

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
GIRARD, KS
August 14, 2025

The Board of Education of Unified School District 248 met in the Board Office on Thursday, August 14th, 2025. President, Dave Goble, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present were: Henry Ashbacher, Roger Breneman, Aaron Coester, Dave Goble, Lori Johnson, Peggy Marshall, and Kelly Peak. Also present were: Superintendent, Todd Ferguson; Board Clerk, Randee Hanks; Board Treasurer, Charlene Bolinger; GHS Principal, Tim Davied; GHS Assistant Principal, Chris Swartz; GMS Principal BJ Pruitt; RVH Principal, Tina Daniel, and RVH Assistant Principal Joni Benso. New Teaching Staff included: Machia Davenport, Megan Gazaway, Sheldynn Grilz, Regina Jameson, Madilyn Kramer, Patty LaRoche, Tiffany Poyner, and Rachel Trezona. Tucker Hudson, reporter with Hometown Girard.

Kelly Peak moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the following additions to the agenda: 19C- Resignation of RVH Art; 20B- Employment Recommendation for FEA Sponsor; and 20C- Employment Recommendation for RVH Art Sponsor. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Lori Johnson seconded for the approval of the agenda, approval of the minutes of the July 17th, 2025 Board Meeting, approval of the treasurer's report and the bills be approved for payment, amounting to \$2,869,938.28. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Lori Johnson moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to approve the following donations: 21st Century Grant- \$79,216; and Crawford County Mental Health-\$500 for the classroom of Megan Buzard. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Introduction of the 2025-2026 New USD 248 Teaching Staff: RVH Teachers, Machia Davenport and Sheldynn Grilz; GMS Teachers, Megan Gazaway, Madilyn Kramer, and Rachel Trezona; and GHS Teachers, Regina Jameson, Patty LaRoche, and Tiffany Poyner.

Peggy Marshall moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to approve the Meet and Confer-Insurance updates. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion to approve the 2025-2026 Substitute Handbook as presented. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Aaron Coester moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to "Establish date for the 2025-2026 Budget Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing- September 11th, 2025 at 7:00 pm". Motion carried 7 – 0.

Aaron Coester moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to “Establish date for 2025-2026 Budget Hearing- September 11th, 2025 at 7:05 pm.” Motion carried 7 – 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Peggy Marshal seconded the motion to approve the 2025-2026 District Classified Handbook as presented. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, presented the Facilities/Construction updates.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to approve the change order for Red Wutke Park Pathway. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Lori Johnson moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to enter in Executive Session at 6:43 pm for a period of 5 minutes, for discussion of Non-Elected Personnel under KOMA, with Board Members, Superintendent, and Building Administrators present. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Back to regular session at 6:48 pm.

Peggy Marshall moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion to approve the classified, director and administrator raises as presented. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Peggy Marshall moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Kim Smith, RVH Art. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the following employment recommendations: Ashley Niggemann- Kayettes Sponsor; Anna Drenick- FEA Sponsor; and Tasha Davenport- RVH Art Sponsor. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Principals’ Report in the Board Packets.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, discussed the Superintendent’s Report.

Lori Johnson moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion for the “Calendar Change for League Music.” Motion carried 7 – 0.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Peggy Marshall seconded the motion to approve the Crisis and Response Management Plan as presented. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Southeast 637 Interlocal and Greenbush Report.

Peggy Marshall moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion for adjournment of the meeting at 7:02 pm. Motion carried 7 – 0.