



OFFICIAL MINUTES  
**ROYAL VALLEY USD #337**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Monday, March 10, 2025**

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 337, Jackson County, Kansas, was held on **Monday, March 10, 2025** at the District Office, 101 W. Main, Mayetta, KS 66509, at 7:00 PM.

## ATTENDANCE

**Ann Kelly: Present**  
**Kelli Lambrecht: Present**  
**Rhonda Lefferd: Present**  
**Joe Mitchell: Absent**  
**Ruth Slocum: Present**  
**Boone Smith: Present**  
**Adele Wahwassuck: Present**

**Joe Mitchell was absent with prior notice. Others present were Aaric Davis - Superintendent, Noah Slay - Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Sherri Schulte - Board Clerk, Taylor Holte - Business Manager, and Ali Holcomb - Holton Recorder.**

## MINUTES

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call

1.2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

**Action(s):**

Move to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### 2. CONSENT ITEMS

**Action(s):**

Move to approve consent items as presented. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2.1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

**Discussion:**

Minutes from the February 10, 2025, regular Board meeting were approved.

2.2. Approval of BCBS Healthy Habits Grant for RVMS

**Discussion:**

The Board approved a grant for the Royal Valley Middle School PE department in

the amount of \$1,800 from Blue Cross Blue Shield. The grant will be used for physical education equipment.

2.3. Approval of Treasurer's Report

2.4. Approval of Warrants

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

3.1. Public Comment

**Discussion:**

Mr. Davis introduced Taylor Holte, new Business Manager, to the Board.

4. **BOARD TOPICS**

4.1. Board Discussion Items for Future Consideration

**Discussion:**

Mr. Smith asked for the dates of the Staff Appreciation Night, April 30th, and Title VI Student Recognition Night, May 14th.

4.2. Board Discussion on Facilities Planning

**Discussion:**

Mr. Davis reviewed the District's current and planned projects. Board members discussed upcoming projects and prioritizing needs.

4.3. Hear Summer School Recommendation

**Discussion:**

Mr. Slay presented summer school plans and asked for feedback from the Board. For the past few years, summer school has been paid for through ESSER funds, which are no longer available. This summer, the District would like to have a credit recovery session at the high school and offer tutoring for first grade elementary students showing skill deficits in reading. The Board responded favorably. Mr. Slay will move forward with planning.

4.4. Legislative Update

**Discussion:**

Mr. Davis provided a legislative update on topics related to education.

5. **RECEIVE REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

5.1. Receive Bi-Monthly Budget Report

**Discussion:**

Mr. Davis shared the bi-monthly budget report showing the expenditures from the LOB (local option budget) fund and the general fund.

5.2. Receive Impact Aid Funding Update

**Discussion:**

Mr. Davis met with the Impact Aid Parent Advisory Committee earlier this month. The Committee discussed and recommended items to be paid for with Impact Aid funds. Discussion followed.

5.3. Hear Report on Parent-Teacher Conference Attendance

**Discussion:**

Mr. Davis reported on the percentage of students represented at each building during the February Parent-Teacher conferences.

5.4. Hear Information on 5th Grade Scheduling Changes for 2025-26

**Discussion:**

Mr. Slay and Mr. Davis shared a teacher-led initiative to shift the 5th grade to a self-contained instructional model for the upcoming school year. Discussion followed.

6. **OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS**

6.1. Consider Approval of District Mechanic Truck Purchase

**Action(s):**

Move to approve the purchase of a district mechanic truck from Shawnee Mission Ford on the State procurement bid in the amount of \$47,726 as presented. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.2. Consider Approval of Fiscal Auditor Engagment Letter

**Action(s):**

Move to approve the auditor engagement letter from Varney & Associates as presented with estimated fees of \$10,200.00 per year for state and federal audits for years 2025, 2026, and 2027. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Rhonda Lefferd, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.3. Approval of Lease Purchase Payment

**Action(s):**

Move to approve the lease purchase payment to Flagstar Public Funding in the amount of \$423,489.73. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.4. Consider Approval of Evergy Cost to Move Electrical Poles

**Action(s):**

Move to approve the quote from Evergy to relocate electrical service to the outside of the new parking lot project for the amount of \$22,719.26. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.5. Consider Approval of Spring/Summer Maintenance Items

**Action(s):**

Move to approve the spring/summer maintenance list as presented. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Rhonda Lefferd, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.6. Set Budget Hearing Dates for Impact Aid and Title VI Grants

**Action(s):**

Move to set the public hearing date for Title VI and Impact Aid grants on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:15 pm at the district office located at 101 W Main St, Mayetta, KS 66509. This motion, made by Adele Wahwassuck and seconded by Boone Smith, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.7. Consider Executive Session to Discuss Individual Employee Performance Pursuant to the Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA.

**Discussion:**

At 8:25 PM, the Board moved to go into executive session and to return at 8:31 PM. The Board returned to open session at 8:31 PM.

**Action(s):**

Move to go into executive session to discuss individual employee performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, inviting Aaric Davis and Noah Slay, and to return to open session at 8:31 PM. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

- 6.8. Consider Executive Session to Discuss Confidential Student Information Pursuant to the Exception Relating to Actions Adversely or Favorably Affecting a Student Under KOMA.

**Discussion:**

At 8:31 PM, the Board moved to go into executive session and to return at 8:37 PM. The Board returned to open session at 8:37 PM.

**Action(s):**

Move to go into executive session to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA, inviting Aaric Davis, and to return to open session at 8:37 PM. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

- 6.9. Consider Executive Session to Discuss the Negotiations Letter Pursuant to the Exception for Employer-Employee Negotiations under KOMA.

**Discussion:**

This executive session was not needed.

- 6.10. Consider Approval of Personnel Items

**Action(s):**

Move to approve Ashley Wick, Thomas Broxterman, and Garret Platt as Driver Education instructors on a letter of employment for the 2024-2025 Driver Education summer program. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Move to approve Jarrett Roy, David Boucher, and Katie Glatczak for summer weights program supplemental contracts. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

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Move to approve Melissa Kimble for a summer music program supplemental contract. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7. **BOARD DISCUSSION AND STUDY**

- 7.1. Clarifications

**Discussion:**

No clarifications were needed.

- 7.2. Employee Recognition

**Discussion:**

Board members wrote notes of recognition to various staff members.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING BOE OPPORTUNITIES**

- 8.1. USD 337 School Board Meeting - March 24, 2025 - 7:00 pm

- 8.2. Staff Appreciation Night - Wednesday, April 30, 2025 - Prairie Band Casino and Resort - 6:30 PM

8.3. Title VI Student Recognition Night - Wednesday, May 14, 2025 - Prairie People's Park - 6:00 pm

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

9.1. Meeting Adjournment

**Action(s):**

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Rhonda Lefferd, Carried.

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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Sherri Schulte, Board Clerk  
Board of Education  
USD #337, Mayetta, Kansas

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Date Approved

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Boone Smith, Board President  
Board of Education  
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