OFFICIAL MINUTES
**ROYAL VALLEY USD #337**
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**
**Wednesday, August 27, 2025**

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 337, Jackson County, Kansas, was held on **Wednesday, August 27, 2025** at the District Office, 101 W. Main, Mayetta, KS 66509, at 7:00 PM.

## ATTENDANCE

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| **Ann Kelly:** | **Present** |
| **Kelli Lambrecht:** | **Present** |
| **Rhonda Lefferd:** | **Present** |
| **Joe Mitchell:** | **Absent** |
| **Ruth Slocum:** | **Present** |
| **Boone Smith:** | **Present** |
| **Adele Wahwassuck:** | **Absent** |

## MINUTES

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

   1.1. Roll Call
   **Discussion:** In addition to the Board and Superintendent, Aaric Davis, the following were also in attendance: Taylor Holte - Board Clerk, Noah Slay - Dir of Curriculum/Deputy Board Clerk, Ali Holcomb - Holton Recorder; Parents - Tara and Scott Harding; Teachers - Sarah Magee, McCrae Becker, Margaret Ramberge, Kim Clark, Connie Overstreet, Debbie Reding, and Hannah Stilwell; Citizens - Gilbert Hall and Delbert Boling.

   1.2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda
   **Action(s):**
   Move to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.
   **Voting Summary:** Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

2. **CONSENT ITEMS**
   **Action(s):**
   Move to approve consent items as presented. This motion, made by Rhonda Lefferd and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.
   **Voting Summary:** Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

   2.1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

   2.2. Approval of Donation for RVHS Indigenous Literature Course

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Discussion:** The Board heard public comments from parents Tara and Scott Harding regarding the desire to have early morning workout program at Royal Valley High School.

4. **BOARD TOPICS**

4.1. Board Discussion Items for Future Consideration
**Discussion:** Kelli Lambrecht requested for the elementary playground surfacing project to come back to the Board for discussion. It was noted that it would be on the summer 2026 projects discussion list during the September 10, 2025 meeting agenda.

4.2. Introduction of New District Employees
**Discussion:** McCrae Becker, Sarah Magee, Connie Overstreet, Margaret Ramberg, Hannah Stilwell, and Debbie Reding introduced themselves to the Board.

4.3. Appoint KASB Delegate Assembly Voting Member
**Action(s):**
Move to appoint Ann Kelly as the KASB Delegate Voting Member for 2025-26. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.
**Voting Summary:** Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

5. **RECEIVE REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

5.1. Hear Request from FFA for the 2025 National Convention
**Action(s):**
Move to approve the out of state trip for the FFA National Convention and the district financial support for the sponsors costs for the convention as presented. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.
**Voting Summary:** Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

5.2. Receive Updated Enrollment Projections
**Discussion:** Mr. Davis presented to the Board the updated enrollment projections after the first day of school.

5.3. Hear Curriculum Director Update
**Discussion:** Mr. Slay presented an update on the curriculum adoption process for the 2025-2026 school year. This year, we are working on 7-12 Mathematics.
He gave an overview of the summer tutoring program from this past summer. He also touched on professional development and mentoring activities taking place this year.

6. **OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS**

6.1. Consider Approval of District Policies
**Discussion:** The Board discussed policies DFH and IDFA.
**Action(s):**
Move to approve policies BBC - Board Committees, CN - Public Records, DFE - Investment of Funds, GAACB - Employee Whistleblower, IB - School Site Councils, IDFA - Athletics, JBC - Enrollment, JBCD - Enrollment of Military Students, JGFGB - Supervision of Medications, JH - Student Activities, KBC - Media Relations and Usage, KGB - Concealed Observations, DFH - Fundraising Activities, and KN - complaints as presented. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.
**Voting Summary:** Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.2. Conduct Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing at 7:10 pm

**Discussion:** At 7:10 PM, the Board conducted the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing. Mr. Davis went over the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate. District resident, Gilbert Hall presented some concerns about exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Mr. Davis provided answers to some of Mr. Hall's statements. Revenue Neutral Rate Resolution 2025-9 was then adopted by a roll-call vote.
Ruth Slocum - Yea, Boone Smith - Yea, Ann Kelly - Yea, Kelli Lambrecht - Yea, and Rhonda Lefferd - Yea. Adele Wahwassuck and Joe Mitchell were absent.

**Action(s):**

Move to adopt resolution 2025-9 which authorizes the district to exceed the revenue neutral rate for the 2025-26 district budget by roll-call vote. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.3. Conduct 2025-26 District Budget Hearing at 7:20 pm

**Action(s):**

Move to approve the 2025-26 district budget as presented recognizing that the budget was built using recommendations from the building needs assessments and state assessment barrier review that was conducted by the Board at the August 13, 2025 regular Board meeting. Also included in this motion is to approve resolution 2025-10 to adopt a 32.6% LOB percentage for the current budget year. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Boone Smith, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.4. Consider the Purchase of a New Lawn Mower

**Action(s):**

Move to approve the purchase of a new 900D Grasshopper mower and 72" deck from Sam's Equipment Service and Sales in the amount of $23,367 and to mark the existing mower as surplus property to be sold at auction. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Rhonda Lefferd, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.5. Consider Executive Session to Discuss Individual Employee Performance Pursuant to the Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA

**Discussion:**

The Board returned to open session at 8:33 pm.

**Action(s):**

Move to go into executive session to discuss individual employee performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, inviting Aaric Davis and to return to open session at 8:33 PM. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.6. Consider Personnel Items

**Action(s):**

I recommend the approval of the resignation of Jennifer Hale as Title VI tutor and Paul Bergeron as winter weights supplemental supplemental contract per 6/26/25 resignation letter effective immediately. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Boone Smith, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

## 7. BOARD DISCUSSION AND STUDY

7.1. Clarifications

7.2. Employee Recognition
**Discussion:**
Board members spent time writing notes of support to the district administrators.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING BOE OPPORTUNITIES**

8.1. Pride of Hoyt Days - Saturday, August 23, 2025 - All Day

8.2. Labor Day Holiday - Monday September 1, 2025 - No School

8.3. Booster Club Membership Drive Dinner, Friday, September 12, 2025 at 5:30 pm

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

9.1. Meeting Adjournment
**Action(s):**
Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.
**Voting Summary:** Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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Sherri Schulte, Board Clerk
Board of Education
USD #337, Mayetta, Kansas

Date Approved

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Boone Smith, Board President
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