



USD 417 BOE Regular Meeting
April 13, 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.

Recognition of State Placers and Champions 6:06 P.M.

CGES Student Spotlight - Presentations by Mrs. Frye and Mrs. Blythe's Kindergarten Students 6:11 P.M.

Every Day Difference Maker 6:21 P.M.

Consent Agenda 6:24 P.M.

- A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings - March 9, 2026
- B. Financial Reports/Pay Bills in the amount of \$186,369.88
- C. Donations and Gifts
- D. Disposal of District Equipment
- E. Approve 2026-2027 Transportation Handbook

Director Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time. 6:26 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. 6:28 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



USD 417 BOE Regular Meeting
April 13, 2026 - 6:00 PM
District Office Board Room
17 Wood Street
Council Grove, KS 66846
Amended Agenda

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. FY24-25 Audit Presentation 6:38 P.M.
- B. Coryell Roofing Presentation (WCF) 6:43 P.M.
- C. Integrity Energy Efficiency Presentation (WCF) 7:03 P.M.
- D. Womens Leadership Summit Presentation (RR) 7:23 P.M.
- E. Discuss Policies Section B - School Board Operations: BA Goals and Objectives, BBB New Member Orientation, BBBF Reimbursement for Expenses, BBC Board Committees, and DH Bonded Employees (SS) 7:33 P.M.
- F. Director of Teaching and Learning - Student Success (SS) 7:36 P.M.
 - a. Instructional Impact of Educational Initiatives
- G. Strategic Plan Metrics for Success - Student Success and Parent and Community Engagement 7:51 P.M.
- H. Board Member Goals and Expectations 8:01 P.M.

Action Items

- A. FY24-25 Audit 8:06 P.M.
- B. Roof Replacement/Repair (WCF) 8:08 P.M.
- C. Monthly Policy Review: AE School Year, AEA School Calendar, AEB School Year and Learning Opportunities, AF School Day, and AG Closing School Buildings (SS) 8:11 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



USD 417 BOE Regular Meeting
April 13, 2026 - 6:00 PM
District Office Board Room
17 Wood Street
Council Grove, KS 66846
Amended Agenda

- D. FBLA National Conference (SS) 8:13 P.M.
- E. FCCLA National Conference (SS) 8:16 P.M.
- F. KSHSAA Appeal Board Election Ballot (SS) 8:19 P.M.
- G. RFQ to Purchase Technology Devices for Students and Staff (SS & RR) 8:24 P.M.
- H. Chromebook Use Contract, Acceptable Use Policy, and Google Workspace for Education Notice to Parents and Guardians (SS) 8:29 P.M.
- I. Adoption Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum (SS) 8:32 P.M.
- J. Adoption Spanish Curriculum (SS) 8:35 P.M.
- K. KASB Membership and Legal Assistance Fund Renewals 8:38 P.M.
- L. Switchgrass Construction Advisors (WCF) 8:41 P.M.
- M. JAG-K Partnership Agreement (SS) 8:46 P.M.
- N. Capacity and Student-to-Teacher Ratios (SS) 8:49 P.M.
- O. Board of Education Member Resignation 8:54 P.M.
- P. USD 417 Committees Board Representative - KASB Governmental Relations BOE Contact 8:59 P.M.

Executive Session - Personnel

Executive Session - Personnel 9:01 P.M.

Employment Matters (R&R) 9:21 P.M.

- A. Employment
 - a. Taylor Johnson - 2026-2027 Assistant High School Softball Coach
 - b. Jay Simecka - 2026-2027 Assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach
 - c. Deidre Knight - 2026-2027 Head High School Volleyball Coach
 - d. Milo Butler - Substitute Teacher for 2026-2027 School Year
- B. Resignations



USD 417 BOE Regular Meeting
April 13, 2026 - 6:00 PM
District Office Board Room
17 Wood Street
Council Grove, KS 66846
Amended Agenda

- a. Rebecka Goodwin - Substitute Cook
 - b. Angela Harris - PHES Principal, effective conclusion 2025-2026 school year
 - c. Milo Butler - CGES 1st grade teacher, effective conclusion of 2025-2026 school year
 - d. Toby Hendricks - Regular Route Driver
- C. Retirement
- a. Kathy Graham - CGJSHS Custodian

Executive Session - Negotiations 9:24 P.M.

Executive Session - Personnel for Superintendent Evaluation 9:39 P.M.

Executive Session, if needed

Good News by Board of Education Members 9:49 P.M.

Adjournment 9:59 P.M.

Next Regular BOE Meeting - May 11, 2026