

# Board of Education Minutes

## UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 511

Date: April 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, April 13 and was called to order by President Lynda Newberry at 6:00 pm. Members in attendance were Christy Mans, Roger Goodman, Brett Traffas, Kristine Casper, Megan McDaniel, and Ryan Stone. Also in attendance were Superintendent Daryl Daugaard, Clerk of the Board Mandy Traffas, Principal Wyatt Williams, AD Scotty McCartney, Heather Fly and Nick Ricke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

President Newberry welcomed the guests.

Something Good - Track season for junior high and high school is off to a good start.

Amend/Adopt Agenda - McDaniel motioned and Goodman seconded to adopt the agenda. 7-0, motion carried.

Executive Session - Personnel Matters - Mans motioned and Casper seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes with Mr. Daugaard, Mr. Williams, Heather Fly, and Nick Ricke to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of an individual. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 6:05 pm.

Heather Fly and Nicke Ricke left the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Athletic Department - Scotty handed out the specs for the shot clocks. Discussion was held regarding possible sponsors and getting bids for the electrical work needed for the installation of the clocks. Fall schedules are complete, and winter schedules are almost complete. The second and final vote passed at the last league meeting officially approving the charge of \$5/adult, students free with an accompanied adult, at all league junior high games starting next year. There is also discussion about an Easter moratorium as well as Sundays, and a practice time deadline on Wednesdays. He and the Mr. Williams made a recommendation for the high school head volleyball coach, as interviews have been completed. Scotty asked that he still be considered for AD next year with some stipulations and options for how to operate more efficiently with his time in the classroom alongside these duties.

Scotty McCartney left the meeting at 6:16 pm.

Approve Consent Agenda - Review of cash summaries, checks, and the previous minutes. Goodman motioned and Traffas seconded to approve the consent agenda. 7-0, motion carried.

Special Education - Had a recent para resignation, replacement is being sought. Mr. Daugaard will attend the superintendent meeting tomorrow.

Curriculum - Elementary is very close to choosing their new math curriculum, and the 6-12 social studies department curriculum is being held off until next year, when Mrs. Tatro can assist Ms. Berntsen with vetting different options.

Technology - Nothing new to report.

Summer Recreation/Wellness Center - Batting cage updates are on pause while seeking out assistance on proper installation to ensure the turf lasts as long as possible.

Transportation/Maintenance - Reviewed handout from the grounds/transportation director as he was unable to be present at the meeting. Discussion held on the elementary window project and the discovery that the bid included costs to complete both the east and west sides. Was decided to proceed with that as the bid was already approved. A phone call made to Derick Swingle at 6:30 pm to ask questions about the window portion of the project to ensure proper sizes were in the bid. Call disconnected at 6:32 pm. The elementary window project and the second phase of the flooring in the jr high/high school building will begin as soon as school is out. Question raised as to the reason behind two flat tires caused by nails in one of the suburbans. With the roof replacement project on the campus, this was the likely culprit.

PDC Meeting - Four more staff complete LETRS training this week. Final PDC meeting for this year is May 6.

SITE Council Meeting - Met this evening. Updated on some events planned and reviewed feedback obtained from other schools about their SITE councils. Discussed ways they are going to try to promote SITE council participation next year.

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

Resignation- Bryan Hilgemann - Traffas motioned and McDaniel seconded to approve the resignation of Bryan Hilgemann. 7-0, motion carried.

Nonresident/Student Open Enrollment - Mr. Daugaard reviewed our current capacity numbers with the board and discussion was held on the cap at 18. It was decided that's where it will remain. Mans motioned and Casper seconded to approve the nonresident student/open enrollment as presented. 7-0, motion carried

Pay Scale Change - Kaitlin Tatro - Goodman motioned and McDaniel seconded to approve the pay scale movement of Kaitlin Tatro for the 2026/2027 school year based on her recently completed college hours. 7-0, motion carried.

Instructional Coach/Curriculum Director - McDaniel motioned and Casper seconded to approve payment up to 10 additional days at her daily rate over the summer for Kaitlin Tatro in order to prepare for the upcoming school year in her new position. 7-0, motion carried.

FSMC Pricing Addendum - Traffas motioned and Stone seconded to approve the FSMC pricing addendum for the 2026-2027 program year. 7-0, motion carried.

KASB Policy Updates (HB 2299)- 1st Read - Lengthy discussion held on the new policies released pursuant to the passing of House Bill 2299. The appropriate selections were made within JCDC. The policy strongly encourages students not to bring any devices into the building, but if they choose to they will be kept in locked cell phone storage lockers in the office and do so at their own liability. They will NOT be opened for open lunch students. More information is needed on how to handle how devices are kept when students leave for athletics/activities that will exceed the school day timeframe. After discussion with the board and administration, a decision was reached on the disciplinary measures that will be taken for violations of this policy. This will be put into the student/parent handbook and Mr. Williams hopes to have the revised book ready for a first read next month. A form will also be created that parents must sign as part of the enrollment packet. Lydia and Mandy are reviewing social platform options for coaches/sponsors to use that ensure the school is in compliance with the IIBGC requirements regarding staff/student online communication. Policies will be approved at the next regular meeting.

Supplemental Resignations - Traffas motioned and Casper seconded to approve the resignations of Lance Vandever as Assistant Junior High Girls Basketball Coach, Mary Berntsen as Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach and 8th Grade Sponsor, and Tavia Hart as 8th Grade Sponsor. 7-0, motion carried.

Elementary Teacher - After interviewing an excellent candidate pool, Mr. Daugaard would like to make an offer for the 1st-grade teacher position to Kaylea Strohl. Traffas motioned and Goodman seconded to approve the hire of Kaylea Strohl as 1st grade teacher. 7-0, motion carried.

Athletic Director - Will be discussed in executive session.

Items & Comments by Board Members - Roger Goodman discussed the need to get summer help and projects lined up, including a dire need to get poles painted properly on the football field perimeter. He also said the tractor that was decided not to repair needs to be figured out. Megan McDaniel stated that the football play clock and Wellness Center shot clock for sure needs purchased and plans for installation made asap so that things are ready to go for the seasons. The shot clock in the high school gym can be determined later if needed. There was a discussion held on a need to hire an assistant to the transportation/grounds director as there is more work needed that one person can keep up with when constantly driving a bus. Mr. Daugaard will consult with Jack on a description, and the job will be advertised. BOE agrees that pay should be based on experience.

Administrative Reports - Mr. Williams informed the board that he and Corissa had decided to go ahead and switch from Edgenuity to Schools PLP for our online course option starting this coming school year. Preliminary schedules will be going home for parent signature in the coming weeks, after a college class information session for parents is held next week. The master schedule is ready to go, barring a few changes that may still need to be made. State testing is up and rolling, final Fastbridge testing will be completed at the end of April. Makena Mans was accepted to Oklahoma Christian Cheerleading and Cady Hemphill will sign with Pratt Community College for basketball. Their signings will be coming up soon. Sponsors and Mr. Williams are working on the format for 8th-grade promotion recognition, but it will be at the end of the junior high awards ceremony. He hopes to have handbooks on the agenda next month for the first read. Mr. Daugaard informed the board that we will be holding a teacher work day again this year on the league track meet day, May 14, as many of our staff have to be gone to assist with this event as well as a large portion of our secondary students. Notification will be going out to parents

this week. He reviewed upcoming event dates with the board and noted that the May meeting will need to be moved due to the high school activities banquet on Monday, May 11.

Executive Sessions

Personnel Matters - Goodman motioned and Casper seconded to go into executive session for 15 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 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:19 pm. Mans motioned and Traffas seconded to extend the session 15 minutes. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:35 pm. Mans motioned and Casper seconded to extend the session for 15 minutes. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:52 pm.

Negotiations - Casper motioned and Traffas seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes with Mr. Daugaard and Mr. Williams to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the board's representative or representatives in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position, and the public interest. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:58 pm. Traffas motioned and Goodman seconded to extend the session for 5 minutes. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:04 pm. Goodman motioned and Mans seconded to extend the session 5 minutes. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:10 pm.

Mans motioned and McDaniel seconded to retain current AD Scotty McCartney as Activity Director with conditions as outlined in his upcoming contract, and with Wyatt Williams as the Assistant Activity Director/Middle School AD. 7-0, motion carried.

A letter of intent will be sent to Jenny Johnston for the head High School Volleyball Coach as well as Kaylea Strohl for 1st grade. Ms. Johnston's hire will be approved at the next regular meeting. The May meeting will be moved to May 13th.

Mans motioned and Traffas seconded to adjourn the meeting. 7-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

  
Mandy Traffas  
Clerk of the Board