



OFFICIAL MINUTES
ROYAL VALLEY USD #337
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, January 14, 2026

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 337, Jackson County, Kansas, was held on **Wednesday, January 14, 2026** 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: Present
Boone Smith: Present
Adele Wahwassuck: Present

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call

Discussion: In addition to the Board and Superintendent, Aaric Davis, the following were also in attendance: Taylor Holte, Board Clerk; Noah Slay — Dir. of Curriculum/Deputy Board Clerk; and Ali Holcomb - Holton Recorder.

1.2. Conduct Election of Board President for 2026

Discussion: Mr. Slay conducted the election process for the Board President. He asked for anyone who would like to be considered for the position of president of the School Board.

Mr. Boone Smith raised his hand.

Mr. Smith was then given up to five minutes to speak to the board about why they would like to serve as the president.

After speaking, Board members were given five minutes to ask questions of Mr. Smith in open meeting. No questions were asked.

There was then a vote by show of hands for the position of president of the school board.

The vote was taken, and the Board approved Mr. Smith as Board President, 7-0.

1.3. Conduct the Election for Board Vice President

Discussion: The newly elected Board President will conduct the election process for the Board Vice President using the following procedures:

When asked for candidates for Vice-President to raise their hands, Mrs. Ann Kelly raised her hand.

Mrs. Kelly was given up to five minutes to speak about why she would like to serve as vice president in open meeting. She spoke briefly. No questions were asked. The vote was taken, and the Board approved Mrs. Ann Kelly as Board Vice-President, 7-0.

1.4. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Action(s):

Move to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

2. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Action(s):

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

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

2.1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.2. Approval of the Quarter 2 High School Donations

2.3. Approval of Impact Aid Regalia Reimbursements

2.4. Approval of Treasurer's Report

2.5. Approval of Warrants

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

3.1. Public Comment

4. **BOARD TOPICS**

4.1. Board Discussion Items for Future Consideration

Discussion: The potential for slightly earlier board meeting times was brought up for further future discussion.

4.2. Mid-year Review of Board Goals

Discussion: Mr. Davis presented to the Board the current mid-year progress towards the Board goals for the 2025-26 school year on Wednesday night.

4.3. Appoint Negotiations Team Members

Action(s):

Move to approve Ann Kelly, Kelli Lambrecht, and Ruth Slocum as the 2026 Board negotiation team members. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Joe Mitchell, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

4.4. Discuss District Cell Phone Policies and KS Legislative Bills

Discussion: During the November meeting when BOE members were reviewing KASB conference takeaways, we began discussing the cell phone policy within the district. After that conversation, it was decided to discuss our policies a little later in the school year.

Since then, the KS House and Senate have both pre-filed a bill that they plan to work early in the session that would ban the use of personal electronic devices in

schools from the moment they enter the school until they are dismissed for the day.
SB302 and HB2421

Mr. Davis recommended that we not make any final decisions on cell phones in schools until after the legislature makes a decision. However, it may be useful for us to develop a plan to gather feedback from stakeholder groups this semester so that if the legislature does not eliminate personal electronic devices, we can be prepared to make a local decision on the matter this summer. The board supports the plan to gather feedback and ensure clear communication within the community.

5. **RECEIVE REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

5.1. Receive Bi-Monthly General Fund and LOB Expenditure Report

Discussion: Mr. Davis shared with the Board the bi-monthly expense report that shows our current status on expenditures within our General Fund and our LOB fund.

5.2. Hear Updated Quotes on RVMS and RVHS Vape Detection Systems

Discussion: After our discussion at the BOE meeting in December, Mr. Davis went back to the company that sells and installs the HALO vape detection systems and asked for updated quotes to just cover restrooms in the MS and HS. Those quotes have been updated and were reviewed.

5.3. Hear Update on Summer Construction Projects and Review Construction Project Prioritization List

Discussion: This past week, we had our pre-bid meeting for our MS and ES summer projects. We had a great turnout of contractors interested in bidding on the projects. The bids will be opened on Wednesday, January 21st and will be reviewed by the BOE at our next meeting on January 28, 2026.

Mr. Davis also included an updated copy of the construction project prioritization list to review. The MS art room renovation has been to this list due to our recent decision to move the art room upstairs.

6. **OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS**

6.1. Consider Approval of Indian Policies and Procedures and Tribal Consultation

Action(s):

Move to approve the IPP policies and the Tribal consultation letter as presented. This motion, made by Rhonda Lefferd and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6.2. Consider Executive Session to discuss legal matters with our legal counsel pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under KOMA.

Action(s):

I move to go into executive session to discuss potential legal matters with our legal counsel pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under KOMA, inviting Aaric Davis, and KASB Legal Counsel to return to open session at 8:13 pm. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

I move to extend executive session to discuss potential legal matters with our legal counsel pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in

the attorney-client relationship under KOMA, inviting Aaric Davis, and KASB Legal Counsel to return to open session at 8:25 pm. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

I move to go into executive session to discuss potential legal matters with our legal counsel pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under KOMA, inviting Aaric Davis, and KASB Legal Counsel to return to open session at 8:32 pm. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

I move to go into executive session to discuss potential legal matters with our legal counsel pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under KOMA, inviting Aaric Davis, and KASB Legal Counsel to return to open session at 8:40 pm. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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

6.4. Consider Approval of Personnel Items

Action(s):

Move to approve the retirement notice of Joan Pahmahmie as a Food Service worker and Bus Driver, effective at the end of the contract year. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Move to approve the hire of JadyN Nachtman as a RVMS 6th grade teacher effective when her license is approved by KSDE. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Kelli Lambrecht, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Move to approve the resignation of Marizona Chapman as a RVMS P.E. teacher and Lisa Steele as RVHS Math teacher effective at the end of the contract year. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Boone Smith, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7. **BOARD DISCUSSION AND STUDY**

7.1. Clarifications

8. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING BOE OPPORTUNITIES**

8.1. January 21, 2026 - Freshman Orientation at RVHS Commons - 7:00 p.m.

8.2. January 22nd - 24th, 2026 - RV Panther Classic BB Tournament at RVHS Gym

8.3. January 26, 2026 - RVES Site Council Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

8.4. Regular Board Meeting - January 28, 2026 - 7:00 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 Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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

Date Approved

Boone Smith, Board President
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