



OFFICIAL MINUTES
ROYAL VALLEY USD #337
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, May 12, 2025

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 337, Jackson County, Kansas, was held on **Monday, May 12, 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:	Present
Ruth Slocum:	Absent
Boone Smith:	Absent
Adele Wahwassuck:	Present

Boone Smith and Ruth Slocum were absent with prior notice. Others present were Aaric Davis - Superintendent, Noah Slay - Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Sherri Schulte - Board Clerk, 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 Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Joe Mitchell, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

2. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Action(s):

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

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

2.1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Discussion:

Minutes from the April 28, 2025, regular Board meeting were approved.

2.2. Consider Approval of FFA Donation from Ronald Ellis

Discussion:

The Board approved a donation from Ronald and Paula Ellis in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Royal Valley High School FFA Chapter.

2.3. Approval of Treasurer's Report

2.4. Approval of Warrants

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

3.1. Public Comment

Discussion:

There were no public comments.

4. **BOARD TOPICS**

4.1. Board Discussion Items for Future Consideration

Discussion:

There were no items for future consideration.

4.2. Discuss the Option to Hold USD 337 BOE Meetings on Wednesdays

Discussion:

Board members discussed holding meetings on Wednesday instead of Monday. School events and possible conflicts were considered.

5. **RECEIVE REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

5.1. Receive Bi-Monthly Budget Report

Discussion:

Mr. Davis shared expenditures to date for the General and Local Option Budget funds.

5.2. Property and Liability Insurance Update

Discussion:

Mr. Davis provided an update on the district's property and liability insurance through the new vendor, KICS. Discussion followed.

6. **OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS**

6.1. Consider the Approval of Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2025-26.

Discussion:

The Board approved holding regular Board meetings on Wednesday nights during the 2025-26 school year.

Action(s):

Move to approve the 2025-2026 BOE Meeting dates to be held on Wednesday nights as presented. This motion, made by Rhonda Lefferd and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.2. Consider the Approval of 9-12 ELA Resource Adoption

Discussion:

The Board discussed and approved the purchase of Study Sync as the 9-12 ELA curriculum from McGraw-Hill.

Action(s):

Move to approve Study Sync as the 9-12 ELA curriculum and the purchase of the curriculum from McGraw Hill in the amount of \$39,803.20. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Joe Mitchell, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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

Discussion:

At 7:20 PM, the Board moved to go into executive session and to return at 7:23 PM. The Board returned to open session at 7:23 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 to return to open session at 7:23 PM. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Joe Mitchell, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

- 6.4. 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 7:23 PM, the Board moved to go into executive session and to return at 7:26 PM. The Board returned to open session at 7:26 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 7:26 PM. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Joe Mitchell, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

- 6.5. Consider Approval of Classified Contracts for 2025-26

Discussion:

After approving classified contracts for the 25-26 school year, the Board considered Item 6.7 then returned to Item 6.6.

Action(s):

Move to approve the rehiring of classified employees as presented. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Rhonda Lefferd, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

- 6.6. Consider Approval of Supplemental and Rule 10 Contracts

Action(s):

Move to approve the rehiring of our rule 10 and supplemental contracts for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Joe Mitchell, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

- 6.7. Consider Approval of Personnel Items

Discussion:

After approving personnel items, the Board returned to Item 6.6.

Action(s):

Move to accept resignations effective at the end of the current contract year for Heidi Hawkinson-Penny - 8th Grade History Teacher and RVMS Girls Basketball Coach, Tiffany Chenoweth - RVHS Art Teacher, Lexi Merz - PAT Parent Educator, and Rhonda Sayles - RVMS Assistant Principal. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Rhonda Lefferd, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Move to approve the transfer of David Barta from Head RVMS Football Coach to Assistant RVMS Football Coach and the transfer of Zerul Kutina from Assistant RVMS Football Coach to Head RVMS Football Coach. This motion, made by Joe Mitchell and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Move to approve renewal of winter certified coaching contracts for David Boucher - Head RVHS Girls Basketball Coach and Katie Glactzak - Assistant RVHS Girls Basketball Coach. This motion, made by Rhonda Lefferd and seconded by Joe Mitchell, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Move to approve hiring for the 2025-26 school year Margaret Ramberg - RVHS Art Teacher, Jenny Stous - RV ECSE Speech Pathologist, and Cassandra Bevitt - RVMS 6th Grade Teacher. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Joe Mitchell, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

7. **BOARD DISCUSSION AND STUDY**

7.1. Clarifications

Discussion:

- Board members should let Mr. Davis know if there is a Senior to whom they would like to give a diploma. Mr. Davis will provide Board members with a list of the graduating Seniors.
- The employee appreciation banquet went well. Board members heard positive comments from staff.

7.2. Employee Recognition

Discussion:

Board members spent time writing notes of appreciation to district food service workers in honor of National School Lunch Week.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING BOE OPPORTUNITIES**

8.1. Royal Valley High School Graduation - Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM

8.2. Royal Valley Middle School 8th Grade Promotion - Thursday, May 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM

8.3. Board - Administrator Planning Retreat - June 4, 2025 - 5:30 pm at the RVHS Library.

8.4. USD 337 School Board Meeting - June 9, 2025 - 7:00 pm

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

9.1. Meeting Adjournment

Action(s):

Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM. This motion, made by Joe Mitchell and seconded by Rhonda Lefferd, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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

Date Approved

Boone Smith, Board President
Board of Education
USD #337, Mayetta, Kansas