

**USD 237 Board of Education
Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing
Budget Hearing
Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for Monday, September 8, 2025
216 S. Jefferson St., Smith Center, KS 66967
Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room**

REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Marty Hanson called the meeting to order.

6:45 PM

Present for the call to order were board members Jodi Frydendall, Adam Rentschler, Libby McDonald and Steve Overmiller, Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Susan Panter, SCE Principal Michelle Stamm and Patron Wyatt Rhoades.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC FORUM

Nobody in attendance for the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing.

ITEM 3. REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING

No motion was made to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate as USD 237 is not exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate.

Theron Haresnape arrived at 6:51 p.m.

ITEM 4. ADJOURN

Adam Rentschler made a motion to adjourn the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

6:52 PM

BUDGET HEARING

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Marty Hanson called the meeting to order.

6:52 PM

Present for the call to order were board members Jodi Frydendall, Adam Rentschler, Libby McDonald, Steve Overmiller and Theron Haresnape, Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Susan Panter, SCE Principal Michelle Stamm and Patron Wyatt Rhoades.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC FORUM

Nobody was in attendance for the Budget Hearing.

ITEM 3. BUDGET HEARING

Mr. McEwen reviewed the Form 150 with the Board.

ITEM 4. ADJOURN

Libby McDonald made a motion to Adjourn the Budget Hearing. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

7:05 PM

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Marty Hanson called the meeting to order. 7:05 PM

Present for the call to order were board members Jodi Frydendall, Adam Rentschler, Libby McDonald, Steve Overmiller and Theron Haresnape, Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Susan Panter, SCE Principal Michelle Stamm and Patron Wyatt Rhoades.

ITEM 2. 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 3. APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS

- a. Approval of Minutes from August 11, 2025 Regular Meeting**
- b. September 8, 2025 Statements**
- c. Approval of Donations**
- d. Approval of Resignation of Brenda Norton, Custodian**

Steve Overmiller made a motion to approve the Consensus Items. Theron Haresnape seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 4. APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOB PERCENTAGE

Theron Haresnape made a motion to approve the Resolution to authorize the Local Option Budget in an amount of 33% for the 2025-2026 school year. The Certification for the Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 237, Smith County, Kansas on the 8th day of September, 2025. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 5. MOTION TO ADOPT 2025-2026 BUDGET

Adam Rentschler made a motion to adopt the 2025-2026 Budget based on the preliminary State Assessment results from the 2024-2025 school year and the Building Needs Assessment documents provided to and evaluated by the Board of Education at the August meeting. Libby McDonald second the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 6. PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing tonight

Teacher Monica Wagner, students Kaylee Weltmer, Emersyn Lehmann and Karson Sasse arrived at 7:10 p.m.

ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF FFA TO NATIONAL CONVENTION OCT. 28-NOV. 1 FOR THE USE OF 2 SUBURBANS TO INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Kaylee Weltmer, Emersyn Lehmann and Karson Sasse thanked the board for approving their trip for the Officer Retreat in Lamar, Missouri. They gave a presentation of their trip.

Monica Wagner requested the use of 2 suburbans to go to the National Convention Oct. 28-Nov. 1. She stated that Ean Daone and Sierra Kingsbury received the American Degree. There will be 3 adults and 8 students attending.

Sara Pruden arrived at 7:16 p.m.

Steve Overmiller made a motion for FFA to use 2 suburbans and fuel card for the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN October 28-November 1. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Monica Wagner, Kaylee Weltmer, Emersyn Lehmann and Karson Sasse left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF DRIVER'S EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT

Mr. McEwen discussed having the district pay for Travis Elliott's college courses that would be required for him to be endorsed for driver's education. The cost would be \$3,200.00 and would require a 3 year commitment from Mr. Elliott. The district may have to use Greenbush next summer depending on the timing for getting the practicum done for Mr Elliott.

Jodi Frydendall made a motion to approve entering a MOU with Travis Elliot for driver's education. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT FROM ROOFMASTERS

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the 3rd payment to Roofmasters. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 10. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PRE-K ROUTES AND COMPENSATION FOR DRIVERS

Mr. McEwen discussed the bus drivers that drive a pre-k route wanting compensation for the pre-k route if they take a sick or personal day.

Libby McDonald made a motion to approve compensating for pre-k routes for the bus driver when they use a sick or personal day. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Greg Koelsch, Jr.-Sr. High Principal arrived at 7:33 p.m.

ITEM 11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF WRESTLING AND BASKETBALL ASSISTANT COACHES

Mr. McEwen discussed adding assistant basketball and wrestling coaches. The number of students in basketball and girls wrestling has increased. Wrestling for boys and girls are usually in different locations.

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve hiring an assistant basketball and wrestling coach. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 12. APPROVAL OF SALE OF OLD HIGH SCHOOL CHEER UNIFORMS

Jodi Frydendall made a motion to approve the sale of old high school cheer uniforms. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 13. REPORTS

- a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report**
 - **New building budget**
- b. Greg Koelsch, Jr.-Sr. High Principal Report**
 - **Lights at Football field and the track**
- c. Michelle Stamm, SCE Principal Report**
 - **Nothing to add**
- d. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent Report**
 - **KESA prep day September 11, 2025**
 - **KESA Improvement day October 8, 2025**
 - **Football lights**
 - **Track**
 - **Thank you to the Board of Education for helping with back to school inservice meal**
 - **Video board installed at the high school**

ITEM 14. BOARD COMMENTS

None

ITEM 15. ADJOURN

Adam Rentschler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Libby McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **7:56 PM**

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School Board Member Code of Ethics

Marty Hanson, President

Susan Panter, Clerk

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