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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
GIRARD, KS
July 17, 2025

The Board of Education of Unified School District 248 met in the Board Office on Thursday, July 17th, 2025. President, Peggy Marshall, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present were: Henry Ashbacher, Roger Breneman, Aaron Coester, 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; and RVH Principal, Tina Daniel. Also present was Tucker Hudson, reporter with Hometown Girard; and John Staton, with Greenbush.

Absent were: Board Member, Dave Goble and RVH Assistant Principal, Joni Benso.

Lori Johnson moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to approve Dave Goble as President of the Board for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve Lori Johnson as the Chair-Elect (VP) for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Roger Breneman moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to approve the following additions to the agenda: 35C- Resignation of GHS Baseball coach; and 42A- Milk Bids. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Lori Johnson moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded for the approval of the agenda, approval of the minutes of the June 12th, 2025 Board Meeting, approval of the treasurer's report and the bills be approved for payment, amounting to $1,441,704.77. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Lori Johnson moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the following donation: Family Resource Center- $10,000 for Jumpstart; and Wilda Pentola-$1,000 for the scholarship fund. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Lori Johnson moved, Roger Breneman seconded that the following be approved: 1.) Designate the Community National Bank-Girard Branch, The Exchange State Bank of Girard, The Farmers Bank, and GNBank of Girard as depositories for the district funds. 2.) Designate the Hometown Girard as the official newspaper. 3.) Appoint Randee Hanks as Clerk of the Board. 4.) Appoint Charlene Bolinger as Treasurer of the Board. 5.) Appoint Charlene Bolinger as Freedom of Information Officer. 6) Adopt a resolution for the annual wavier of requirements for generally accepted accounting principles and fixed asset accounting. 7.) Adopt 1,116 hour calendar with the 182, six and one-half hour day format. 8.) Adopt a resolution establishing dates for regular meetings of the Board of Education. 9.) Designate the building principals as truant officers. 10.) Appoint Luke Soba, KASB as the School District Attorney. 11.) Appoint the Superintendent as Administrator of all Federal Programs; Coordinator for Title IX; Coordinator for Section 504 and Coordinator for Homeless Children.

12.) Appoint Korey Kimrey as Director of Food Service. 13.) Adopt a resolution authorizing the early payment of claims. 14.) Designate Randee Hanks as the District KPERS Representative. 15.) Approval of the petty cash fund reports and that the petty cash limits be reestablished at $500.00 for Haderlein Elementary, with Tina Daniel as custodian; $500.00 for the Girard Middle School with Brandon Pruitt as custodian; $1,500 for the Girard High School, with Tim Davied as custodian. 16.) Reestablish the petty cash limits for the district office at $1,500.00. 17). Appoint Charlene Bolinger as custodian for the district petty cash fund. 18.) Appoint Tim Davied as custodian for the Girard High School Activity fund; Brandon Pruitt as custodian for the Girard Middle School activity fund; Tina Daniel as custodian for the Haderlein Elementary School activity fund. 19.) Approve the resolutions for the Activity Funds for Haderlein Elementary, Girard Middle School and Girard High School 20.) Rescind all policy actions from the previous year and adopt current written policies as those that will govern for the current school year. 21.) Give the authority to the Food Service Director to solicit and award food service related bids, and 22.) Approve JDC/Alternative School Agreement with Greenbush. Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Aaron Coester moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion to elect Lori Johnson to be the representative for the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center (Greenbush) Board of Trustees. Motion carried 6 - 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to elect Dave Goble as the Board Representative for the Southeast Kansas Interlocal 637 (Special Education). Motion carried 6 – 0.

John Staton, with Greenbush presented the 2024-2025 budget closing information.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson presented the Building Needs Assessment and State Assessment Review to assist the USD 248 BOE in the development of the 2025-2026 district budget.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson presented the facilities report.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:01 pm for a period of 10 minutes, for discussion of Non-Elected Personnel under KOMA, with Board Members and Superintendent. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Back to regular session at 7:11 pm.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to approve the following resignations: Jennifer Ziegler, RVH STEM; Jeff Leslie, GHS Baseball; Chris Dunlap, GHS Baseball. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Roger Breneman moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to approve the following employment recommendations: Kathy Carr, GHS/GMS Cook; and Brenda Smith, summer custodial staff.
Motion carried 6 – 0.

Aaron Coester moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to approve the Meet and Confer items as presented. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Lori Johnson moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion to approve the supplemental contracts. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Principal's Reports in the Board Packets.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson presented the Superintendent's Report.

Board Member, Lori Johnson, presented the Greenbush Board Member Report. Board Member, Peggy Marshall presented the 637 Interlocal Board Member Report.

Roger Breneman moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion to accept the milk bid proposal from Evco. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the adjournment of the meeting at 7:36 pm. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Randee Hanks
Clerk