



USD 417 BOE Regular Meeting
August 10, 2026 - 6:00 PM
District Office Board Room
17 Wood Street
Council Grove, KS 66846
Amended Agenda

Call to Order 6:00 P.M.

Additions/Approval of Agenda 6:01 P.M.

Open Forum: The board appreciates patrons taking the time to talk to us about our policies and procedures. We set aside every meeting this time to hear from the public. Your comments should be directed toward board policies or the procedures our administrators establish to carry out those policies. This is not an appropriate time or place for patrons to make comments of a personal nature about any district employee or student or try to sell a product or service. Persons interested in doing business with the district must make an appointment with the appropriate administrator. Persons making comments that violate the privacy rights of district employees will be asked to terminate their remarks. If a patron or parent is concerned about one or more employees, the board will refer that person to the appropriate administrator or superintendent. If the board refers your concern to an administrator for investigation, the board will follow up at a future meeting, and you can expect the superintendent or another district employee to make arrangements to meet with you at the appropriate time. Thanks again for taking the time to discuss district business with the board. 6:03 P.M.

Consent Agenda 6:06 P.M.

- A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings - July 13, 2026
- B. Financial Reports/Pay Bills in the amount of \$580,472.76
- C. Donations and Gifts
- D. Disposal of District Equipment
- E. Approve Social Media List
- F. Kansas Association of Rural Education (KARE) Membership Renewal
- G. Schools for Fair Funding Membership
- H. Approve 2026-2027 Classified, Licensed, and Substitute Handbooks
- I. Approve Mental Health School Liaison Job Description
- J. Accept Safe and Secure Schools Grant

Director Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time. 6:08 P.M.

Director of Facilities/Grounds - Tom VanValkenburg

Director of Transportation - Matt Weaver

Director of Health Services - Dana Reddick

Director of Food Service - Becky Shearer

Technology Support Specialist - Jaxon Buchman

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Administrative Reports: Any further additions will be reported at this time. 6:10 P.M.

Council Grove Elementary Principal - Kelcy Bremer

Prairie Heights Elementary - Dustin SanRomani

Council Grove Junior Senior High School Principal - Jay Doornbos

Council Grove Junior Senior High School Activities Director - Matt Fox

Director of Teaching and Learning - Valerie Gehrler

Superintendent - Tyson Eslinger

Board Member Items

Discussion Items

- A. Discuss Policies General School Administration: CA Goals and Objectives of School Administration, CB Administrator Ethics, CC Organizational Chart, CE Superintendent of Schools (SS) 6:20 P.M.
- B. Director of Teaching and Learning - Student Success (SS) 6:22 P.M.
 - a. Chronic Absenteeism
- C. Building Needs Assessment and State Assessment Review (SS) 6:32 P.M.
- D. JHC Student Organizations (SS) 6:37 P.M.

Executive Session - Negotiations 6:45 P.M.

Action Items

- A. Monthly Policy Review: BCBK Executive Session, BDA Developing, Adopting, Amending, and Repealing Board Policy, BE School Board Records, BG Memberships, and BK Board Self-Evaluation (SS) 6:55 P.M.
- B. Building Blocks Lease (PCE) 6:58 P.M.
- C. Appoint Voting Delegate for the 2026 Delegate Assembly 7:03 P.M.

Executive Session - Personnel 7:13 P.M.

Employment Matters (RR) 7:33 P.M.

- A. Employment

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- a. Amanda McDonald - CGJSHS Behavior/Concessions Aide
 - b. Jaedyn Miller - Substitute Teacher
 - c. Andrea Messer - Mental Health School Liaison
 - d. Bryan Ng - Substitute Teacher
 - e. Jacy True - JH Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
 - f. Karla McNeese - CGES Cook
 - g. Nate Watts - Substitute Teacher
 - h. David Kinley - Substitute Teacher
 - i. Leanne Williams - CGES Teacher Aide/Interventionist
 - j. Kierra Elstun - CGES Teacher Aide/Interventionist
 - k. Sheila Hill - Regular Route Bus Driver
 - l. Taylor Johnson - Assistant HS Volleyball Coach
- B. Transfers
- a. Benjamin Jarchow - JH Head Girls Basketball Coach
 - b. Samantha Davis - Head Musical
- C. Resignations
- a. Jaedyn Miller - CGJSHS Behavior/Concessions Aide
 - b. Dallas Burton - Assistant HS Volleyball Coach

Executive Session, if needed

Good News by Board of Education Members 7:36 P.M.

Adjournment 7:41 P.M.

Next Regular BOE Meeting - September 14, 2026