



USD 417 BOE Regular Meeting
February 9, 2026 - 6:00 PM
District Office Board Room
17 Wood Street
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. 6:03 P.M.

CGJSHS Student Spotlight 6:06 P.M.

Every Day Difference Maker 6:21 P.M.

iAmHealthy Parents First Recognition 6:24 P.M.

Consent Agenda 6:27 P.M.

- A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings - January 12, 2026
- B. Financial Reports/Pay Bills in the amount of \$574,284.74
- C. Donations and Gifts
- D. Disposal of District Equipment

Director Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time. 6:29 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

Administrative Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time. 6:31 P.M.

Council Grove Elementary Principal - Kelcy Bremer

Prairie Heights Elementary Principal - Angela Harris



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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. Discuss Policies Section A - School District Organization: A District Authority, ABE District Goals and Objectives, AC School District Grade Levels, AD District Attendance Areas, and ADA School Census (SS) 6:41 P.M.
- B. Director of Teaching and Learning - Student Success (SS) 6:43 P.M.
 - a. CTE Information (Completers, Certifications, Work Studies)
- C. Long Range Plan (SS) 6:48 P.M.

Action Items

- A. Monthly Policy Review: JRA Types of Records, JRB Release of Student Records, JRC Disposition of Records, JRD Hearing Request, and JS Student Fees and Charges (SS) 6:51 P.M.
- B. Approve Art Trip (SS) 6:53 P.M.
- C. USD 417 Committee Board Representative - Negotiations 6:55 P.M.
- D. Assistance with Negotiations from KASB (R&R) 6:57 P.M.
- E. Ron Clark Academy Talent Development CGES Administration (R&R) 7:02 P.M.
- F. RFP for Certificate of Deposit 7:07 P.M.
- G. STEM Graduation Requirement (SS) 7:10 P.M.
- H. School Calendar (SS) 7:20 P.M.
- I. Addition of Courses at CGJSHS (SS) 7:30 P.M.
- J. Timely Scheduling Company (SS) 7:40 P.M.

Executive Session - Personnel 7:42 P.M.

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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Employment Matters (R&R) 7:52 P.M.

- A. Administrator Contract Renewals
- B. Employment
 - a. Abigail Bachura - Substitute Teacher
 - b. Tyler Buche - Summer's Drivers Ed Instructor
 - c. Debra Fulton - Substitute Teacher
 - d. Lauren Carlson - Head JH Track Coach
 - e. Terry Lif - Assistant JH Track Coach
- C. Resignations
 - a. Jessica Stovall - CGES 3rd Grade Teacher, effective conclusion of 25-26 school year
 - b. Kyla Craige - CGES Teacher Aide/Interventionist
 - c. Christa Kraus - PHES 2nd Grade Teacher, effective conclusion 25-26 school year

Executive Session - Negotiations 7:57 P.M.

Executive Session, if needed

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

Adjournment 8:37 P.M.

Next Regular BOE Meeting - March 9, 2026