

Board of Education Minutes

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 511

Date: September 16, 2026

Time: 6:00pm

BOARDROOM - 718 N. MAIN ATTICA, KS 67009

Budget Hearing 5:50 p.m.

The Board of Education held its annual budget hearing on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, and was called to order by President Lynda Newberry at 5:50 p.m. Members present were Christy Mans, Roger Goodman, Kristine Casper, Megan McDaniel, and Ryan Stone. Member not present was Brett Traffas. Also in attendance were Superintendent Daryl Daugaard, Clerk of the Board Mandy Traffas, AD Scotty McCartney, Kaitlin Tatro, and Scott Loyd. President Newberry opened the floor for any comments or questions on the budget. No comments or discussion ensued. McDaniel motioned and Casper seconded to adjourn the budget hearing. 6-0 Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Regular Board of Education Meeting

The board of education met in regular session on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, and was called to order by President Lynda Newberry at 6:00 pm. Members in attendance were Christy Mans, Roger Goodman, Kristine Casper, Megan McDaniel, and Ryan Stone. Member not present at the start of the meeting was Brett Traffas. Also in attendance were Superintendent Daryl Daugaard, Clerk of the Board Mandy Traffas, AD Scotty McCartney, Kaitlin Tatro, and Scott Loyd.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

President Newberry welcomed the guests.

Audit Report - Loyd Group - Scot Loyd with the Loyd Group reviewed our annual audit with the board for the 25/26 fiscal year.

Scot Loyd left the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Curriculum - Kaitlin Tatro reviewed the back-to-school in-service professional development, fall testing, data analysis progress, and instructional goal meetings with staff. She also provided an update on the new curriculum being implemented this year, as well as looking ahead to the sampling of new secondary math curriculum for next year. Discussion held on some potential state assessment preparation methods and the need for a reading/math interventionist. Mr. Daugaard indicated staff feedback from Kaitlin's new position has been positive and helpful.

Brett Traffas entered the meeting at 6:24 pm.

Kaitlin Tatro left the meeting at 6:44 pm.

Something Good - Fall sports are off to a good start, and the feedback from the homecoming festivities and parade was very positive.

Amend/Adopt Agenda - Goodman motioned and Mans seconded to adopt the agenda, as amended to add under new business I-Potential Parking Acquisition. 7-0, motion carried.

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

Athletic Department - Play clock installation on the football field is scheduled at the end of this month. At the most recent league meeting, the vote made last spring to charge for entry into junior high events was revisited as some league school boards decided they do not want to. This resulted in a 6-4 vote in favor of removing the new amendment from the league constitution. There was also a change to one of the relays for junior high league track meet. Discussion held on the issues with the lights/poles on the football field.

Wyatt Williams entered the meeting at 6:56 pm.

Special Education - Nothing new to report.

Technology - Discussion held on our recent internet issues and the importance of getting those fixed as well as the need to increase our bandwidth, as we do not appear to have a sufficient amount. If necessary, bring someone in to diagnose all the issues.

Summer Recreation/Wellness Center - Austin Thompson has been hired as the new Rec Director, and they are working on getting things back in order.

Transportation/Maintenance - Status of activity/route fleet vehicle was reviewed. Discussed the HVAC maintenance on the Wellness Center. 2 kitchen refrigerators went out at the same time a few weeks ago. One had to be replaced and arrived earlier this week but the other is still awaiting possible repair. No other bids were submitted on the elementary door project.

PDC Meeting - Update on use of the Kansas Star Program.

SITE Council Meeting - Have not yet met this year.

District Leadership Team (DLT) - Information on the state at-risk accountability plan.

Approval of Final Supplemental List - McDaniel motioned and Traffas seconded to approve the final supplemental list as presented. 7-0, motion carried.

Elementary Entrance Door Replacements - Re-review of the Overhead Door Company bid for the elementary doors, as it was the only one submitted. Traffas motioned and Stone seconded to approve the replacement of the elementary doors project. 7-0, motion carried.

Audit Report- Loyd Group - Mans motioned and Traffas seconded to approve the Audit Report for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. 7-0, motion carried.

Approve LOB Resolution - The LOB is still 33%. Casper motioned and Mans seconded to approve the LOB Resolution. 7-0, motion carried.

Needs Assessment & Building State Assessment Review - The needs assessment & building state assessment were reviewed.

Adopt 26/27 Budget - Mans motioned and McDaniel seconded to adopt the 2026-2027 budget, taking the needs assessment into consideration. 7-0, motion carried.

Health/Dental Insurance - Mandy updated on the health/dental rates for the year. There was an increase in the health rate, but it is still a competitive rate for the type of plan we have. As an alternative, a cheaper plan with higher deductibles was offered for those who may not need the lower deductible plan. The open enrollment period came to a close on the 15th.

Passing Period Time - The current passing period of 2 minutes is not sufficient. The co-teaching with staff from another district that led to our changing to that format years back has been eliminated. After discussion, it was decided the 4-minute passing period was more appropriate for our needs. Goodman motioned and Casper seconded to change the current schedule to implement 4-minute passing periods. 7-0, motion carried. This change will take place when administration determines is appropriate.

JH/HS Teacher - Discussion held on the need to add a position back for secondary. More information will be gathered on where the needs lie and will continue discussion next meeting.

Wellness Center HVAC Maintenance Plan - Discussed and decided to go with the bi-yearly maintenance plan for the HVAC units at the Wellness Center.

Potential Parking Acquisition - Discussion was held on potentially acquiring the blue house across the street via donation, with the intention of demolishing it and turning it into additional parking. An estimate was given on full removal and leveling of the property. Additional costs were discussed. Goodman motioned to take possession of the property across the street by donation, with the district willing to incur the expense of having the property demolished. Stone seconded 6-0-1, motion carried. Mans abstained from voting.

Items & Comments by Board Members - Questions about how advisory is structured this year, with an explanation given. Reviewed enrollment counts and comments on how well the students are adhering to the cell phone policy.

Administrative Reports

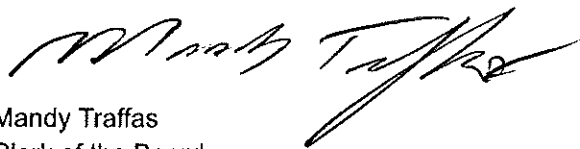
Mr. Williams: working on teacher grades being in as required; fall Fastbridge testing is complete and the math/ELA data dive has been useful. Land Bank requested help with a citywide cleanup this fall by students in good standing. Will be a good opportunity for community service hours.

Mr. Dugaard: Third party hired by EMC will be here on Sept 30th to do an ISO Rating Assessment. Logan Capps will also be present. Christmas Concert will be scheduled on December 9th. First family math night is coming up on September 21. The October BOE meeting will need to be moved due to games on the regular night. October date will be moved to the 14th.

Executive Sessions - Personnel Matters - Mans motioned and Casper seconded to go into executive session with Mr. Daugaard and Mr. Williams for 5 minutes 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 8:35 pm.

Casper motioned and McDaniel seconded to adjourn the meeting. 7-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mandy Traffas", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mandy Traffas
Clerk of the Board