

BOE Meeting 4-13-2026

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Education. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #274 BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING President Kerri Scheetz called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office. Members Present: Carrie Evins, Christopher Crotts (by phone), Jodee Reed, Chad Lauber, Darlene Chaput (by phone 6:01 p.m.), Mark Hubert (virtually) Superintendent: Julie Crum Board Clerk: JoElle Van Eaton Principals: April Miller, Craig Wamsley, Tori Goetz Others: Wendelin Scheck, Kim Munk, Bridgit Bockwinkel, Steve Badger, Corey Burton, Tom Ahrens, Carol Johnson APPROVAL OF AGENDA Evins moved, and Reed seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0. NEW BUSINESS Cory Burton presented on Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG), a program serving a wide range of students. The program focuses on career readiness, life skills, and post-secondary planning, with follow-up support for one year after graduation. Burton left the meeting at 6:27 p.m. MEETING WITH PATRONS OR OTHERS KIM MUNK-CTE PATHWAYS Munk, CTE Coordinator, provided an update on Career and Technical Education and explained the district's pathways. Informational materials have been shared with the public via social media. The board expressed its appreciation to Munk for all of her hard work. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOE REPORTS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Crum shared information from KASB regarding cell phone guidance in response to the new state statute on cell phone use in schools. She noted that the district has a few remaining snow days and discussed the possibility of ending the school year a couple of days early. Crum also reported that she is in the process of getting a trademark for the Plainsmen mascot. Sarah Sipe of Landmark Architects met with high school teachers again last week. Updates were

provided on bills that have passed both the Senate and the House. Crum and Scheck informed the board that a high school water heater needs to be replaced, and bids from three vendors were reviewed. Crum is also obtaining quotes to wrap the new activity bus. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS Miller congratulated Governor's Scholar Abbygayl Jackson. The yogurt program has been a big success at the high school. The state band contest will be held this Thursday, April 16th. Seniors are required to complete CPR/First Aid certification as a graduation requirement. The awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 6th, at 11 a.m. Goetz shared that all elementary field trips are planned. The Early Childhood Screening is on Friday, April 17th, so there is no school for preschool and kindergarten classes. A Family Fun Night is planned for April 20th, and Kindergarten Visitation will be on May 8th. Wamsley reported on upcoming activities, including vocal concerts on May 4, band concerts on May 11, Kind Kids Connecting on May 4, regional golf on May 18 in Johnson, and regional track on May 22 in Inman. Bryson Burris participated in the State Spelling Bee. Eighth-grade KidWind teams competed in Salina. Oakley hosted the MCEL Scholars Bowl on March 31. Cali Wagoner and Abbygayl Jackson participated in the Shrine Duals, where both received belts, and Cali was named the most outstanding women's wrestler. There are 43 middle school students participating in track, 45 high school students participating in track, and 13 high school boys participating in golf. BOE REPORT Evins attended the KASB Work Comp Pool Board of Trustees meeting via Zoom Saturday morning. Crotts attended the NKESC meeting. CONSENT AGENDA Lauber moved, and Evins seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve the minutes as presented for the March 9, 2026, regular meeting. Approve the warrants in the amount of \$422,556.28. Motion carried 7-0. OLD BUSINESS NW KS LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT Reed moved, and Lauber

seconded the motion to appoint Linda Shoemaker as the NW KS Library Representative. Motion carried 7-0. NEW BUSINESS HSGYMMMAINTENANCE Scheck shared that he would like to refresh the high school gym by painting the walls and the west bleachers. Following discussion, it was agreed to form a committee to develop ideas and present recommendations at a future meeting. Evins moved, and Reed seconded the motion to accept the bid from Faurot Heating & Cooling, Inc. for the water heaters. Motion carried 7-0. SURPLUS PROPERTY Evins moved, and Reed seconded the motion to approve two iPads as surplus and to dispose of them as the superintendent sees fit. Motion carried 7-0. DONATIONS received: \$297.00 from the Kansas FFA Foundation, Inc. for the FFA program; \$1,500.00 from the Logan County Attorney's Diversion Fund for the Buddy Program; \$1,100.00 from the Logan County Attorney's Diversion Fund for the Future Philanthropists Program. Reed moved, and Lauber seconded the motion to approve the donations as presented, but to redirect the funds for the Buddy Program to the Plainsmen Pride program with the approval of the Logan County Attorney. Motion carried 7-0. RECREATION BOARD Reed moved, and Evins seconded the motion to accept the resignations of Patricia Pescitelli and Zach Michaelis from the Recreation Board. Motion carried 7-0. Scheck left the meeting at 7:22 p.m. PERSONNEL Lauber moved, and Reed seconded, to approve the resignations of the following staff members: Lindsay Hodges, second-grade teacher and high school volleyball; Lori Slack, first-grade teacher; Bea Albers, bus driver; Kimberly Munk, CTE District Coordinator; Dee Siruta, middle school STUCO sponsor; Danette Repshire, junior class assistant sponsor; and Carol Johnson, high school English and yearbook. Motion carried 7-0. The Board expressed sincere appreciation for their time and contributions to the school. The regular May board meeting will start at 4:30 p.m. due to the band concerts. Scheetz adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

BOE Special Minutes 4-21-2026

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Education. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #274 BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2026 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING President Kerri Scheetz called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office. Members Present: Carrie Evins, Christopher Crotts (by phone), Jodee Reed, Chad Lauber, Darlene Chaput, Mark Hubert Superintendent: Julie Crum Board Clerk: JoElle Van Eaton Principals: April Miller, Craig Wamsley, Tori Goetz (6:36 p.m.) Others: Dylan Campbell, Bruce Campbell, Kim Munk, Bridgit Bockwinkel, Hadley Lauber, Kara Larshus APPROVAL OF AGENDA Evins moved, and Lauber seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0. INSURANCE PRESENTATIONS Caleb Good, with Conrade Insurance, presented information on the KASB endorsed KICS insurance pool. He provided an overview of the Kansas school insurance pool, including its history, coverage details, deductibles, and rates. Dylan Campbell of Campbell Insurance, presented information to the board regarding the district's current insurance policy with EMC Insurance. He reviewed coverage, deductibles, and rate information. He stated that premiums are expected to decrease once the new school facilities are completed.

He reported that EMC has offered a significant premium discount to retain the district's business and explained the advantages of working with a local agent. A decision on the property insurance was tabled until the May meeting. Good and the Campbells left the meeting at 6:56 p.m. PERSONNEL Reed moved, and Lauber seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with Crum remaining in the executive session. The board returned to the open meeting at 7:12 p.m. with no action taken in the executive session. Lauber moved, and Reed seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with Crum remaining in the executive session. The board returned to the open meeting at 7:33 p.m. with no action taken in the executive session. Hubert moved, and Crotts seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with Crum remaining in the executive session. The board returned to the open meeting at 7:54 p.m. with


no action taken in the executive session. Lauber moved, and Crotts seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with Crum remaining in the executive session. The board returned to the open meeting at 8:05 p.m. with no action taken in the executive session. Evins moved, and Lauber seconded the motion to accept the recommendations to hire Kristy Breneman as 1st-grade teacher, Deanna Slippers for Forensics, and Amber Mackley as HS Girls Head Golf. Motion carried 7-0. Reed moved, and Evins seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Cheryl Martin as MS Assistant Volleyball. Motion carried 7-0. PRINCIPAL EVALUATIONS Chaput excused herself from the meeting. Reed moved, and Lauber seconded the motion to extend the principal's contracts for one year. Motion carried 6-0. Chaput returned to the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Evins moved, and Reed seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried 7-0. The board returned to the open meeting at 8:17 p.m. with no action taken in the executive session. Scheetz adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

BOE Special Minutes 4-29-2026

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Education. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #274 BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF APRIL 29, 2026 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING President Kerri Scheetz called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. in the District Office. Members Present: Carrie Evins (by phone), Christopher Crotts (by phone), Jodee Reed (by phone), Chad Lauber (by phone), Darlene Chaput, Mark Hubert Superintendent: Julie Crum (by phone) Board Clerk: JoElle Van Eaton APPROVAL OF AGENDA Hubert moved, and

Chaput seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0. PERSONNEL Hubert moved, and Chaput seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 2:46 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with Crum remaining in the executive session. The board returned to the open meeting at 2:46 p.m. with no action taken in the executive session. Scheetz moved, and Reed seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel

pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 3:02 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with Crum remaining in the executive session. The board returned to the open meeting at 3:02 p.m. with no action taken in the executive session. Chaput moved, and Crotts seconded the motion to accept the resignation of April Miller as HS Principal. Motion carried 7-0. Reed moved, and Lauber seconded the motion to approve the recommendation for hire of Cortney Schwarz as HS Secretary. Motion carried 7-0. Scheetz adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m.



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Kansas Corn Joins Other States at Capitol to Highlight Fertilizer Pricing Issues

The Kansas Corn Growers Association led an effort this week to bring attention to the fertilizer price crisis farmers are facing and to support an effort by Kansas Senator Roger Marshall to move forward a suite of five fertilizer bills to help resolve the issue by increasing price transparency, promoting competition and removing fertilizer trade barriers.

KCGA Board Member Tanner McNinch, Ness City, met with lawmakers and participated in a Senate Agriculture Committee hearing being held to look at fertilizer prices.

"I left the planter sitting idle so I could talk to the legislators and the committee about fertilizer policy that is in dire need of change. The input costs are so high right now for the farmer and right at the top is fertilizer. We need trade relief, we need price transparency, and we need more competition," McNinch said.

McNinch, with growers from other states, KCGA Director of Policy and Economics Taylor Williamson and National Corn Growers Association staff met with senators to discuss the fertilizer issue and participated in the Senate Agriculture Committee hearing. Williamson said corn grower efforts had a big impact.

"Without a shadow of doubt, we had a positive impact on the fertilizer issue this week. We first engaged in significant efforts to work with the members of the Senate Ag Committee to not only push for a hearing but also to have a corn farmer witness—South Dakota Corn Grower Trent Kubik," Williamson said. "That led to this week's fly-in where Kansas Corn leader Tanner McNinch joined growers from nine states visiting fourteen Senate offices on Monday and Tuesday morning leading up to the hearing. Thanks to our work, committee members entered the hearing engaged on this issue and brought a lot of excellent questions at the hearing."

KCGA CEO Josh Roe said having growers in Washington DC to meet directly with key senators had a big impact.

"It takes a lot to ask one of our Kansas Corn leaders to fly to Washington, DC during planting season. The fact that Tanner left his farm at height of planting season is a testament to how important the fertilizer issue is to farmers," Roe said. "Tanner is a young farmer who directly feels the impact of high input prices now, especially fertilizer prices. He did an excellent job explaining how this impacts the future of his family's farm."