



USD 417 BOE Regular Meeting
November 10, 2025 - 6:00 PM
CGES
706 E Main St
Council Grove, KS 66846
Amended 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.

CGES Student Spotlight: Presentations by Kristina Balboa's 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade STEAM Students 6:05 P.M.

Every Day Difference Maker - Stantanna Stewart, Taylor Johnson, and Crystal Kleinkauf 6:20 P.M.

USD 417 2027 Teachers of the Year - Brier Blythe and Jarrod Hibler 6:23 P.M.

USD 417 Horizon Award Nominee - Sky Wills 6:25 P.M.

Board of Education Tour of Council Grove Elementary School 6:27 P.M.

Consent Agenda 6:57 P.M.

- A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings - October 13, 2025 and October 27, 2025
- B. Financial Reports/Pay Bills in the amount of \$472,029.94
- C. Donations and Gifts
- D. Disposal of District Equipment
- E. Critical Facility Mapping for Public Safety - Morris County Sheriff's Office MOA

Director Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time. 7:00 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. 7:03 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

Discussion Items

- A. Bond Discussion (F&R) 7:13 P.M.
- B. Kansans Can Star Awards (SS) 7:43 P.M.
- C. Discuss Policies: JN Awards, JQ Exceptional Students, JQA Temporarily Disabled Students, and JQE Alternative Arrangements for Nontraditional Students (SE&E) 7:45 P.M.
- D. Director of Teaching and Learning - Student Success (SS) 7:47 P.M.
 - a. Benchmark Testing
- E. Board of Education Self-Evaluation 8:02 P.M.
- F. Trimester/Semester (SS) 8:05 P.M.

Action Items

- A. Monthly Policy Review: JJ Employment of Students, JK Solicitations, JL Gifts, and JM Contests for Students (SE&E) 8:15 P.M.
- B. RFP for Certificate of Deposit 8:17 P.M.
- C. Appoint Schedule Committee (SS) 8:22 P.M.

Executive Session - Personnel 8:24 P.M.

Employment Matters (R&R) 8:34 P.M.



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A. Employment

- a. April Winegar - Activity/Substitute Bus Driver
- b. Pamela Gordon - Substitute Teacher
- c. Destiny Dody - Substitute Teacher
- d. Naomi Haworth - Substitute Teacher
- e. Tom VanValkenburg Jr - Assistant High School Wrestling Coach

B. Resignations

- a. Sheila Litke - Accompanist
- b. Leslyn Kremeier - Assistant High School Volleyball Coach

Executive Session, if needed

Good News by Board of Education Members 8:36 P.M.

Adjournment 8:46 P.M.

Next Regular BOE Meeting - December 8, 2025