quarterbacks for use of 1 suburban to attend Quarterback Clinic at Andover Central High School June 3rd
j. Approval of Resignation Letter from Greg Koelsch, Jr/Sr High Principal
k. Approval of Resignation Letter from Don Wick, Certified Staff

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

Item 4. Public Forum
None

Item 5. Facilities Tour
Maintenance Director, AJ Kuhlmann gave a tour of the elementary school, bus barn and music/band rooms.

Item 6. Discussion of Future of Alfalfa Field
Mr. McEwen and AJ Kuhlmann discussed the alfalfa field that the school owns. The alfalfa needs to be replaced with a different crop. There were different options discussed. The item was tabled and will discuss these options with David Sasse.

AJ Kuhlmann left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Item 7a. Approval of EMC and Workers Compensation Insurance
Mr. McEwen reviewed estimated amounts for EMC and workers compensation rates. It was recommended to stay with the 90% coinsurance and to continue with Fouts Insurance.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve EMC for property and auto insurance and Workers Compensation Insurance as presented with Fouts Insurance Agency. Joe Wiehl seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 7b. Approval of Mapes & Miller District audit Fees for Fiscal Year 2026
Mr. McEwen discussed the rate for the Mapes & Miller district audit for fiscal year 2026.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the fees for Mapes & Miller for the Fiscal Year 2026. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 8. Second Reading and Approval of Cell Phone Ban Policy

Mr. McEwen reviewed the policies IIBGC-Staff Online Activities and JCDC-Student Personal Electronic Communications Devices. These two policies need updating due to HB 2299–Legistation regarding Cell Phones Use in Schools.

Wyatt Rhoades made a motion to approve the IIBGC and JCDC as presented. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 9. First Reading of Classified Handbook and Crisis Management Plan for 2026-2027 School Year

Mr. McEwen reviewed changes that were made to the Classified Handbook. The handbook was organized to group specific items together so they are easier to find. There were changes made to more accurately reflect current BOE policy and current procedures. The Crisis Management Plan will have to have names updated as they are available.

Item 10. KASB June 2026 Board Policy Updates and First Reading

Mr. McEwen discussed updates in the KASB board policies.

Item 11. Reports

a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report
    - Nothing to report

b. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent Report
    - Congratulations to the Redmen and Lady Redmen track teams. The boys team were state champions and the girls placed 3rd.
    - There were two buses sold through Purple Wave auction
    - NCKSEC hired Kristin Duskie as a pre school teacher at Smith Center Elementary
    - Applied for a grant for cameras for Smith Center Elementary and Smith Center Jr/Sr High School from the Safe & Secure Grants.
    - Special education budget information was reviewed. There will be a decrease in state revenue and an increase in district assessments.
    - Mrs. Stamm and Mr. McEwen met with Dr. Overmiller, Dr. Conant, Sarah Ragsdale, Brittney Overmiller and Alaina Hughes to discuss different options for nursing with the schools.

- Reviewed estimated general and LOB funds for the budget. Have not received final legal max.
- Meeting with Joel Fouts tomorrow regarding insurance.
- LED lights in classroom

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

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the board members, Mr. McEwen 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 at **9:29 PM**. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.
9:24 PM

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **9:24 PM**

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

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **9:29 PM**

Item 13. Approval of Rule 10/Certified Coaching Contracts

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the contract for Jessica Abbott for the co-junior class sponsor for the 2026-2027 school year. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Travis Elliott left the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Libby McDonald left the meeting at 9:31 PM

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

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen 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 ten (10) minutes, returning to the open meeting at **9:41 PM**. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **9:31 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **9:31 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Libby McDonald returned to the closed meeting at 9:33 PM

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **9:41 PM**

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen 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 at **9:47 PM**. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **9:42 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **9:42 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting **9:47 PM**

Item 15. Discussion of Principal Hiring Procedures

Mr. McEwen discussed setting an ending date for applicants for the high school principal. He would like to set a day when the high school teachers can meet with the applicants to ask questions and hear the applicants vision for the school.

Item 16. Executive Session - Personnel - to Protect the Interest of Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA

Adam Rentshler made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Personnel - to Protect the Interest of Individuals(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of fifteen (15) minutes, returning to the open meeting at **10:17 PM**. Wyatt Rhoades seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **10:02 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **10:02 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **10:17 PM**

Adam Rentshler made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Personnel - to Protect the Interest of Individuals(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of five (5) minutes, returning to the open meeting at **10:22 PM**. Wyatt Rhoades seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **10:17 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **10:17 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **10:22 PM**

Item 17. Possible Action Regarding Formal Complaint Appeal

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the Board Of Education accept the appeal review and affirm the findings and conclusions of the original investigation, finding that the evidence obtained during the original investigation and the appeal process supports those findings and conclusions. Joe Wiehl seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 18. Executive Session - Negotiations - Discussion of Upcoming Negotiations Meeting, Pursuant to Employer-Employee Negotiations Exception Under KOMA
Adam Rentschler made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Negotiations - Discussion of Upcoming Negotiations Meeting, Pursuant to Employer-Employee Negotiations Exception Under KOMA for a period of five (5) minutes, returning to the open meeting at **10:29 PM**. Wyatt Rhoades seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **10:24 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **10:24 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed negotiations matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **10:29 PM**

Item 19. Board Comments
None

Item 20. Adjourn
Adam Rentschler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **10:32 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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Marty Hanson, President Susan Panter, Clerk

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