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PUBLIC NOTICE:
USD 239 North Ottawa County Public Schools Board of Education
Notice of Vacancy for District #6

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2022 of a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 239, Ottawa County, Kansas, and that such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Education for two years or until the next USD 239 Board of Education Election, no sooner than 15 days following publication of this notice. Such a vacancy exists because no qualified elector received the most votes in the November 4, 2025, election. Applications can be found at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yc6zjd2u>.

You can also pick up a paper application at the USD 239 Board of Education Office located at 716 E. 7th St., Minneapolis, KS 67467. To inquire about the vacancy, contact Tamara Krueger, Unified School District No. 239 Board Clerk, at 785-392-2167 before 12:00 p.m. on February 6, 2026.

Candidate applications will be reviewed by the Board of Education at the next Board Meeting on February 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., and interviews will be held during a special board meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the USD 239 Board of Education Office Conference Room, located at 716 East 7th St., Minneapolis, KS 67467.

BJSHS Honor Roll

Bennington Jr./Sr. High School Honor Roll

Alpha (4.0):
Bartlett, Jordan; Bieker, Ryan; Caswell, Gracelynn; Christensen, Aurora; Christensen, Sophie; Dawson, Kenslee; Dossett, Khloe; Fluke, Jady; Gans, Abby; Gillett, Addyson; Gourley, Kaylen; Gourley, Kenadee; Houghton, Ava; Huiett, Lillie; Ingram, Luke; Jaderborg, Avah; Jamison, Iley; Johnson, Brandon; Johnson, Sarah; Jones, Tydus; Koerperich, Emily; Levendofsky, Ayden; Maier, Brooklynn; Mauch, Kenna; McCary, Cooper; McMurray, Madelynn; McVay, Emmanuel; Monroe, Jackson; Moss, Jaylee; Nisbeth, Kailea; Noon, KayLynn; Paulino, Jaycie; Pratt, Marishka; Pratt, Myer; Ptacek, Skyler; Racette, Mackenzie; Robson, Silas; Rounds, Elijah; Rounds, Lillian; Rounds, Madelyn; Saenger, Audrey; Saenger, Claire; Simmons, Madison; Ward, Kennedy; Ward, Madden; Winters, Sarah; Wisbey, Troy.

Principal's Honor Roll (3.5-3.99):

Acosta, Ian; Andrews, River; Barry, Nora; Benien, Rylee; Blake, Haylee; Bolon, Samuel; Buchanan, James; Carpenter, Shelby; Clark, Brooklyn; Clark, Hayden; Crook, Charles; Gans, Kathryn; Garrett, Isaiah; Goble, Brayden; Hanchett, Angelina; Heath, Lealah; Hodges, Olivia; Holen, Levi; Hone, Kaleb; Huehl, Kytsyn; Hurd, Ryder; Jackson, Jett; Jameson, Kyler; Johnson, Hunter; Jones, Cylus; Kendall, Derick; Kidd, Jaxson; Koehn, Erika; Koerperich, Noah; Latham, Ally; Layton, Emma; Levin, Avery; McVay, Ava; Miles, Parker; Monts, Lennah; Moore, Eva; Mueller, Alyson; Murk, Brooklyn; Padget-Cook, Riley; Palenske, Brenna; Pell, Landyn; Pickering, Mara; Pierce, Kasey; Roberts, Kodie; Rodenbeek, Marley; Rodine, Adysen; Rook, Chloe; Rook, Jason; Russell, Nolan; Russi, Azalea; Russi, Sypheria; Saenger, Lillee; Sandlin, Allyssa; Sandlin, Emmalyn; Shamburg, Clayton; Shippy, Shiana; Silva, Nyal;

Smith, Decker; Smith, Isabella; Swartz, Paityn; Tojo, Keegan; Uhl, Adalynn; Uhl, Asher; Vail, Jackson; Valeka, Brookelynn; Ward, Spencer; Wellbrock, Victoria; Wilson, Addilynn; Wilson, Addisen; Wisbey, Landon; Wolf, Augustus; Wolf, Reece.

Scholastic Honor Roll (3.0-3.49):

Adkins, Gabe; Barnett, Ellis; Barry, Nolan; Casper, Cole; Crist, Farmer; Braxton; Freeman, Kaydence; Fry, Eric; MaKenna; Galentine, Garay; Keria; Garmin, Brooklynn; Gavin; Gourley, Landon; Gwennap, Kasyn; Hobby, Karson; Holen, Gavin; Hone, Landon; Laws, Cade; Levin, Brooklynn; McDowell, Jackson; Muir, Alexa; Murillo, Manny; Noon, Alta; Noon, Mackenzie; Powell, Hudson; Ptacek, Brendyn; Resley, Amiya; Richardson, Illyria; Sandlin, Shelby; Shamburg, Madison; Silva, Laredo; Smith, Lincoln; Soukup, John; Sullivan, Lane; Swetson, Brooklynn; Tramble, Jordan; Tupa, Shayden; Watson, Taleigh.

USD 239 BOE Meeting

Please note that this is just a summary and NOT the official minutes from the December 8, 2025, USD 239 Board of Education meeting. To view the board minutes in their entirety please visit the district's website (usd239.org). Six board members were present. President Tara Chesney called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Agenda and Consent Agenda passed 6-0. Both principals had previously submitted their report digitally. MJSHS JAG students presented to the board about this program. Superintendent Stevens updated board members on district accreditation, grants received by the district, idle funds, strategic planning, and legislative advocacy. The board approved the Southern Cloud

Resolution and also grants for the MJSHS stadium sound system. Dr. Stevens led a discussion about HVAC/Roof needs at MGS. Mrs. Shayla Bailey presented on 7th and 8th grade ELA. 26-27 proposed calendars were reviewed and will be sent to NOCTA. The board entered executive session twice for a total of 25 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. 2026 Fall Supplemental Contracts were approved as presented. The following resignations were approved: Sherry Jackson, MGS 6th grade; Sharon Noon, MGS Kindergarten; Terry Moeckel, MJSHS Principal; Matt Smith, MHS Assistant Football Coach. The appointment of Christa Moeckel as part time MJSHS Custodian was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

MHS Wrestling



MHS Boys Wrestling team placed 3rd at the Halstead Invitational. Posted by Courtney Marsh.

MJSHS Honor Roll

MJSHS High Honor Roll:

Abell, Addison; Abell, Jaylee; Abell, Reece; Anderson, Aiden; Anderson, Bella; Arnold, Alejandro; Arnold, Caleb; Ausherman, Sarai; Baker, Michelle; Bates, Adley; Biggs, Adilynn; Biggs, Aidan; Biggs, Kendyn; Biggs, Logan; Bohl, Kinley; Chamoff, Charlotte; Chesney, Peyton; Christensen, Max; Cleveland, Elijah; Copple, Brantley; Copple, Bristol; Cossaart, Sierra; Courson, Annyston; Cross, Isabella; Crosson, Austin; Darnall, Alli; Dawson, Benjamin; Dawson, Cameron; Dawson, Philomena; De La Cruz Martinez, Sebastian; De La Cruz Martinez, Stephanie; Denison, Macee; Deronnet, Kenyon; Deronnet, Kingston; Dickerman, Micheal; Doering, Austin; Eller, Emma; Farmer, Charlotte; Farmer, Isabella; Folger, Adylen; Fritz, Hailey; Fruits, Kaitlynn; Gawith, Kathleen; Goheen, Christian; Goheen, Colton; Goheen, Sara; Griffin, Mikody; Griffin, Wyatt; Grimes, Gracen; Haley, Logan; Hamel, Hadley; Hardesty, Kaegan; Hardesty, Kynlee; Hauck, Keefer; Heckart, John; Hendrick, Brooklynn; Hendrick, Zayden; Hessman, Aidan; Hessman, Berklee; Higle, Aaliyah; Higle, Addyson; Hosler, Harrison; Houck, Holleigh; Huiett, Lindy; Johnson, Adalynn; Johnson, Brayden; Johnson, John; Just,

Aubryn; Just, Owen; Kindall, Brooke; Kindall, Dawson; Klein, Easton; Knudsen, Keaton; Krueger, Dalton; Kuder, Braelyn; Labes, Henry; Laws, Emily; Laws, Mallory; Losey, Elizabeth; Lott, Ryan; Lubbers, Olivia; McClure, Miley; McClure, Morgan; McDonald, Kinzi; McKain, William; Miller, Serenity; Murrison, Nadia; Myers, Madison; Nichols, Haylee; Norris, Tanner; Ocker, Phlynn; Oppenheim, Aiden; Parks, Hayley; Peters, Brayton; Phipps, Kyle; Pickrell, Justus; Pieschl, Aiden; Pieschl, Chase; Piper, Chloe; Pratt, Ava; Rice, Grant; Ringquist, Hannah; Robinson, Riley; Rutledge, Destine; Scott, Elaine; Shaft, Paige; Shanks, Tyler; Sharp, Amiyah; Shipley, Xochilt; Smith, Atlee; Smith, Ava; Smith, Avrye; Smith, Christian; Smith, Denzil; Smith, Hadley; Smith, Ocean; Stanley, Kaysyn; Stevens, Emmalina; Stevens, Olivia; Stickle, Emery; Swisher, Madex; White, Joshua; White, Oliver; Widhalm, Bryson; Willis, Addison; Wilson, Alanna; Woehl, Jacob; Worlock, Kaitlyn; Ymballa, Emilia; Young, Jessica; Young, Leah.

MJSHS Honor Roll:

Adamson, Zarek; Ahlquist, Dominic; Anderson, Kaylee; Arnold, Marrina; Bonar, Brooks; Brock, Madison; Bronson, Breck; Chamoff, Jonathan; Christensen, Layton;

Collins, Brandon; Collins, Harley; Courson, Cooper; Crosson, Kinsley; Disney, Nevaeh; Doering, Addison; Doering, Brody; Donovan, Jameson; Doris, Rachel; Fuller, Riley; Gawith, Lydia; Gilbert, Hailey; Goheen, Joseph; Guyett, Azlyn; Guyett, Kinzi; Hamilton, Mikayla; Haring, Mykel-Jarold; Harris, Asher; Heckart, Madison; Helget, Max; Hess, Daxton; Hickman, Brooklynn; Hoffhines, Kyiah; Isaacson, Viola; Jackson, Camron; Kelly, Brogan; Kelly, Grady; Kendall, AddaLynn; Kendall, Aubrey; Kiser, Daylon; Klein, Charles; Koelling, Kambren; Labes, Matthew; Lonberger, Bryson; Main, Mattilyn; Malmberg, Coy; Malmberg, Tye; Marsh, Cael; McCary, Kyle; McGuire, Traxtyn; McKain, May; Mersch, Sarah; Morrison, Natalie; Mullen, Tristan; Nuessen, Milo; Ocker, Kaleb; Pagel, Briella; Patterson, Aubrie; Phillips, Ethan; Pickett, Ember; Pickrell, Cohen; Randall-Hurt, Baylee; Rensink, Callan; Rensink, Colyer; Ringquist, Hayden; Starr, Lilith; Stiffler, Cody; Thomas, Ryan; Thomson, Ian; Torres, Aubrey; Tuttle, Maxuim; Villalpando, Ryan; Weatherman, Brecken; Wheeler, Kegen; Widhalm, Brayden; Williams, Chloe; Wilson, Ezekiel; Wilson, Lorelei; Wilson, Maile; Worley, Emma; Worlock, McKenna; Zelenka, Bryce.

SPORTS CORNER



- Bennington Bulldogs -

Boys Basketball:

Bulldogs vs Marion Warriors 1/13
Final Score 47-44
Bulldogs vs Sterling Black Bears 1/16
Final Score 24-87
Current Record 5-5

Girls Basketball:

Bulldogs vs Marion Warriors 1/13
Final Score 43-33
Bulldogs vs Sterling Black Bears 1/16
Final Score 44-27
Current Record 7-3



- Minneapolis Lions -

Boys Basketball:

Lions vs Beloit Trojans 1/16
Final Score 37-57
Current Record 2-9

Girls Basketball:

Lions vs Beloit Trojans 1/16
Final Score 36-65
Current Record 6-5



- Tescott Trojans -

Boys Basketball:

Trojans vs Lincoln Leopards 1/13
Final Score 39-47
Trojans @ Chase Kats 1/15
Final Score 62-30
Current Record 8-3

Girls Basketball:

Trojans vs Lincoln Leopards 1/13
Final Score 13-53
Trojans @ Chase Kats 1/15
Final Score 50-31
Trojans vs Thunder Ridge Longhorns 1/16
Final Score 20-28
Current Record 4-8

Lions Split Critical Week with Dramatic Win and Tough League Loss

The Minneapolis Lions boys basketball team experienced a week of high drama on the court, securing a thrilling narrow victory over Lyons before falling in a hard fought battle against Southeast of Saline.

On January 6th, the Lions hosted the Lyons Lions in a game that lived up to the highly competitive battle. Minneapolis edged out a 53-51 victory in a contest characterized by constant lead changes.

The fourth quarter proved to be the turning point as Owen Just, Kenyon Deronnet, Grant Rice, and Max Helget all drained critical three-pointers to keep Minneapolis in the hunt. The heroics culminated with just 12 seconds remaining on the clock when Kingston Deronnet found the basket to secure the lead with the win.

The victory was a total team effort reflected in the box score. Owen Just led the way with a

dominant double-double, recording 14 points and 12 rebounds to go along with 2 assists. Tanner Norris provided a scoring punch with 12 points and an assist, while Kingston Deronnet nearly notched a double-double of his own with 8 points and a massive 11 rebounds. Freshman Keynon Deronnet added 8 points and 2 boards, Max Helget contributed 6 points and 2 rebounds, and Grant Rice rounded out the primary rotation with 5 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 assists.

The momentum from Tuesday's win faced a stern test on January 9th as Minneapolis hosted Southeast of Saline. Despite a strong effort and holding a lead during the second half, the Lions ultimately fell 45-52. Ball security provided the Achilles' heel for Minneapolis, as 16 turnovers hampered their ability to maintain the lead against a disciplined SES squad.

Even in the loss, several Lions

put up impressive numbers. Freshman Kenyon Deronnet stepped up to lead the team in scoring with 15 points, while Owen Just remained consistent with another double-double of 12 points and 12 rebounds. Kingston Deronnet chipped in 6 points and 8 rebounds, and Tanner Norris filed the stat sheet with 5 points, 5 rebounds, and 2 steals. Rounding out the effort, Brecken Weatherman tallied 3 points and 2 assists, while Grant Rice and Max Helget each added 2 points to the final total.

Coach Brubaker noted, "The guys played hard, had the lead in the second half but turned the ball over 16 times." Following the week's action, the Lions continue their campaign with a focus on cleaning up the late-game miscues that hindered them against SES. Despite the week's split, the team has shown they can compete in the league.