

Board of Education Minutes

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 511

Date: July 13, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm

BOARDROOM - 718 N. MAIN ATTICA, KS 67009

Regular Board of Education Meeting

The board of education met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2026, and was called to order by President Lynda Newberry at 6:00 pm. Members in attendance were Christy Mans, Brett Traffas, Kristine Casper, Megan McDaniel, and Ryan Stone. Board member not in attendance was Roger Goodman. Also in attendance were Superintendent Daryl Daugaard, Clerk of the Board Mandy Traffas, Principal Wyatt Williams, AD Scotty McCartney, Lance Freeman, Robin Ybarra, and AJ Ybarra.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

President Newberry welcomed the guests.

Something Good - Items included Mason Mans placing 6th at trap-shooting nationals this past weekend, and all the new updates around the school and football field are looking great.

Amend/Adopt Agenda - Traffas motioned and Casper seconded to adopt the agenda. 6-0, motion carried.

Executive Session

Casper motioned and Mans seconded to go into executive session with Mr. Daugaard, Mr. Williams, and Lance Freeman for 15 minutes to discuss matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student except that any such person shall have the right to a public hearing if requested by that person in order to protect the privacy rights. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 6:17 pm.

Lance Freeman left the meeting at 6:18 pm.

Mans motioned and Traffas seconded to go into executive session with Mr. Daugard, Mr. Williams, and Robin Ybarra for 10 minutes to discuss matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student except that any such person shall have the right to a public hearing if requested by that person in order to protect the privacy rights. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 6:28 pm.

Robin and AJ Ybarra left the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Organizational Meeting Items

President Newberry opened the floor for nominations for Board President. Mans nominated Lynda Newberry. Casper motioned to cease nominations; McDaniel seconded. 5-1 vote in favor of Lynda Newberry for Board President. Newberry was not in favor of vote.

President Newberry opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Mans nominated Megan McDaniel. Traffas motioned to cease nominations; Casper seconded. 5-1 vote in favor of Megan McDaniel for Vice President. McDaniel was not in favor of vote.

Appoint Board Clerk - Casper motioned and Traffas seconded to appoint Mandy Traffas as Board Clerk. 6-0, motion carried.

Appoint Deputy Clerk - Casper motioned and Stone seconded to appoint Lydia Deviney as Deputy Clerk. 6-0, motion carried.

Appoint Treasurer - Traffas motioned and Mans seconded to appoint Wyatt Williams as Treasurer. 6-0, motion carried.

Organizational List - Reviewed and discussed changes as highlighted. Traffas motioned and Mans seconded to approve the 2026-2027 Organizational list with noted changes. 6-0, motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED

President Newberry moved to adopt the Home Rule by BOE; Traffas seconded. 6-0 resolution adopted.

President Newberry moved to adopt the Rescinding Policy Statements found in BOE Minutes; Casper seconded. 6-0, resolution adopted

President Newberry moved to Establish Regular Meeting Dates; Mans seconded. 6-0, resolution adopted.

Approve Consent Agenda - Review of cash summaries, checks, and previous minutes. Traffas motioned and McDaniel seconded to approve the consent agenda. 6-0, motion carried.

Athletic Department - The shot clock is supposed to be scheduled for the first part of August due to the floor being closed for the last 2 weeks of July due to waxing. The play clock for the football field has been ordered and will get the electrical run out on the field soon as well. Several coaches will be attending the coaching clinic August 3rd/4th, and Scotty has been in contact with Chaparral's new athletic director regarding baseball options, and they are going to continue conversations on that. Board member inquired about football potentially doing the commuter camp at next year's camp.

Special Education - At this time there is not yet a hire for the recently vacated 6-12 sped teacher position. A long-term sub may have to be placed.

Curriculum - Reviewed Kaitlin Tatro's attachment/handout of an update on curriculum. The board would like her to attend the September meeting to have an update on curriculum/testing/and her new position.

Technology - Ray is working on getting things purchased and ready for back to school.

Summer Recreation/Wellness Center - Still need a rec director. Reviewed list of items that need repaired in the weight room. Ryan Stone will get a quote for a new cable machine. A new AC unit that recently went out has to be replaced. Bids were sought but only one was submitted. The installation will be soon. Transportation/Maintenance - Reviewed all the summer projects and their progress. Cheney door has been contacted several times and is supposed to give a quote for new doors/windows for both elementary entrances. We have had several sprinkler heads blow this past weekend, and the board also noted we need a new hydrant at the baseball/football practice field with a filter.

PDC Meeting - Nothing new to report.

SITE Council Meeting - Nothing new to report.

District Leadership Team (DLT) - Nothing new to report.

Parent/Student Handbook - Discussion held on several necessary revisions that need made upon further review. Will make all of those and revisit/approve at the August meeting. The office will post a flyer with a QR code for easy access to the revised handbook, which is always accessible on our website.

Staff Handbook - Discussion held on revisions that need to be made/updated. Will review/approve at August meeting.

Athletic Handbook - Just needs a few typos fixed. Will approve next meeting with the others.

KASB Policy Updates - Final Read - McDaniel motioned and Traffas seconded to approve the KASB policy updates as presented with a few changes as noted. 6-0, motion carried.

Cell Phone/Personal Electronic Device Update - There will be another handout regarding this at enrollment, and the policy acknowledgement form will be in enrollment packets.

Classified Staff Leave Payout - Discussion held; will follow the same as certified staff following the most recent negotiated agreement, which increases annual leave payout for any days, over 60 with a max of 10 days paid, from \$20/ day to \$50/day. McDaniel motioned and Stone seconded to approve this change for classified staff. 6-0, motion carried.

Activity Calendar - McDaniel motioned and Casper seconded to approve the activity calendar as presented at this time. 6-0, motion carried.

Secondary Schedule - Traffas motioned and Stone seconded to approve the secondary schedule. 6-0, motion carried.

Approval of Supplemental List - Traffas motioned and Stone seconded to approve the supplemental list as presented. 6-0, motion carried.

KAP Summary - Review of K-12 state assessment scores, which remains a primary focus moving forward into this school year.

Approval of End-of-Year Transfers - Review of final end-of-year transfers. Casper motioned and McDaniel seconded to approve the end-of-year transfers. 6-0, motion carried.

Filling Remaining Open Positions - The secondary special ed teacher position still being open could lead to a long-term sub situation. We still have not had any further applicants for custodial. Some incentive options were discussed and will be re-posted with the job opening.

Revenue Neutral Rate - Mr. Daugard reviewed the budget and how it's looking regarding the revenue neutral rate. At this time, it is not looking like the hearing/exceeding will be required this year, but he has his budget review in Topeka this coming Thursday, after which he will know more. The deadline to declare if an RNR hearing is needed is on the 20th.

Hire Summer Help - Traffas motioned and McDaniel seconded to hire Makena Mans for summer help. 6-0, motion carried.

Resignation Fee Coverage - Discussion held; we do not cover late resignation fees imposed on incoming teachers by their previous employers.

Goals & Expectations for 2026-27 School Year - Lengthy discussion held on expectations and goals for the upcoming school year that include grade/gradebook accountability, state testing score improvements, continued curriculum mapping, and teacher collaboration amongst other things.

Items & Comments by Board Members - Christy Mans shared that the candidate for lieutenant governor is coming to the area this week if anyone is interested in those meet-n-greets; Inquiry about the number of out-of-district applicants we have received at this time.

Administrative Reports - Mr. Daugaard gave the board an overview of the at-risk accountability plan that is being rolled out by the state.

Executive Sessions

Personnel Matters - Traffas motioned and Casper seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes with Mr. Daugaard, Mr. Williams, and Scotty McCartney to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of an individual. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:12 pm.

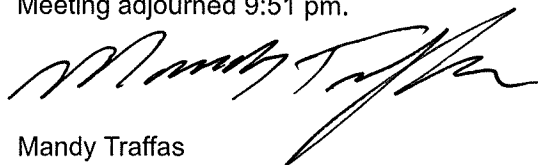
Mans motioned and Stone seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes with Mr. Daugaard and Mr. Williams to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of an individual. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:20 pm. Mans motioned and Traffas seconded to extend the session for 15 minutes. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:36 pm. Traffas motioned and Mans seconded to extend the session for 10 minutes. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:47 pm.

Scotty McCartney left the meeting at 9:37 pm.

The Board gave direction for Mr. Daugaard to contact our KASB attorney regarding an independent review of matters discussed in the executive sessions this evening.

Traffas motioned and McDaniel seconded to adjourn the meeting. 6-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:51 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mandy Traffas', written in a cursive style.

Mandy Traffas
Clerk of the Board