

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
GIRARD, KS
March 12, 2026

The Board of Education of Unified School District 248 met in the Board Office on Thursday, March 12th, 2026. President, Dave Goble, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present were: Aaron Coester, Dave Goble, Lori Johnson, Adam Paoni, and Kelly Peak. Also present were: Superintendent, Todd Ferguson; Board Clerk, Randee Hanks; Board Treasurer Charlene Bolinger; GHS Principal, Tim Davied; GMS Principal, BJ Pruitt; RVH Principal, Tina Daniel; GMS Teacher, Megan Gazaway; and GMS Students, Maddox Harrison, and Allison Zagonel. Also present was Mary Gilpin, Adam Harrison, Meredith Harrison, Lisa Schossow, Mary Ann Tyrell, April Zagonel, Aubrey Zagonel; Pittsburg State University Students, Cayden Forrester, Faith Keating, and Adison O'Hara; and Tucker Hudson, with Hometown Girard.

Absent were: Board Members, Henry Ashbacher, and Roger Breneman; GHS Assistant Principal, Chris Swartz, and RVH Assistant Principal, Joni Benso.

Aaron Coester moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion for the approval of the agenda with the additions 24A- RVH Soffit Bids, and 20G-Employment Recommendation; approval of the minutes from the February 12th, 2026 Board Meeting, approval of the treasurer's report and the bills be approved for payment, amounting to \$1,196,277.34. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Lori Johnson moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to approve the following donations: Booster Club- \$1,000 for GHS Golf; Joe Smith Realty- \$1,500 for Basketball Goals; Farmers Bank- \$1,000 for Basketball Goals; Creating Legacies- \$1,222.62 for USD 248 Music Program; and Dan Smith- \$7,740 for GHS Hitting Net. Motion carried 5 – 0.

GMS Students, Maddox Harris and Allison Zagonel, presented their Daughters of the American Revolution essays.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, reviewed the 5 Year Data trends for USD 248.

Aaron Coester moved, Adam Paoni seconded the motion to approve the USD 248 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Adam Paoni moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion for the approval of the roof bid from B-Squared Construction for the roof repair of the football ticket booths, pump house, Board Office and Middle School football garage in the amount of \$18,240. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Aaron Coester moved, Adam Paoni seconded the motion for approval of the of the roof bid from Advanced Roofing Technologies for the roof repair of the Early Education Center, RVH Kindergarten wing, and High School gym in the amount of \$92,180. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Adam Paoni moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion for the approval of the lawn mowing bid from Full House Lawn & Home Service amounting to \$970. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion for the approval of the bid from Arck Construction, for the RVH Soffit Repair, amounting to \$43,942. Motion carried 5 – 0.
Lori Johnson moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion for the approval to accept a bid to purchase a school bus. The bid from Marketing Inc. for \$25,000 was approved.
Motion carried 5 – 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Adam Paoni seconded the motion to approve moving the April 2026 Board of Education Meeting to April 16, 2026. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, presented the 6 Month Review of Strategic Plan.

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Lori Johnson moved, Adam Paoni seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:17 pm for a period of 10 minutes, for discussion of Non-Elected Personnel under KOMA, with Board Members and RVH Principal present. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Back to regular session at 7:27 pm.

Lori Johnson moved, Adam Paoni seconded the motion to approve the resignation of Angela Webster- GHS Scholars Bowl. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Lori Johnson moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to approve the following employment recommendations: Lauren Dugan, GMS Counselor beginning the 2026-2027 school year; Paul Walrod, GMS/GHS Band beginning the 2026-2027 school year; Jerry O'Rand, GMS Track Assistant Coach (Spring 2026); Patricia LaRoche, GHS Forensics Coach; Dana Crain, GHS Volleyball Head Coach; and Jeff McDonald, GHS Assistant Boy's Golf Coach (Spring 2026). Motion carried 5 -0.

Lori Johnson moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to approve the Principals' Contract Extensions as presented. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Principal's Reports in the Board Packets.

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

Southeast 637 Interlocal Report.

Adam Paoni moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion for adjournment of the meeting at 7:42 pm. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Randee Hanks
Clerk