



**Thursday, March 12, 2026
Regular Meeting**

**** UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ****

**5:30 PM
Jr/Sr High Bulldog Room**

I. Opening

Members: Tyson Anderson, Tony Duever, Buster Schmitz, Liberty Price-Obley, Travis Pralle, Rose Shelburne, Craig Harries

Others: Superintendent Darren Schroeder, Clerk Jody Bruna, Administrators Derek Pretre, Janine Doebele, Sarah Koehler, Tim Woodcock; Jen Packett, Mary Kessinger-Wassom, Micheal Downard, April Spicer

Media: Julie Perry

I.A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

I.B. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda. This motion, made by Travis Pralle and seconded by Rose Shelburne, Carried.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I.C. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I.D. Vision Statement

I.E. Empty Chair Philosophy

II. Consent Agenda

II.A. Approval of Minutes

II.B. Personnel Update

II.C. Approval of Bills

II.D. Financial Reports

II.E. Food Participation Report-February 2026

II.F. Transportation Report February 2026

II.G. Approval of Transfers

II.H. Donations

- Kansas FFA Foundation - \$1000 to FFA - In Memory of Mr. Patry (Mr. Piepho's grandfather)
- \$500 grant from Farm Credit to MES for healthy snacks
- NEK Storm - \$1,300.00 (\$650 dance, \$650 wrestling club)

II.I. Surplus Items

- Melissa & Doug doll house from Mrs. Anderson's room
- Pioneer Model 1500 (1993) serial number 8905

- Overhead Strip Lights (1980) Model No.650-035
- Cub cadet riding mower LTX 1046 KW V-twin Hydrostatic (no mower deck)
- KIFCO, Model B130 Water Reel

II.J. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Travis Pralle and seconded by Rose Shelburne, Carried.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

III. Public Presentations

III.A. Citizen's Open Forum

No one filed to address the board.

IV. Building Reports - Focus on Learning

IV.A. Build Up Kansas

Travis Pralle shared the highlights of their meeting regarding Build UP Kansas. Mr. Woodcock shared that the district's pathway for this program had been approved. PJ Reilly with NCCER gave an overview of the program and how it fits in with the school.

5:45pm Craig Harries arrived at the meeting.

IV.B. Parent-Teacher Conference

Mrs. Doebele reported that elementary conferences were well attended, 96%, despite all the illness that was going around at the time.

Mr. Woodcock also reported good attendance at conferences, 95%; the student-led conferences are well received.

V. Action Items

V.A. Fire Alarm Replacement

Motion to approve replacing the metals building fire alarm for the cost of \$19,726.20. This motion, made by Buster Schmitz and seconded by Tony Duever, Carried.

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

V.B. Approval of Summer Positions

Motion to approve summer help as presented. This motion, made by Liberty Price-Obley and seconded by Travis Pralle, Carried.

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

V.C. MES Main Entrance

Motion to approve the MES Main Entrance concrete bid in the amount of \$47,250.55. This motion, made by Travis Pralle and seconded by Tony Duever, Carried.

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

V.D. Awarding of Tax Credit Certificate

Motion to accept and award the tax credit bid from Citizens State Bank in the amount of \$368,060.42. This motion, made by Buster Schmitz and seconded by Tyson Anderson, Carried.

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

V.E. April Board Meeting

Due to the 1st landing on a Wednesday and Good Friday being the 3rd there will be very little time to prepare packets for the board meeting.

Motion to move the April board meeting to April 15th at 5:15pm. This motion, made by Travis Pralle and seconded by Liberty Price-Obley, Carried.

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

V.F. MES Electrical Contract

Motion to approve the contract Semper Fi in the amount of \$8,112.10. This motion, made by Rose Shelburne and seconded by Buster Schmitz, Carried.

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

VI. Discussion Items

VI.A. Student Handbooks

Mrs. Doebele, Mr. Woodcock and Mr. Pretre discussed possible changes they would like to make to their handbooks for next year.

VI.B. Building Technology Surveys

Mrs. Doebele and Mr. Woodcock shared results from the surveys they conducted regarding reduced use of technology in the classrooms and the impact it would have on the teaching process.

VI.C. M-Club Mural Painting

Mary Kessinger-Wassom, Micheal Downard and April Spicer asked to put a mural in the Activity Center instead of the hallway.

VII. Executive Session

No executive session was held.

VIII. Closing

VIII.A. Announcements

VIII.A.1. MES Highlight

Mr. Schroeder shared a letter from Barb Busch regarding her recent experience filling a maternity leave and commending the elementary staff and principals.

Other highlights shared:

- Vocal concert this evening at 7:00
- Anxious Generation book - Mr. Schroeder and the board will be working their way through this together
- Driver's Ed – there will be more information coming on this next month as we finalize driver and dates
- The board was given the Budget Book for this year, highlighting last year's expenses/participation figures and goals and budget projections for this year

VIII.B. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Travis Pralle and seconded by Buster Schmitz, Carried.

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.