



USD 417 BOE Regular Meeting
October 13, 2025 - 6:00 PM
PHES
801 Center St
Alta Vista, KS 66834
Agenda

Call to Order 6:00 P.M.

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

Open Forum: The board appreciates patrons taking the time to talk to us about our policies and procedures. We set aside every meeting this time to hear from the public. Your comments should be directed toward board policies or the procedures our administrators establish to carry out those policies. This is not an appropriate time or place for patrons to make comments of a personal nature about any district employee or student or try to sell a product or service. Persons interested in doing business with the district must make an appointment with the appropriate administrator. Persons making comments that violate the privacy rights of district employees will be asked to terminate their remarks. If a patron or parent is concerned about one or more employees, the board will refer that person to the appropriate administrator or superintendent. If the board refers your concern to an administrator for investigation, the board will follow up at a future meeting, and you can expect the superintendent or another district employee to make arrangements to meet with you at the appropriate time. Thanks again for taking the time to discuss district business with the board. 6:02 P.M.

Student Spotlight 6:05 P.M.

- A. Dr. Connie Phelps and students' presentation - Einstein
- B. Stantanna Stewart, Stanielle Stewart, and Kindergarten and 1st grade students' presentation - Constitution and Twister-tuition

Every Day Difference Maker 6:35 P.M.

Board of Education Tour of Prairie Heights Elementary School (F&R) 6:38 P.M.

Consent Agenda 6:48 P.M.

- A. Approve the minutes from the following meetings: September 8, 2025 - RNR and Budget Hearing; September 11, 2025; September 30, 2025; October 1, 2025; October 6, 2025 - CMAR Interviews; and October 7, 2025.
- B. Financial Reports/Pay Bills in the amount of \$244,406.74
- C. Donations and Gifts
- D. Disposal of District Equipment

Director Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time. 6:50 P.M.

Director of Facilities/Grounds - Tom VanValkenburg

Director of Transportation - Matt Weaver

Director of Health Services - Dana Reddick

Director of Food Service - Becky Shearer

Technology Support Specialist - Jaxon Buchman

USD 417 employees, parents, and patrons, through their cooperative efforts, assure district students of the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to develop into lifelong learners who respect themselves and others, contribute to their communities, and succeed in a changing world



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Administrative Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time. 6:53 P.M.

Council Grove Elementary Principal - Kelcy Bremer

Prairie Heights Elementary Principal - Angela Harris

Council Grove Junior Senior High School Principal - Jay Doornbos

Council Grove Junior Senior High School Activities Director - Matt Fox

Director of Teaching and Learning - Valerie Gehrler

Superintendent - Tyson Eslinger

Board Member Items

Executive Session - Student Information 7:03 P.M.

Discussion Items

- A. Discuss Policies: JJ Employment of Students, JK Solicitations, JL Gifts, and JM Contests for Students (SE&E) 7:33 P.M.
- B. Director of Teaching and Learning - Student Success (SS) 7:35 P.M.
 - a. State Assessments
- C. INAAalert Safety and Security Update (F&R) 7:50 P.M.
- D. Trimester/Semester (SS) 8:00 P.M.

Action Items

- A. Monthly Policy Review: JHC Student Organizations, JHCA Student Publications, JHCAA Gang Intimidation, JI Community Activities (SE&E) 8:15 P.M.
- B. FFA Horse Judging and National Convention (SE&E) 8:17 P.M.
- C. USD 417 Technology Repair Fees (F&R) 8:20 P.M.
- D. Accept Board of Education Member Resignation 8:23 P.M.
- E. KEV School Cash Contract (F&R) 8:28 P.M.
- F. Kansas Association of Rural Education Membership (SS) 8:33 P.M.



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G. Board of Education November and December Meeting Location Change (F&R) 8:36 P.M.

H. Selection of the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) (F&R) 8:41 P.M.

Executive Session - Personnel 8:51 P.M.

Employment Matters (R&R) 9:01 P.M.

A. Employment

a. Charles Holub - District Wide Maintenance

B. Resignations

a. Tough Medina - District Wide Maintenance

Executive Session - Personnel for Superintendent Evaluation 9:02 P.M.

Executive Session, if needed

Good News by Board of Education Members 9:22 P.M.

Adjournment 9:32 P.M.

Next Regular BOE Meeting - November 10th, 2025