



USD 417 BOE Regular Meeting
September 14, 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 - Spring and Summer State Medalists 6:06 P.M.

3A Baseball Coach of the Year - Matt Wilkens 6:11 P.M.

Every Day Difference Maker 6:13 P.M.

Consent Agenda 6:16 P.M.

- A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings - August 10, 2026, August 21, 2026, August 25, 2026, August 27, 2026, and September 9, 2026
- B. Financial Reports/Pay Bills in the amount of \$1,270,291.83
- C. Donations and Gifts
- D. Disposal of District Equipment
- E. Approve Butler Community College Memorandum of Agreement - Concurrent Enrollment Partnership (CEP)
- F. Approve Guin Mundorf Hourly Rate Fees

Business Office Manager Budget Report - Bryce Johnson 6:18 P.M.

Director Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time. 6:33 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

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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Technology Support Specialist - Jaxon Buchman

Administrative Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time. 6:35 P.M.

Council Grove Elementary Principal - Kelcy Bremer

Prairie Heights Elementary - Dustin SanRomani

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. Director of Teaching and Learning - Student Success (SS) 6:45 P.M.
 - a. Kindergarten Readiness Results
 - b. NCTM/NCTE Joint Conference Presentation
 - c. Teacher of Promise Recognition - Danielle Blue
- B. Early Childhood Task Force Award (SS) 7:05 P.M.
- C. Discuss Policies: CEA - Superintendent Qualifications, CEB - Superintendent's Duties, CEC - Superintendent Recruitment, CEE - Compensation and Benefits (SS) 7:08 P.M.
- D. Future District Facilities (WCF) 7:10 P.M.

Executive Session - Student Information 7:30 P.M.

Action Items

- A. Early Graduates (SS) 7:35 P.M.
- B. Monthly Policy Review: CA Goals and Objectives of School Administration, CB Administrator Ethics, CC Organizational Chart, CE Superintendent of Schools (SS) 7:37 P.M.
- C. Adopt 2026-2027 USD 417 Budget (SS) 7:39 P.M.



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- D. LOB Resolution 7:42 P.M.
- E. Emergent 3 Safety App (WCF) 7:45 P.M.
- F. Third Party Best Practices and MOU Agreement (SS) 7:50 P.M.
- G. High School Schedule Board Committee Members (SS) 7:55 P.M.

Executive Session - Personnel 8:00 P.M.

Employment Matters (RR) 8:05 P.M.

- A. Employment
 - a. Kymbr Simmons - Assistant Play, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, and Assistant Musical Sponsor
 - b. Derron Reddick - FBLA Sponsor
- B. Resignations
 - a. Karla McNeese - CGES Cook
- C. Retirement
 - a. Kenton Gant - HS Math Teacher, conclusion of 2026-2027 contract year

Executive Session, if needed

Good News by Board of Education Members 8:07 P.M.

Adjournment 8:12 P.M.

Next Regular BOE Meeting - October 12, 2026