USD 417 BOE Regular Meeting
November 17, 2026 - 6:00 PM
CGJSHS
129 Hockaday
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.

Every Day Difference Maker 6:18 P.M.

Consent Agenda 6:21 P.M.

A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings - October 12, 2026, October 21, 2026, October 27, 2026, and November 4, 2026

B. Financial Reports/Pay Bills in the amount of $760,596.41

C. Donations and Gifts

D. Disposal of District Equipment

E. Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Amendments for the Morris County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan

F. Approve District Instagram and USD 417 YouTube Accounts

G. Accept Kansas HOSA Rural Chapter Grant - $2,000

Director Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time. 6:24 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. 6:26 P.M.

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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 Gehrer

Superintendent - Tyson Eslinger

Board Member Items

Discussion Items

A. Prairie Heights Elementary School Facilities Discussion Post Hearing (SS) 6:36 P.M.

B. Discuss Policies: CEK - Resignation, CF - Board-Superintendent Relations, CG - Administrative Personnel, CGK - Suspension (SS) 6:56 P.M.

C. High School Building Presentation (SS) 6:58 P.M.

D. Director of Teaching and Learning - Student Success (SS) 7:18 P.M.

    a. CTE Information

E. Board of Education Self- Evaluation 7:28 P.M.

F. Future Bond Planning (WCF) 7:31 P.M.

Action Items

A. Monthly Policy Review: CEF - Expense Reimbursement and Credit Cards, CEG - Superintendent's Professional Development Opportunities, CEI - Evaluating the Superintendent, CEJ - Nonrenewing or Terminating the Superintendent's Contract (SS) 7:51 P.M.

B. Creation of Chess Club Program (SS) 7:53 P.M.

C. RFP for Certificate of Deposit 7:58 P.M.

D. USD 417 Morris County Board Governance and Operating Procedures (SS) 8:02 P.M.

E. December Board of Education Location Change 8:05 P.M.

F. Board Member Resignations 8:07 P.M.

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G. High School Building Schedule (SS) 8:12 P.M.

Executive Session - Personnel 8:15 P.M.

Employment Matters (RR) 8:35 P.M.

A. Employment

a. Heather Wallace - Activity/Substitute Route Driver

b. Samantha Sharp- CGJSHS Chess Club Sponsor

Executive Session - Superintendent Evaluation 8:37 P.M.

Executive Session, if needed

Good News by Board of Education Members 8:52 P.M.

Adjournment 8:57 P.M.

Next Regular BOE Meeting - December 14, 2026