Copeland BOE October 19 Meeting Minutes



Copeland School Board Approves Paging System Upgrade, Names Junior High Basketball Coach

The Copeland USD 476 Board of Education met Oct. 19 to discuss district operations, upcoming Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) business and technology upgrades.

President Clay Croft called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Board members in attendance were James Loepky, Shawn Breneman, Sara Yost, John Krahn and Evan Guenther.

The board approved the consent agenda, including previous meeting minutes, financial reports, activity fund reports and payment of bills totaling $71,719.14.

Superintendent Jay Zehr provided administrative updates covering the district's financial audit, the upcoming Kansas State Department of Education enrollment audit, the Apptegy communication portal, the At-Risk Accountability Report and ongoing bond issue discussions. A joint meeting was scheduled for Oct. 28 in Copeland.

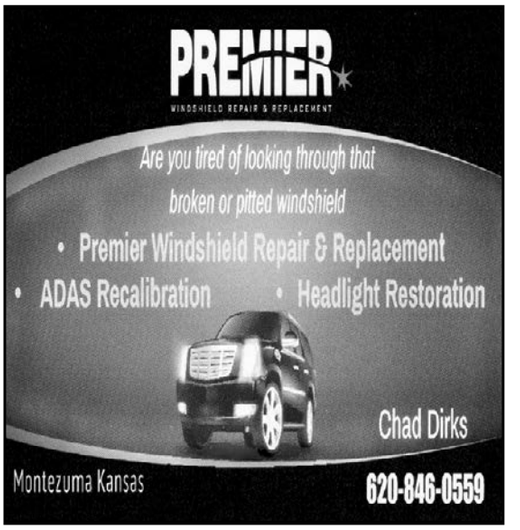
The board also received reports from the Southwest Plains Regional Service Center.

Croft reviewed state and federal resolutions and permanent policies that will be considered at the upcoming KASB Convention delegate assembly. Board members were encouraged to share their input on how they would like him to vote on the resolutions before the conference.

In other business, the board approved a quote from Winters Technology for an upgrade to the district's Ipitomy telephone paging system. Approval is contingent upon confirmation that the system can be relocated to the proposed new building. Capital Outlay funds will be used to cover the purchase. The measure passed unanimously, 6-0.

The board also approved Garrett Love as head junior high girls basketball coach for the 2026-2027 school year, with compensation based on the district's negotiated agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

This is to notify all registered voters in Gray County, Kansas, there will be a General Election held November 3, 2026, at the following polling places:

Cimarron Precinct #1 – 4-H Building, Cimarron

Cimarron Precinct #2 – 4-H Building, Cimarron

Copeland Precinct – Gray County Ambulance Building, Montezuma

East Hess Precinct – 4-H Building, Cimarron

Foote Precinct – 4-H Building, Cimarron

Ingalls Precinct – 4-H Building, Cimarron

Logan Precinct – 4-H Building, Cimarron

Montezuma Precinct – Gray County Ambulance Building, Montezuma

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The following candidates will be voted on for this election:

NATIONAL OFFICES

For UNITED STATES SENATOR

Roger Marshall, St John, Republican

Adam Hamilton, Stilwell, Democratic

David C Graham, Overland Park, Libertarian

For UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 1

Lauren Reinhold, Lawrence, Democratic

Tracey Mann, Salina, Republican

Steven Jacob, Lawrence, Libertarian

STATE OFFICES

For GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Ty Masterson, Andover/Jeffrey Klemp, Lansing, Republican

Cindy Holscher, Overland Park/KC Ohaebosim, Wichita, Democratic

For SECRETARY OF STATE

Jennifer Day, Overland Park, Democratic

Pat Proctor, Leavenworth, Republican

Scott E. Morgan, Lawrence, United Kansas

For ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kris Kobach, Lecompton, Republican

Chris Mann, Lawrence, Democratic

For STATE TREASURER

Juan C. Luengo, Olathe, Democratic

Steven Johnson, Assaria, Republican

Eric Lund, Paola, Libertarian

For COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

Dinah Sykes, Lenexa, Democratic

Daniel Hawkins, Wichita, Republican

Ric Koehn, Cimarron, Libertarian

For STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 115

Gary L. White, Ashland, Republican

For DISTRICT JUDGE, DISTRICT 16, DIVISION 1

Sidney R. Thomas, Montezuma, Republican

For STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER, DISTRICT 5

Jean Clifford, Garden City, Republican

Lorie Wood, Dresden, Democratic

JUDICIAL QUESTIONS

QUESTION NUMBER ONE

Shall Eric S. Rosen, Topeka, Position No. 4, Kansas Supreme Court, be retained in office?

Shall Larkin E. Walsh, Leawood, Position No. 6, Kansas Supreme Court, be retained in office?

QUESTION NUMBER TWO

Shall Lesley Ann Isherwood, Wichita, Position No. 2, Kansas Court of Appeals, be retained in office?

Shall Amy Fellows Cline, Wichita, Position No. 3, Kansas Court of Appeals, be retained in office?

Shall Kim R. Schroeder, Hugoton, Position No. 5, Kansas Court of Appeals, be retained in office?

Shall Lori Ann Bolton Fleming, Weir, Position No. 7, Kansas Court of Appeals, be retained in office?

Shall Jacy Hurst, Lawrence, Position No. 13, Kansas Court of Appeals, be retained in office?

COUNTY OFFICES

For COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

Mark Busch, Cimarron, Republican

For COUNTY ATTORNEY, (2-year unexpired term)

Michael Giardine, Montezuma, Republican

TOWNSHIP OFFICES

For CIMARRON TOWNSHIP CLERK

Beverly Benton, Cimarron, Democratic

For COPELAND TOWNSHIP CLERK

No Filing

For EAST HESS TOWNSHIP CLERK

No Filing

For INGALLS TOWNSHIP CLERK

Mariah Bayer, Ingalls, Republican

For LOGAN TOWNSHIP CLERK

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For MONTEZUMA TOWNSHIP CLERK

Jonnalee Salmans, Montezuma, Republican

Ashley Rogers

Gray County Clerk/Election Officer

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The Gray County Clerk will conduct Satellite Advance Voting at the following locations:

Wed, October 28, 2026

Copeland Sante Fe Senior Center – 7:00 AM - Noon

Wed, October 28, 2026

Ensign Keenagers Building – 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Any Gray County Elector may advance vote in person at any of the above locations or at the Gray County Clerks Office. Advance Voting begins in the Gray County Clerk's office 20 days prior to the election. You may also obtain an advance ballot by mail after completing an advance ballot application. Applications are available on line at www.grayco.org, or www.kssos.org websites or by calling 620-855-3618. The application can then be faxed to 620-855-3107 or mailed to the Gray County Clerk, PO Box 487, Cimarron KS 67835.

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