

**USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for July 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, Adam Rentschler, Libby McDonald, Steve Overmiller and Sara Pruden, Superintendent Dustin McEwen, and Board Clerk Susan Panter. Board Member Jodi Frydendall was not present.

Item 2. Election of Officers 2025-2026

a. Board President

Sara Pruden made a motion to nominate Marty Hanson as Board President. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

b. Board Vice-President

Adam Rentschler made a motion to nominate Sara Pruden as Board Vice-President. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 3. Appointment of NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Board Member Representative

Adam Rentschler made a motion to nominate Libby McDonald as Representative for NCKSEC Interlocal #636. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 4. Approval of Agenda - Add/Delete

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 5. Approval of Consensus Items

- a. Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2025 Negotiations Meeting
- c. July 14, 2025 statements
- d. Approval of Donations

- e. Board of Education Appointments 2025-2026
 - 1. Clerk of the Board - Susan Panter
 - 2. District Treasurer - Kimberly Kuhlmann
 - 3. Board Attorneys - Kyle Allen and Tabitha Owen
 - 4. Freedom of Information Officer - Dustin McEwen
 - 5. Deputy Clerk - Building Principals
 - 6. District Attendance Officers - Greg Koelsch and Michelle Stamm
 - 7. Authorized Representative for Food Service Fund - Jessica Abbott
 - 8. Determining Official Free/Reduced Price Meals - Kimberly Kuhlmann
 - 9. Hearing Official Free/Reduced Price Meals - Dustin McEwen
 - 10. Investments - Kimberly Kuhlmann and Superintendent Dustin McEwen
 - 11. Authorized Representative for KPERS - Susan Panter
 - 12. Authorized Representatives for Consolidated Program - (Title I, Title II Part A - Teacher Quality; Title II Part D Education Technology; Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools; Title V Innovation Programs; The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, ESSER; and the At-Risk Program) - Dustin McEwen and Kimberly Kuhlmann
 - 13. Authorized Liaison for services to homeless & foster children - Dustin McEwen and Susan Panter
 - 14. Authorized Representative for Title IX and Section 504 - Dustin McEwen as District Coordinator, Michelle Stamm and Greg Koelsch as Investigators, when available, the District Attorneys or KASB Investigators as needed
 - 15. Depositories of District funds - Guaranty State Bank & Trust, Smith Center; The Peoples Bank, Smith Center; Smith County Bank, Smith Center
 - 16. Official Newspaper - Smith County Pioneer
 - 17. Adopt the 1,116 Hour Calendar for 2025-2026
 - 18. Designate Inclement Weather Make-up Days, September 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26
- f. Reimbursement Rate for Mileage; as authorized by K.S.A. 75-3202a, the Secretary of Administration has fixed the private vehicle mileage reimbursement rates for FY 2025-2026 at .70 cents per mile effective July 1, 2025
- g. Approval of Resolution for the following:
 - 1. Rescind all policy statements found in the minutes of the board of education prior to June 30, and that the board adopt the new Board Policy Manual as presented and recommended by the superintendent to govern the school district during the 2025-2026 school year (See Resolution attached)

2. Establish petty cash limits - (see attached Resolution for respective buildings)
SC Elem School - \$500.00 - administered by the elementary principal
SC Jr/Sr High School - \$1000.00 - administered by the jr/sr high school principal
District - \$1000.00 - administered by the board clerk and superintendent
3. Adopt guidelines for activity funds and gate receipts (see attached Resolution for respective buildings)
- h. Approval to Waive GAAP Accounting Principle (See Resolution letter)

Theron Haresnape made a motion to approve the consensus items. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 6. Public Forum

None

Teacher Monica Wagner, students Karson Sasse, Korey Weltmer and Jonny Schlatter arrived at the meeting at 7:13 PM.

Item 7. Approval for the Use of 1 Suburban for FFA to Attend Officer Retreat August 1-3 in Nevada, MO

Karson Sasse, Korey Weltmer and Jonny Schlatter gave a presentation for an upcoming FFA retreat. They asked the board for the use of a suburban and fuel card to attend the FFA Officer Retreat.

Theron Haresnape made a motion to approve the use of 1 suburban and fuel card for FFA to attend the Officer Retreat August 1-3 in Nevada, Mo. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Monica Wagner, Karson Sasse, Korey Weltmer and Jonny Schlatter left the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Item 8. Time, Place, Date of Meetings (see attached Resolution)

There was discussion on the date of the December board meeting due to a conflict with the music program and possible basketball tournament.

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve the attached resolution with the December meeting being held on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 9. Discussion and Approval of Meal Prices for 2025-2026 School Year

Mr. McEwen presented the Board with research on the State average for meals as well as the local school averages. The Board discussed the cost of food increasing.

Steve Overmiller made a motion to raise the prices as presented for Elementary and jr/sr high student breakfast and lunch; adult breakfast and lunch by \$0.10 per meal. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 10. Approval of Bid on Milk Prices

Mr. McEwen presented information from F&A and Cash-Wa for milk. F&A will deliver to both buildings.

Libby McDonald made a motion to approve the bid for milk from F&A for the 2025-2026 school year. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 11. Second Reading and Approval of Classified Handbook and Crisis Handbook

Steve Overmiller made a motion to approve the Classified Handbook and Crisis Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 12. Approval and Second Reading of KASB June 2025 Board Policy

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve KASB June 2025 Board Policy Updates with the exception of DFH, Fundraising. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 13. Discussion and Approval of Cardiac Emergency Response Plan

Mr. McEwen mentioned he had reviewed the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan with nurses from the Smith County Health Department. The plan was prepared according to KDHE recommendations.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 14. Discussion of Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate

Mr. McEwen discussed the budget for the 2025-2026 school year. He recommends that we exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. The information will be given to the Smith County Clerk by July 18.

Item 15. Approval of Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing on September 8, 2025

Libby McDonald made a motion to schedule the RNR and Budget Hearing on September 8, 2025 at 6:45 p.m. and 6:50 p.m. Theron Haresnape seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 16. Approval of Application for Payment from Roofmasters

Mr. McEwen discussed the payment that is due to Roofmasters by August 15th.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the payment to Roofmasters. Theron Haresnape seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 17. Discussion on Bus Routes and Road Maintenance

There were suggestions that we present all of the bus routes to the county commissioners to make them aware of where the buses are traveling to pick up students.

Item 18. Superintendent's Report

- Budget
- Budget review July 18th
- Federal Title Funds
- Roger Barta Memorial
- Wrestling Room - plans are in place to put pallets and plywood down to keep the new wrestling mats off the floor to prevent moisture from getting to the mats from the cement floor.
- Football field lights
- High school gym lights - replacing with LED lights
- Elementary A/C - will repair the unit for a cost of \$12,000 instead of replacing
- Roof

Item 19. Executive Session - Negotiations - the Exception for Employer-Employee Negotiations Under KOMA

Theron Haresnape made a motion that the Board Members and Mr. McEwen move into executive session - negotiations - the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA for twenty (20) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **8:54 PM**. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **8:34 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **8:34 PM**

The Board Members and Superintendent, Mr. McEwen discussed negotiation matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **8:54 PM**

Theron Haresnape made a motion that the Board Members and Mr. McEwen move into executive session - negotiations - the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA for ten (10) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **9:04 PM**. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **8:54 PM**

Susan panter left the closed meeting. **8:54 PM**

The Board Members and Superintendent, Mr. McEwen discussed negotiation matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **9:04 PM**

Theron Haresnape made a motion that the Board Members and Mr. McEwen move into executive session - negotiations - the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA for five (5) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **9:09 PM**. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **9:04 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **9:04 PM**

The Board Members and Superintendent, Mr. McEwen discussed negotiation matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **9:09 PM**

Item 20. Discussion and Approval of EMC 90% or 100% coinsurance

Mr. McEwen discussed another option for the property insurance through EMC. Joel Fouts sent an optional quote which would reduce premiums. The coinsurance would be 90%, which would be an annual savings of \$39,987.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the 90% coinsurance with EMC. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 21. 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 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 ten (10) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **9:24 PM**. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

9:14 PM

Susan Panter left the closed meeting.

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The Board Members and Superintendent, Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

9:24 PM

Sara Pruden 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 five (5) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **9:29 PM**. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

9:24 PM

Susan Panter left the closed meeting.

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The Board Members and Superintendent, Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

9:29 PM

Item 22. Approval of Contract for Director of Transportation

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the contract for Chad Wagenblast for the Director of Transportation. Theron Haresnape seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 23. Board Comments

The Board signed thank-you cards

Item 24. Adjourn

Sara Pruden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

9:35 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

Marty Hanson, President

Susan Panter, Clerk

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