

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
GIRARD, KS
September 10, 2026

The Board of Education of Unified School District 248 met in the Board Office on Thursday, September 10th, 2026. President, Lori Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present were: Roger Breneman, Aaron Coester, Lori Johnson, Adam Paoni, and Kelly Peak. Also present were: Superintendent, Todd Ferguson; Board Clerk, Randee Hanks; Board Treasurer, Charlene Bolinger; GHS Principal, Jeff Wilkie; RVH Principal, Tina Daniel; and RVH Assistant Principal, Joni Benso. Also present were RVH Teachers, Ariel Beam and Sheldynn Grilz; GHS Teacher, Beth Wilson; GHS students, Harrison Burke and Allison Huber; GHS graduate, Seth Wilson; and Tucker Hudson, with Hometown Girard.

Absent were: Board Member, Dave Goble; GHS Assistant Principal, Chris Swartz; and GMS Principal, BJ Pruitt.

Roger Breneman moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion for approval of the agenda with the addition 8D- Donations, approval of the minutes from the August 13th, 2026 Board Meeting, approval of the treasurer's report and the bills be approved for payment, amounting to \$946,587.16. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Aaron Coester moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to approve the following donations: Farm Bureau- \$100 for the annual Choir meeting; Viets Brothers- \$250 for FFA; M. Viets- \$250 for FFA; Cleland Cattle Company- \$500 for FFA; GNBANK- \$500 for FFA; Crawford County Farm Bureau- \$100 for the annual meal; and Family Resource Center- \$10,000 for Jumpstart. Motion carried 5 - 0.

GHS Students, Harrison Burke and Allison Huber, gave their FBLA presentation. Following the presentation, GHS Graduate, Seth Wilson, performed his FBLA National Championship Speech.

RVH Teachers, Ariel Beam and Sheldynn Grilz, presented their Amplify presentation.

Kelly Peak moved, Adam Paoni seconded the motion to approve Visa Cards from Community National Bank and Trust for Joni Benso, Troy Combs, Tina Daniel, Todd Ferguson, Cindy Murphy, Brandon Pruitt, Chris Swartz, and Jeff Wilkie, with a credit limit of \$1,000.00 each. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, presented the USD 248 2026-2027 Student Enrollment updates.

The regular Board Meeting ceased.

Adam Paoni, moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to enter into the 2026-2027 Budget Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing at 7:00 pm. No questions arose from patrons about the Revenue Neutral Hearing.

Adam Paoni moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution: A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of USD 248 (Girard Schools) with respect to exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for financing the annual budget for 2026-2027.

K.S.A. 79-2988, provides that a levy of property taxes to finance the 2026-2027 budget of USD 248 exceeds the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate to finance the 2026-2027 budget of USD 248 by authorized by a resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by USD 248 that the 2026-2027 budget with a levy of property taxes exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rates calculated for 2026-2027, as adjusted pursuant of K.S.A. 79-2988 is hereby adopted.

Adopted this 10th day of September, 2026 by USD 248 Girard Schools in Crawford County Kansas.

Roll Call Vote:

Roger Breneman- Yes; Aaron Coester- Yes; Lori Johnson- Yes; Adam Paoni- Yes; and Kelly Peak-Yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to enter into the USD 248 2026-2027 Budget Hearing at 7:05 pm. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution: Be It Resolved that: The above-named school board shall be authorized to make a Local Option Percentage in an amount of 32.3% percent for the 2026-2027 school year.

Certificate

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the board of education of Unified School District No. 248, Crawford County, Kansas, on the 10th day of September, 2026. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Adam Paoni moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to Adopt and Approve the 2026-2027 USD 248 Budget as published. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Back to regular session at 7:15 pm.

Kelly Peak moved, Adam Paoni seconded the motion to elect Dave Goble as delegate for the upcoming KASB Assembly. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, presented the Facility/Construction Updates.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, gave the Strategic Plan Progress Updates.

Roger Breneman moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:20 pm for a period of 10 minutes, for discussion of Non-Elected personnel under KOMA, with Board Members, Superintendent and Administration present. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Back to regular session at 7:30 pm.

Aaron Coester moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion approve the following employment recommendations: Jeff McDonald, GHS Assistant Girls Golf Coach; Jess Murphy, GHS Head Softball Coach; Jeremiah Hudson and Abby Onelio, Class of 2030 Sponsors; and Megan Gazaway, GMS Stuco Sponsor. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Principals' Reports in the Board Packets.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, presented the Superintendent's Report.

Greenbush Report.

Roger Breneman moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion for adjournment of the meeting at 7:41 pm. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Randee Hanks
Clerk