



USD 417 BOE Regular Meeting
May 11, 2026 - 6:00 PM
District Office Board Room
17 Wood Street
Council Grove, KS 66846
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.

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

Every Day Difference Maker 6:11 P.M.

Consent Agenda 6:14 P.M.

- A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings - April 13, 2026 and April 27, 2026
- B. Financial Reports/Pay Bills in the amount of \$691,076.80
- C. Donations and Gifts
- D. Disposal of District Equipment

Director Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time. 6:16 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

Instructional Coach - Sarah Malcolm

Administrative Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time. 6:18 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. Early Childhood Taskforce Presentation (SS) 6:28 P.M.
- B. Discuss Policies: BBE Attorney, BCAC Special Meetings, BCAE Public Hearings, BCBD Agenda (SS) 6:33 P.M.
- C. Director of Teaching and Learning - Student Success (SS) 6:35 P.M.
 - a. eWalkthrough Data
- D. Strategic Plan Metrics for Success - Recruit and Retain High Quality Staff and World Class Facilities 6:45 P.M.
- E. Charging for Breakfast 6:55 P.M.
- F. Qualified National Trips (SS) 7:00 P.M.
- G. After School Program Fee Increase 7:05 P.M.
- H. Kansas Teacher Retention Survey (RR) 7:10 P.M.
- I. Cell Phone Policy (SS) 7:25 P.M.

Action Items

- A. Appoint a Member to the District 2 Board of Education Position 7:30 P.M.
- B. ATS Facility Service (R&R) 7:45 P.M.
- C. District Transportation for Wrestlers (SS) 7:55 P.M.
- D. Switchgrass Construction Advisors (WCF) 7:58 P.M.
- E. Monthly Policy Review: BA Goals and Objectives, BBBB New Member Orientation, BBBF Reimbursement for Expenses, BBC Board Committees, and DH Bonded Employees (SS) 8:08 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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F. Schools PLP Online or Blended Learning Environment (SS) 8:13 P.M.

G. RFP for Roof Replacement/Repair (WCF) 8:20 P.M.

H. New VoIP Phone System Quotes (WCF) 8:30 P.M.

Executive Session - Personnel 8:37 P.M.

Employment Matters (R&R) 8:52 P.M.

A. Employment 2026-2027

- a. Benjamin Jarchow - CGJSHS JH Social Studies Teacher
- b. Ashley Rivers - CGES Classroom Teacher
- c. Alicia Kelley - Head JH Volleyball Coach
- d. Kymbr Simmons - CGJSHS Music Teacher - Vocal and Band
- e. Samantha Sharp - CGJSHS High School Science Teacher (Chemistry)
- f. Chanell Ross - JH Assistant Volleyball Coach
- g. Daniel Most - Student Technology Aide (Summer 2026)
- h. Jacy True - Substitute Teacher
- i. Destiny Barnett - Substitute Teacher

B. Resignations

- a. Paisli Buter - Head JH Volleyball Coach
- b. Nola Miller - CGJSHS Business Teacher, FBLA Sponsor, Assistant High School Girls Golf Coach, and Assistant Junior High Girls Basketball Coach, effective conclusion of 25-26 school year contract
- c. Rinda Stecher - CGES Nurse, effective conclusion of 25-26 school year contract
- d. Joel Young - CGES Counselor, effective conclusion of 25-26 school year contract

C. Transfers

- a. Derron Reddick - CGJSHS Business Teacher



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D. Retirements

- a. Kandie Daniels - CGJSHS Food Service, effective conclusion of the 25-26 school year

Executive Session - Negotiations 8:54 P.M.

Executive Session, if needed

Good News by Board of Education Members 9:04 P.M.

Adjournment 9:14 P.M.

Next Regular BOE Meeting - June 8, 2026