



USD 417 BOE Regular Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2026 - 6:00 PM
District Office Board Room
17 Wood Street
Council Grove, KS 66846

Call to Order 6:00 P.M.

President Terry Powell called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Terry Powell, Patty Talley, Kelsey Hartman, TinaRae Scott, James Blue, and Travis Schweger

Members Absent: Jessica Rohloff

Others Present: Tyson Eslinger, Amber Weeks, Matt Weaver, Valerie Gehrer, Dana Reddick, Amy Oleen-Naaf, Jan Sciacca, and Tracie Schroeder

Additions/Approval of Agenda 6:01 P.M.

Amendments to Agenda

1. Place the Award Recognition for Tracie Schroeder following Open Forum
2. Acceptance of the NFL PLAY 60 Champions Grant to the consent agenda
3. Action Item H. Copier Fleet Lease Agreement
4. Resignation of Samantha Kennedy-Pettit as CGES Teacher Aide/Interventionist

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the amended agenda as presented. This motion, made by TinaRae Scott and seconded by Patty Talley, Carried.

Voting Detail: James Blue: Yea, Jessica Rohloff: Absent, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea, Travis Schweger: Yea

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Open Forum:

No patrons spoke during open forum.

KSPE Outstanding Teacher Award Recognition - Tracie Schroeder 6:21 P.M.

Tracie Schroeder was recognized during the meeting with a certificate for being named the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers Outstanding Teacher Award for high school teachers in Kansas.

Director of Teaching and Learning - Student Success 6:06 P.M.

FastBridge Screening Growth

Valerie Gehrer, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented an overview of the FastBridge growth data. FastBridge screening is conducted three times a year across reading, math, and social-emotional learning, and is skills-based and not standards-based. The data was reviewed in the "How's School Going?" platform, focusing on growth and achievement metrics for each school building.

District Site Council Feedback Review 6:16 P.M.

Superintendent Tyson Eslinger and Valerie Gehrer, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented an infographic detailing year-end feedback from 12 district site council members. The discussion highlighted the district's strengths and identified strategic areas for improvement, emphasizing the importance of investing in people for long-term success. Key priorities included



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recruiting and retaining high-quality staff, as well as ensuring student success and well-being. The main takeaways were to invest in people, communicate clearly, focus deeply, and continue progressing.

Consent Agenda 6:24 P.M.

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the amended consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by TinaRae Scott and seconded by James Blue, Carried.

Voting Detail: James Blue: Yea, Jessica Rohloff: Absent, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea, Travis Schweger: Yea

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Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings - May 11, 2026, May 26, 2026, and June 4, 2026

Financial Reports/Pay Bills in the amount of \$872,754.57

Donations and Gifts

Disposal of District Equipment

Accept Kansas Preschool Pilot (KPP) Grant

Accept the NFL PLAY 60 Champions Grant

Director Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time. 6:26 P.M.

Director of Facilities/Grounds - Tom VanValkenburg

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Director of Transportation - Matt Weaver

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Director of Health Services - Dana Reddick

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Director of Food Service - Becky Shearer

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Technology Support Specialist - Jaxon Buchman

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Administrative Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time. 6:29 P.M.

Council Grove Elementary Principal - Kelcy Bremer

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Prairie Heights Elementary Principal - Angela Harris

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Council Grove Junior Senior High School Principal - Jay Doornbos

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Council Grove Junior Senior High School Activities Director - Matt Fox

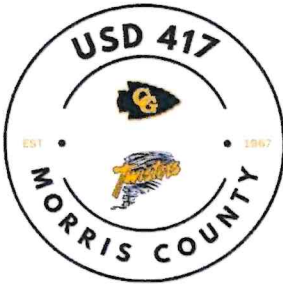
The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Director of Teaching and Learning - Valerie Gehrer

The report was provided in the packet, and the board had no questions.

Superintendent - Tyson Eslinger

- The next regular board meeting will be the organizational meeting.
- Plan for a board retreat to discuss the strategic plan and metrics for success; Amber will send out a form for date options in August and September.



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- KASB convention is scheduled for November 6-8 in Wichita; notify Amber if planning to attend.
- SPED assessment update: no increase due to declining enrollment.
- Early Graduate list to be presented this month; action to be taken per policy at the July board meeting.

Board Member Items

There were no board member items reported.

Discussion Items

Discuss Policies: BCBF Rules of Order, BCBG Voting Method, BCBH Minutes, BCBI Public Participation at Board Meetings, BCBJ News Coverage (SS) 6:39 P.M.

Superintendent Tyson Eslinger presented the monthly policy review, which included BCBF Rules of Order, BCBG Voting Method, BCBH Minutes, BCBI Public Participation at Board Meetings, BCBJ News Coverage. These policies will be added as action items at the July Board of Education meeting.

2026-2027 Wellness Policy (SS) 6:41 P.M.

Superintendent Tyson Eslinger and Dana Reddick discussed the 2026-2027 Wellness Policy. The policy will be added to the consent agenda at the July meeting for adoption.

KASB Recommended Policy Changes June 2026 (SS) 6:43 P.M.

June 2026 Updated KASB policy discussion on DFE Investment of Funds (revised), EBBE Emergency Drills (revised), EE Food Management Services (revised), GAAC ~~Sexual Harassment~~ Sex-Based Discrimination (revised-name change), IDAD Title I Programs Policy (revised), IDAD Title I Programs Regulation (revised), IHF Graduation Requirements (revised), IIBGC Staff Online Activities (revised), JB Attendance Records (revised), JBC Enrollment (revised), JBCB Foster Care Students Policy (revised), JBCB Foster Care Students Regulation (revised), JBCC Enrollment of Nonresident Students (revised), JBD Absences and Excuses (revised), JCDC Student Personal Electronic Communications Devices, JGEC ~~Sexual Harassment~~ Sex-Based Discrimination (revised-name change), JGFGA Administration of Emergency Opioid Antagonists (revised), JGFGAA Stock Supply of Emergency Medication (revised), JGFGBA Student Self-Administration of Medication (revised), JQKA Foreign Exchange Student (revised), and JRB Release of Student Records (revised). It was recommended by Superintendent Eslinger not to adopt IIBGC or JCDC. The other listed policies will be added to the consent agenda for adoption at the July board of education meeting.

Personal Electronic Device/Staff Online Activities Communication (SS) 6:48 P.M.

Superintendent Tyson Eslinger presented the personal electronic device and staff online activities communication policies, created by KASB and USD 417. These policies will be added as an action item at the July meeting.

Code of Conduct Policy (SS) 6:58 P.M.



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Superintendent Tyson Eslinger reviewed the proposed changes to the Code of Conduct policy for students participating in KSHSAA-sponsored activities and athletics. This policy will be added to the July meeting for approval.

Coordinator of School Learning, Innovation and Student Opportunity and Behavior Specialist Job Descriptions (RR) 7:08 P.M.

Superintendent Tyson Eslinger discussed the job descriptions for the Coordinator of School Learning, Innovation and Student Opportunity and Behavior Specialist. They will be placed on the consent agenda at the July board of education meeting for approval.

Board of Education Self-Evaluation 7:10 P.M.

The board reviewed the results of their June board of education self-evaluation and compared them with those from November 2025.

Building Needs Assessment (WCF) 7:12 P.M.

Superintendent Tyson Eslinger discussed the building needs assessment completed by each school building. Building needs assessment and state assessments will be discussion items at the July meeting and will be used to develop the budget.

Building Handbook Review 7:17 P.M.

Superintendent Tyson Eslinger discussed the yearly review of staff and student handbooks for each school building. The handbooks will be placed on the consent agenda in July for approval.

Building Cost Analysis (WCF) 7:20 P.M.

Superintendent Tyson Eslinger presented a slideshow on the building cost analysis, reviewing total student enrollment, operating expenditures, per-pupil costs, and total personnel costs for each school building. The presentation included a financial overview, personnel breakdown, and average class sizes, with comparisons across all three buildings.

Early Graduates (SS) 7:30 P.M.

Superintendent Tyson Eslinger noted that six students requested early graduation for the 2026-2027 academic year, citing reasons related to entering the workforce or enlisting in the military. This will be an action item for the July meeting.

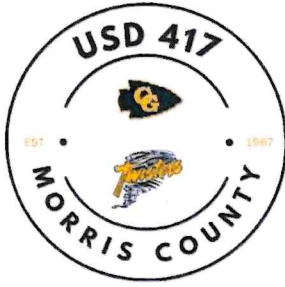
Action Items

EMC Insurance Renewal and Workers Compensation Change 7:33 P.M.

Quotes received for Workers Compensation coverage from KASB and EMC.

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the renewal of the district's property and casualty insurance program and to initiate Workers Compensation coverage with EMC Insurance Companies through Tyner Insurance Group for the policy period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a total estimated premium of \$297,435, and to authorize the Superintendent to execute all related documents, as presented. This motion, made by Patty Talley and seconded by Kelsey Hartman, Carried.

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Monthly Policy Review: BBE Attorney, BCAC Special Meetings, BCAE Public Hearings, BCBD Agenda (SS) 7:43 P.M.

No updates were necessary for these four policies, so no action was needed.

Charging for Breakfast 7:44 P.M.

Action(s): I make a motion to change the current policy of providing free breakfast for all students to charging paid-status students \$2.10 and reduced-status students \$0.30, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented. This motion, made by Travis Schweger and seconded by James Blue, Carried.

Voting Detail: James Blue: Yea, Jessica Rohloff: Absent, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea, Travis Schweger: Yea

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2026-2027 School Lunch Prices 7:46 P.M.

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the 2026-2027 school lunch prices as presented: Pre-K through 6th grade paid lunches at \$3.50, 7th through 12th grade paid lunches at \$3.55, reduced lunches at \$0.40, adult lunches at \$5.25, and milk at \$0.50, as presented. This motion, made by Patty Talley and seconded by James Blue, Carried.

Voting Detail: James Blue: Yea, Jessica Rohloff: Absent, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea, Travis Schweger: Yea

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After School Program Fee Increase 7:48 P.M.

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the After School Program fee increase from \$3 per day to \$5 per day, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented. This motion, made by Kelsey Hartman and seconded by James Blue, Carried.

Voting Detail: James Blue: Yea, Jessica Rohloff: Absent, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea, Travis Schweger: Yea

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Switchgrass Construction Advisors (WCF) 7:50 P.M.

Action(s): I make a motion to approve Task Order No. 1 under the existing On-Call Owner's Representative Agreement with Switchgrass Construction Advisors for Capital Outlay Planning and Bond Initiative Support, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 for Phase 1 (Capital Outlay Plan Development) and \$40,000 for Phase 2 (Bond Initiative Support), for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$75,000, plus reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$10,000, and to authorize the Superintendent to execute all documents necessary to carry out this agreement, as presented. This motion, made by Travis Schweger and seconded by Patty Talley, Carried.

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Roof Repair (WCF) 7:55 P.M.

Action(s): I make a motion to approve the contract with Coryell Roofing in the amount of \$50,633.05 for elastomeric roof coating restoration and patch repairs on the 1918 and 1960s sections of Council Grove Junior/Senior High School, to be funded from the Capital Outlay fund, and to authorize the Superintendent to execute the necessary contract documents, as presented. This motion, made by Kelsey Hartman and seconded by Patty Talley, Carried.

Voting Detail: James Blue: Yea, Jessica Rohloff: Absent, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea, Travis Schweger: Yea

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Copier Fleet Lease Agreement (WCF)

Action(s): I make a motion that the USD 417 Board of Education approve the removal and replacement of the district's current Kyocera print fleet and authorize entering into a 5-year (60-month) lease and maintenance agreement with Century Business Technologies for a new fleet of Sharp devices at a rate of \$2,495.26 per month, as outlined in the USD 417 Print Fleet Executive Summary 6.5.2026.pdf and to authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary contract documents on behalf of the district. This motion, made by Patty Talley and seconded by Kelsey Hartman, Carried.

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Executive Session - Personnel 8:00 P.M.

Action(s): I move to go into a 20-minute Executive Session in order to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with the board, and Superintendent Tyson Eslinger. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:15 p.m. This motion, made by Patty Talley and seconded by James Blue, Carried.

Voting Detail: James Blue: Yea, Jessica Rohloff: Absent, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea, Travis Schweger: Yea

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The board took a recess at 7:50 P.M.

The board returned to open session at 7:55 P.M.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:15 p.m.

I move to go into a 15-minute Executive Session in order to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with the board, and Superintendent Tyson Eslinger. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:31 p.m. This motion, made by Patty Talley and seconded by James Blue, Carried.

Voting Detail: James Blue: Yea, Jessica Rohloff: Absent, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea, Travis Schweger: Yea

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Employment Matters (RR) 8:10 P.M.

Action(s): I make a motion to approve all employment matters as presented. This motion, made by TinaRae Scott and seconded by Kelsey Hartman, Carried.

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Employment

Pam Burnett - CGES Nurse

Jacy True - Assistant High School Volleyball Coach

Tracey Oltmanns - Substitute Teacher

Dustin SanRomani - Coordinator of School Learning, Innovation and Student Opportunity

Travis Gordon - CGJSHS Cook

Resignations

Terry Lif - Assisant JH Track Coach

Tracey Oltmanns - PHES Teachers Aide/ASP Director

Sarah Cosgrove - High School ELA Teacher

Samantha Kennedy-Pettit - CGES Teacher Aide/Interventionist

Retirements

Sheila Hill - Regular Route Driver

Roma Grafel - Regular Route Driver and After Practice Shuttle

Executive Session - Negotiations 8:12 P.M.

Action(s): I move to go into a 15-minute Executive Session in order to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with the board, and Superintendent Tyson Eslinger. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:49 p.m. This motion, made by Patty Talley and seconded by TinaRae Scott, Carried.

Voting Detail: James Blue: Yea, Jessica Rohloff: Absent, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea, Travis Schweger: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:49 p.m.

I move to go into a 15-minute Executive Session in order to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with the board, and Superintendent Tyson Eslinger. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:05 p.m. This motion, made by Patty Talley and seconded by TinaRae Scott, Carried.

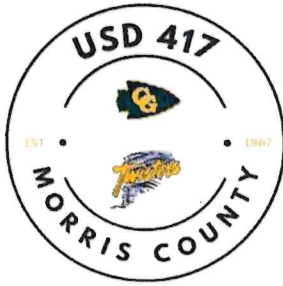
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The Board went into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:05 p.m.

I move to go into a 15-minute Executive Session in order to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with the board, and Superintendent Tyson Eslinger. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:21 p.m.



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This motion, made by Patty Talley and seconded by TinaRae Scott, Carried.

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The Board went into Executive Session at 9:06 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:21 p.m.

I move to go into a 10-minute Executive Session in order to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with the board, and Superintendent Tyson Eslinger. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:32 p.m.

This motion, made by Patty Talley and seconded by Kelsey Hartman, Carried.

Voting Detail: James Blue: Yea, Jessica Rohloff: Absent, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea, Travis Schweger: Yea

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The Board went into Executive Session at 9:22 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:32 p.m.

I move to go into a 10-minute Executive Session in order to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exemption for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with the board, and Superintendent Tyson Eslinger. The open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:43 p.m.

This motion, made by Patty Talley and seconded by Travis Schweger, Carried.

Voting Detail: James Blue: Yea, Jessica Rohloff: Absent, Kelsey Hartman: Yea, Patty Talley: Yea, Terry Powell: Yea, TinaRae Scott: Yea, Travis Schweger: Yea

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The Board went into Executive Session at 9:33 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:43 p.m.

Good News by Board of Education Members 8:27 P.M.

- Travis Schweger had heard from new families that had moved into the district. One of the children had attended Coach Sisson's basketball camp and came home to tell his mom he had the best day of his life. Travis thanked Coach Sisson for welcoming the new families.
- Kelsey Hartman acknowledged that coaches are putting in extra time and recognized that teacher and administrative work doesn't stop over the summer. The kids are showing up for weights, camps, and more. They are putting in the effort.
- James Blue mentioned how, at the community meeting, he found it great to listen to community members and hear what they had to say about the future of our facilities.
- Patty Talley helped with UNBOUND Gravel and saw many teachers and kids volunteering. Everyone was working together, and it was so cool to be a part of it.
- Terry Powell mentioned how fun state baseball was. He said it was amazing to see people not associated with the school showing up in mass in Emporia and how well our kids represented our schools that day. Kudos to our community!
- TinaRae Scott gave kudos to our driver's education students. It's great to see our community embrace our kids and be patient with them. This is one more opportunity we offer our students to learn.



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Adjournment 8:37 P.M.

President Terry Powell adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Next Regular BOE Meeting - July 13, 2026

APPROVED: 7/13/2024



Amber Weeks, USD 417 Board Clerk



Terry Powell, President, BOE

