

**USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for June 9, 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, Sara Pruden and Jodi Frydendall, Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Susan Panter and Principal Greg Koelsch.

Item 2. Approval of Agenda - Add/Delete

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of consensus item f. Approval of coin drive sponsored by Smith County Sheriff's Department. 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 12, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b. June 9, 2025 Statements
- c. Approval of Donations
- d. Approval of Request from Darian Baumann & Alex Hobelmann to Move Across on Salary Schedule
- e. Approval for Smith Center Elementary Peaches Fundraiser
- f. Approval of Coin Drive Sponsored by Smith County Sheriff's Department - removed
- g. End of Year Authority
- h. Approval of Professional Development Council (PDC) Points
- i. Approval of HS Boys Basketball to use 2 suburbans to attend tournament at Rock Creek, KS July 10th
- j. Approval of HS Cross Country to use 2 suburbans to Wilson Lake August 22-24
- k. Approval of HS Volleyball to use 2 suburbans to attend tournament in Abilene, KS June 25-27
- l. Approval of Resignation Letter from Richard Bryan, Bus Driver

- m. Approval of Girls HS Basketball for use of 2 suburbans to attend Center for Team Camp in Hays June 17th
- n. Approval of HS Football Quarterbacks for use of 1 suburban to attend Quarterback Clinic at Andover Central High School June 11th

Steve Overmiller 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. Approval of Continuing Student Accident Insurance with KASB

Mr. McEwen discussed Student Accident Insurance. The rates stayed the same as the last school year.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the Student Accident Insurance with KASB for the 2025-2026 school year. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 6. Approval of Nursing Contract with Smith County Health Dept

Mr. McEwen discussed the details of the contract with the Smith County Health Department for the school nurse position. It would provide the school with their services for 4 hours per day. The health department would be responsible for the hearing/vision screening, scheduling dental screening and the AED machines.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the contract with the Smith County Health Department for the 2025-2026 school year. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 7. Discussion of December Board of Education Meeting Time

Mr. McEwen discussed changing the time or day of the December 8, 2025 board meeting due to a conflict with the music concert and possible basketball tournament.

Item 8. Approval of Contract for HS Cheer Sponsor

Libby McDonald made a motion to approve Javenia Stansbury as the High School Cheer Sponsor for the 2025-2026 school year. 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 2025-2026 School Year

Mr. McEwen stated the only changes to the Classified Handbook were dates. Team members' names were changed in the Crisis Management Plan.

Item 10. KASB June 2025 Board Policy Updates and First Reading

Mr. McEwen discussed some changes in the KASB board policies. These included board committee rules (KOMA) and public records change in fees that can be charged (KORA).

Item 11. Discussion of Possible Sale of Land

Mr. McEwen discussed the possible sale of land that the school owns behind residential homes. He was approached by the homeowners that they were interested in buying the 3.2 acres. The board discussed different options.

Item 12. Reports

- a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report
 - Will move into new building in July
 - Blue Cross Blue Shield increase of 5.9%
 - District Assessments at 2%
 - Renting space in the Fischer building for PT and OT supplies
- b. Greg Koelsch, Jr.-Sr. High Principal Report
 - The video board will be on the east side of the north wall in the gym
 - Met with TK Electric about doing wiring for the video board. Also discussed with TK Electric about getting a quote for gym lights and football lights.
- c. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent Report
 - Blue Cross Blue Shield increase of 20%
 - Pre-construction meeting for the roof scheduled for tomorrow at 2:15
 - Received final quote for Reveal Math for the Jr./Sr. High School

Item 13. 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 **8:17 PM**. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:07 PM**

Susan Panter and Greg Koelsch left the closed meeting. **8:07 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter and Greg Koelsch returned to the open meeting. **8:17 PM**

Item 14. Approval of Contract for Director of Food Service

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the contract for Jessica Abbott for the Director of Food Service for the 2025-2026 school year. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 15. 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 fifteen (15) minutes, returning to the open meeting at **8:34 PM**. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:19 PM**

Susan Panter and Greg Koelsch left the closed meeting. **8:19 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed negotiation matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **8:34 PM**

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 ten (10) minutes, returning to the open meeting at **8:44 PM**. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:34 PM**

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

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed negotiation matters.

Susan Panter and Greg Koelsch returned to the open meeting **8:44 PM**

Item 16. Executive Session - Discuss Confidential Student Information - Exception Relating to Actions Adversely or Favorably Affecting a Student Under KOMA

Sara Pruden made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Discuss Confidential Student Information - Exception Relating to Actions Adversely or Favorably Affecting a Student Under KOMA for a period of fifteen (15) minutes, returning to the open meeting at **9:01 PM**. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:46 PM**

Susan Panter and Greg Koelsch left the closed meeting. **8:46 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed student matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **9:01 PM**

Sara Pruden made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Discuss Confidential Student Information - Exception Relating to Actions Adversely or Favorably Affecting a Student Under KOMA for a period of ten (10) minutes, returning to the open meeting at **9:11 PM**. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **9:01 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **9:01 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed student matters.

Susan Panter and Greg Koelsch returned to the open meeting.

9:11 PM

Item 17. Board Comments

The board member signed a thank you card. Mr. McEwen and Susan Panter will be attending a budget workshop on June 24th in Abilene.

Item 18. Adjourn

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

9:16 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

Theron Haresnape, President

Susan Panter, Clerk

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