

**USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for Monday, August 10, 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, Joe Wiehl, Libby McDonald, Sara Pruden and Wyatt Rhoades, Principals Travis Elliott and Michelle Stamm, Board Clerk Susan Panter, Maintenance Director A.J. Kuhlmann, Teacher Emma Meyer and Student Kaylee Weltmer.

Item 2. Approval of Agenda - Add/Delete

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the deletion of 3f, bus driver contract and the deletion of "Smith County Health Department" on item 11. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 3. Approval of Consensus Items

- a. July 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. July 14, 2026 Negotiations Meeting Minutes
- c. August 10, 2026 Statements
- d. Approval of Donations
- e. Approval of Custodial Contract - Zane Nixon
- f. Approval of Bus Driver Contracts - Joell Wagenblast, Brenik Spiess and Toby Boyle
- g. Approval of Out of District Student
- h. Approval of Activities Facebook Pages

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

Item 4. Public Forum

None

Item 5. Approval of Use of 1 Suburban and Fuel Card for FFA Officers Retreat in Salina, KS August 15-16, 2026

Emma Meyer and Kaylee Weltmer gave a presentation for an upcoming trip to Salina for a FFA Officers Retreat. There will be between four and six students attending.

Libby McDonald made a motion to approve the use of a suburban and fuel card for a FFA Officers Retreat in Salina, August 15-16, 2026. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Emma Meyer and Kaylee Weltmer left the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Item 6. Tour of High School Facilities

Maintenance Director, AJ Kuhlmann took the board on a tour of the high school facilities.

A.J. Kuhlmann left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Item 7. Building Needs Assessment for Budget Considerations

Michelle Stamm presented the Building Needs Assessments for Smith Center Elementary and Smith Center Jr/Sr High Schools. The board discussed some of the barriers which include declining enrollment, hiring classified staff and chronic absenteeism. The board identified budget actions which included increased salary to recruit and retain high quality certified and classified staff, update and align the curriculum as needed and continuing to offer summer school for at-risk students at the elementary level.

Item 8. State Assessments Review for Budget Considerations

Michelle Stamm discussed the State assessments for budget considerations. Individual scores are not available as of this date.

Item 9. Reports

- a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report
 - Nothing to report
- b. Travis Elliott, Principal's Report
 - Classes offered this school year
 - Fastbridge testing in math and ELA will take place the beginning of September
 - Enrollment was held Tuesday, August 4th and Wednesday, August 5th.
 - Cheerleaders have started decorating with posters
 - Information on ParentSquare was emailed to all parents
 - Entryway ceiling is finished
 - Carpet in the office, workroom, hallway, conference room, nurse's office and counselor's office is completed.
 - There are two new teachers and one new para this year.
- c. Michelle Stamm Principal's Report
 - Teachers have been preparing their classrooms
 - Open House Tuesday, August 18 from 5:30-6:30
 - Mrs. Clark invested considerable effort in readying the registration process.
 - I appreciate AJ, Don, Matt and Ashley for their efforts in preparing our facility for another year of education. We are excited to welcome Zane to our team as morning custodian.

- d. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent's Report - Given by Marty Hanson
- Controlled Access Door - working with Nex-Tech to update our door system
 - Maintenance truck engine repair
 - Rooftop Unit replacement
 - Freedom Claims - increase administration fee to \$64 for each employee and no risk management fee
 - Will have four Hudl cameras for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - ParentSquare - staff are still working on learning the process
 - We will not need to hold a RNR hearing as we will not be exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for the USD 237 fiscal year 2027 budget. The Budget Hearing will be on September 14, 2026 at 6:50 p.m. in the board of education office.
 - Improvements done during the summer - New football field lights, ceiling outside of the Jr/Sr high school office area, high school office carpet, new carpet in elementary classroom, new lights in several elementary classrooms, new interactive boards at the elementary and a few at the jr/sr high school, concrete project in front of the elementary school, new signage will be coming for the front of the elementary building

Item 10. Approval of Delegate for KASB Assembly

Adam Rentschler made a motion for Sara Pruden to be the Delegate for the KASB Assembly. Wyatt Rhoades seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 11. Nursing Services and Possible Contract Adjustment Approval

Marty Hanson discussed the meeting with the county commissioners, Dr. Conant, Dr. Overmiller and Sarah Ragsdale. The Smith County Hospital and Smith County Family Practice are willing to help the school with training for dispensing medications, cardiac emergency response plan and vision and hearing screenings.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Smith County Memorial Hospital and Smith County Family Practice to provide nursing services to train for dispensing medications, the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan and the Vision and Hearing Screening. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

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

Sara Pruden made a motion that the Board Members and Travis Elliott move into executive session - personnel - supplemental contracts - to protect the interest of the 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 P.M.** Wyatt Rhoades 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 Travis Elliott discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

9:29 PM

Item 13. Approval of Supplemental Contracts

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve supplemental contracts for athletic director to Kendall Allen at 10%, Lexie Hawkins at 10% and Travis Elliott at 4%. Joe Wiehl seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Travis Elliott left the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Item 14. Executive Session - Negotiations - the Exception for Employer-Employee Negotiations Under KOMA

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the Board Members 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 **9:51 PM**. Wyatt Rhoades 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 discussed negotiation matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

9:51 PM

Item 15. Approval of Master Collective Bargaining Agreement

Wyatt Rhoades made a motion to approve the Master Collective Bargaining Agreement with the updated salary schedule for the 2026-2027 school year and change the wording in Section C, Item 7 as presented. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 16. Approval of Classified Employee 2026-2027 Salary

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve classified compensation as presented. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 17. Approval of Administration 2026-2027 Salary

Joe Wiehl made a motion to approve the compensation for administration as presented. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 18. Board Comments

Meet at the high school Monday to cook hamburgers for the staff for back to school inservice.

Item 19. Adjourn

Adam Rentschler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wyatt Rhoades seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **9:58 PM**

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School Board Member Code of Ethics

Marty Hanson, President

Susan Panter, Clerk

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