

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
GIRARD, KS
January 8, 2026

The Board of Education of Unified School District 248 met in the Board Office on Thursday, January 8th, 2026. 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, Adam Paoni and Kelly Peak. Also present were: Superintendent, Todd Ferguson; Board Treasurer Charlene Bolinger; GHS Principal, Tim Davied; MS Principal, BJ Pruitt; RVH Principal, Tina Daniel; Assistant RVH Principal, Joni Benso; Maintenance Director, Troy Combs; GHS Teacher, Kayla Pruitt; GHS Students Adairrius Valley, and Seth Wilson; and Tucker Hudson with Hometown.

Absent were: Board Clerk, Randee Hanks; and GHS Assistant Principal, Chris Swartz.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion for the approval of the agenda with the addition 11B- CDL Master Work Agreement; approval of the minutes from the December 11th, 2025 Board Meeting, approval of the treasurer's report and the bills be approved for payment, amounting to \$1,258,182.45. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to approve the following donations: ETCO- \$5,000 for student needs; and Gothard Consulting LLC- \$17,000 for bell and intercom system. Motion carried 6 – 0.

GHS Students, Adairrius Valley and Seth Wilson, recited their poems from the Poetry Out Loud contest.

Board Member, Roger Breneman, entered the meeting.

Lori Johnson moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to accept the bid for the GMS/GHS lunchroom remodel by DCS General Contractors as presented. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, presented the Facilities updates.

Roger Breneman moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion to approve the CDL Master Work agreement as presented. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Lori Johnson moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:45 pm for a period of 5 minutes, for discussion of Non-Elected Personnel under KOMA, with Board Members, Superintendent, and Administration present. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Back to regular session at 6:50 pm.

Lori Johnson moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to accept the resignation of GHS Band Teacher, Jenna Morris. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Adam Paoni moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the employment recommendations of GHS Secretary, Jessica Buckingham; and GHS Math Teacher, Judson Tillotson. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Principal's Report in the Board Packets.

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

Southeast 637 Interlocal and Greenbush report.

Lori Johnson moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:08 pm for a period of 10 minutes, for discussion of Non-Elected Personnel-Superintendent Evaluation, under KOMA, with Board Members and Superintendent present. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Back to regular session at 7:18 pm.

Adam Paoni moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion for adjournment of the meeting at 7:19 pm. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Randee Hanks
Clerk