



USD 417 BOE Regular Meeting
March 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.

PHES Student Spotlight 6:06 P.M.

- A. Video Presentation by Stantanna Stewart's 1st Grade Students

Every Day Difference Maker 6:16 P.M.

Consent Agenda 6:19 P.M.

- A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings - February 9, 2026
- B. Financial Reports/Pay Bills in the amount of \$742,392.90
- C. Donations and Gifts
- D. Disposal of District Equipment

Director Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time. 6:21 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. 6:23 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. Mental Health Liaison Presentation (SS) 6:33 P.M.
- B. Bond Election Update (WCF) 6:43 P.M.
- C. Discuss Policies: AE School Year, AEA School Calendar, AEB School Year and Learning Opportunities, AF School Day, and AG Closing School Buildings (SS) 6:53 P.M.
- D. Director of Teaching and Learning - Student Success (SS) 6:55 P.M.
 - a. Intervention Progress
- E. Internal Hiring Protocol (R&R) 7:05 P.M.
- F. Code of Conduct Policy (SS) 7:10 P.M.
- G. Facility Use Agreement (P&CE) 7:15 P.M.
- H. High School Graduation and 8th Grade Promotion Invitation (SS) 7:25 P.M.
- I. Transportation Handbook (SS) 7:28 P.M.
- J. New Strategic Plan Metrics for Success 7:33 P.M.

Action Items

- A. Monthly Policy Review: 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) 7:43 P.M.
- B. JAG-K Nationals (SS) 7:45 P.M.
- C. Long Range Plan (SS) 7:48 P.M.
- D. AI Learner Approval and AI Request Documents (SS) 7:50 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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E. Audio in CGJSHS Main Gym (WCF) 7:55 P.M.

F. AmeriCorps Foster Grandparent Program Memorandum of Understanding (P&CE)

Executive Session - Personnel for Superintendent Evaluation/Goals 8:00 P.M.

Executive Session - Personnel 8:15 P.M.

Employment Matters (R&R) 8:35 P.M.

A. Employment

a. Rebecka Goodwin - Substitute Cook

B. Resignations

a. Jacy True - PHES 4th-Grade Teacher, effective conclusion 25-26 school year

b. Michelle Ford - JH Assistant Volleyball Coach

c. Mindy Stilwell - JH Social Studies Teacher, Assistant HS Girls Basketball Coach, and Assistant HS Softball Coach, effective conclusion 25-26 school year

d. Tawnie Talib - CGES Teacher Aide/SSR Support, effective conclusion of 25-26 school year

e. Destiny Barnett - CGES 4th-Grade Teacher, effective conclusion 25-26 school year

Executive Session - Negotiations 8:37 P.M.

Executive Session, if needed

Good News by Board of Education Members 9:07 P.M.

Adjournment 9:17 P.M.

Next Regular BOE Meeting - April 13, 2026