USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for Monday, October 13, 2025
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, Jodi Frydendall, Libby McDonald and Steve Overmiller, Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Susan Panter, and Principals Greg Koelsch and Michelle Stamm.

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 5-0 vote.

Item 3. Approval of Consensus Items

a. September 8, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
b. September 3, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
c. September 10, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
d. October 13, 2025 Statements
e. Approval of Out of District Students
f. Approval of Donations
g. Approval of Sale of Old Lunch Room Tables
h. Approval of Sale of Old Basketball Uniforms

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the Consensus Items. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Item 4. Public Forum

None

Item 5. Discussion and Approval of Position Bonds and/or Increasing Crime Policy

Mr. McEwen discussed position bonds for the board clerk, treasurer and superintendent. The other option would be increasing the crime policy to $100,000. This would include other personnel as well as the board clerk, treasurer and superintendent.

Libby McDonald made a motion to approve increasing the crime policy with Fouts Insurance to $100,000 and increasing the treasurer bond to $100,000. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Item 6. Approval of Application for Payment from Roofmasters

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the 4th payment, Invoice #195571, to Roofmasters. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Item 7. Possible Approval of JH/HS Basketball and Wrestling Coach

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve Nolan Lehmann as assistant junior high/high school basketball coach and Fredrick Nortje as assistant high school wrestling coach. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Item 8. Discussion and Approval of Casey's Rewards Points

Steve Overmiller made a motion to approve the policy for Casey's Rewards Points as presented. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Item 9. Discussion of KSDE State Testing Results

Mr. McEwen reviewed the state testing results for the 2024-2025 school year. The scores for ELA were better than the state average. We would like to see a greater percentage of our students score in level 4 on the state math assessment. The cut scores have changed for the 24-25 year. This caused a delay in results. The new scores will give the state a better idea of what students can do.

Item 10. Reports

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

b. Greg Koelsch, Principal's Report
    - Lights on football field
    - Need to have geo test done on track

c. Michelle Stamm, Principal's Report
    - Nothing to add

d. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent's Report

- 2025 Kansas Can Star Recognition
  Academically Prepared - Bronze
  Graduation - Gold
  Post-Secondary - Silver
  Commission award with honors
- School Improvement Day was on October 8
- KESA Team will be at the November board meeting
- KASB luncheon on November 7
- KARE Annual Meeting on October 30
- Congratulations to high school volleyball receiving runner up at MCL

Item 11. Discussion and Approval of SCE Playground Equipment

Mr. McEwen discussed the condition of the playground equipment at the elementary school. He stated that there has been some fundraising done and is seeking a letter of support from the board and approval to pursue grants.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve pursuing grants for the elementary school for playground equipment. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Item 12. Executive Session - Personnel - 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 and Mr. McEwen move into executive session - personnel - to protect the interest of the 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 **8:08 PM**. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote. **7:58 PM**

Michelle Stamm, Greg Koelsch and Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **7:58 PM**

The Board members and Mr. McEwen and discussed personnel matters.

Theron Haresnape arrived at the meeting. **8:02 PM**.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **8:08 PM**

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the Board members and Mr. McEwen move into executive session - personnel - to protect the interest of the 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 **8:13 PM**. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **8:08 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **8:08 PM**

The Board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **8:13 PM**

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the Board members and Mr. McEwen move into executive session - personnel - to protect the interest of the 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 **8:18 PM**. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **8:13 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **8:13 PM**

The Board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **8:18 PM**

Jodi Frydendall made a motion to approve 5 additional days of personal leave to pay a substitute. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-2 vote with Steve Overmiller and Adam Rentschler voting no.

Item 13. Discussion and Approval of Board Policies

The board reviewed policies KA through MI (See attachment) and the policies that were not approved previously.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the board policies KA-MI, GCIA, DP, DH to read “may”, DK to read “as requested”, EDAA option 2, JFA option 1, IKD take out school vacation and not approve DFH. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 14. Board Comments

None

Item 15. Adjourn

Adam Rentschler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **9:13 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