

**USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for Monday, February 10, 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.

7:30 PM

Present for the call to order were Board Members Marty Hanson, Jodi Frydendall, Adam Rentschler, Libby McDonald, Sara Pruden and Steve Overmiller, Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Susan Panter, Principals Michelle Stamm, Greg Koelsch and teacher Kelli Schmidt.

Item 2. Approval of Agenda - Add/Delete

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 3. Approval of Consensus Items

- a. January 13, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. February 10, 2025 Statements
- c. Approval of Donations
- d. Approval of Madonna Jamison Scholarship Committee
- e. Approval of Out of District Students - Blayne Johnson & Brenner Montgomery
- f. Approval of Retirement Letter from Thelma Koops
- g. Approval of Letter of Resignation from Amy Terrill
- h. Approval of Letter of Resignation from Hayley Moll
- i. Approval of Custodial Contract Elementary - John Ord

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. Discussion and Approval of 2025-2026 Academic Calendar

Marty Hanson made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar as presented. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 6. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Greenbush/Classroom and Jason Wilson and Anthony Blair/Driving Portion for Driver's Education

Mr. McEwen discussed driver's education for the summer. The program will be similar to last year. Greenbush will be doing the classroom portion and we will have Jason Wilson and Anthony Blair do the driving portion. They would like to have two vehicles they can use for the driving portion. Steve is checking into having another vehicle we already have equipped, so they can both drive at the same time. There are 24 eligible students for driver's education.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Greenbush for the classroom portion and Jason Wilson and Anthony Blair for the driving portion of driver's education. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 7. Reports

- a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report
 - New building should be finished this summer
 - Meeting with High Plains Mental Health
 - LETRS training - will finish first group in May
 - There are three vacancies for next year with one being in Smith Center
 - Number of identified students is down in the cooperative
- b. Greg Koelsch, Jr-Sr. High Principal Report
Nothing to add
- c. Michelle Stamm, Elementary Principal Report
Nothing to add

- d. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent Report
- KN-Claim money was reimbursed from the State for both months
 - Greenbush Food Purchasing
 - HTK will come to look at roof when weather is better
 - USDA Farm to School Grant - three beef were purchased and are at the Schlatter farm
 - Maintenance hire
 - Driver's Education
 - Teammates - is requiring that a 501(c)(3) be set up
 - Forecasted weather

Item 8. Presentation and Possible Approval of Graduation Requirement Changes

Greg Koelsch and Kelli Schmidt presented proposed changes in graduation requirements. There will be new graduation requirements starting with the current freshmen class. There are twenty-three post secondary assets. Students will have to meet two of these before graduation.

The credits needed to graduate will stay the same. The proposed changes would be in Financial Literacy. We would offer the Financial Literacy course as a .5 credit instead of a 1.0 credit. This would allow for Speech to be taken as a .5 credit.

Libby McDonald made a motion to change the current high school graduation requirement from a full credit of Financial Literacy to a half credit of Financial Literacy to require a half credit of speech starting with the 2025-2026 school year. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Kelli Schmidt left the meeting at 8:09 PM.

Item 9. Discussion of Supplemental Procedures

Mr. McEwen discussed policy changes for supplemental procedures and timelines. There was discussion on who is considered to be a rule 10 coach. Compensation for Rule 10 coaches was discussed.

Item 10. 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, Mr. McEwen, Michelle Stamm and Greg Koelsch 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 **8:51 PM**. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:41 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **8:41 PM**

The board members, Mr. McEwen, Michelle Stamm and Greg Koelsch discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **8:51 PM**

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the board members, Mr. McEwen, Michelle Stamm and Greg Koelsch 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 **8:56 PM**. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:51 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **8:51 PM**

The board members, Mr. McEwen, Michelle Stamm and Greg Koelsch discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **8:56 PM**

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the board members, Mr. McEwen, Michelle Stamm and Greg Koelsch 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 two (2) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **8:58 PM**. Steve Overmiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. **8:56 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting.

8:56 PM

The board members, Mr. McEwen, Michelle Stamm and Greg Koelsch discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

8:58 PM

Item 11. Executive Session - Personnel - To Discuss an Individual(s) Employee's Performance, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA

Jodi Frydendall made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Personnel - To Discuss an Individual(s) Employee's Performance, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of ten (10) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **9:12 PM**. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:02

PM

Susan Panter, Michelle Stamm and Greg Koelsch left the closed meeting.

9:02 PM

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

9:12 PM

Item 12. Approval of Renewal of Principal's Contracts

Jodi Frydendall made a motion to approve the Principal Contracts for Michelle Stamm and Greg Koelsch for the 2026-2027 school year. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

9:13

PM

Item 13. 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 **9:24 PM**.

9:14 PM

Susan Panter left the closed meeting.

9:14 PM

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

9:24 PM

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 7-0 vote.

9:26 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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