

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
GIRARD, KS
July 9, 2026

The Board of Education of Unified School District 248 met in the Board Office on Thursday, July 9th, 2026. President, Dave Goble, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present were: Henry Ashbacher, 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; GHS Assistant Principal, Chris Swartz; GMS Principal, BJ Pruitt; RVH Principal, Tina Daniel; RVH Assistant Principal, Joni Benso; and Tucker Hudson, with Hometown Girard.

Absent were: Board Member, Roger Breneman and GHS Principal, Tim Davied.

Adam Paoni moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to approve Lori Johnson as President of the Board for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Dave Goble seconded the motion to approve Kelly Peak at the Chair-Elect (VP) for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Dave Goble seconded the motion to approve the following additions to the agenda: 37B- Recommendation of Hire; 42B- Insurance Approval; and 42B- Milk Bids. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion for the approval of the agenda, approval of the minutes from the June 11th, 2026 Board Meeting, approval of the treasurer's report and the bills be approved for payment, amounting to \$12,107,485.71. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Adam Paoni seconded the motion to approve the donation from Booster Club- \$300 for GHS Cheer. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Dave Goble moved, Aaron Coester 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 waiver 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 Jeff Wilkie 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 Jeff Wilkie 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.

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

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, presented the 2025-2026 budget closing information.

RVH Principal, Tina Daniel; GMS Principal, BJ Pruitt; and GHS Asst. Principal, Chris Swartz, presented the State Assessment review.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Adam Paoni seconded the motion to approve the Building Needs Assessment and State Assessment Review to Assist the USD 248 BOE in the development of the 2026-2027 District Budget as presented. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, presented the facilities report.

Aaron Coester moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:05 pm. for a period of 10 minutes, for discussion of Non-Elected Personnel under KOMA, with Board Members and Administration. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Back to regular session at 7:15 pm.

Dave Goble moved, Kelly Peak seconded the motion to approve the following resignations: Lindsey Scheibe, RVH Teacher; and James Light, Custodian. Motion carried 6 - 0.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to approve the following employment recommendations: Katelyn Lewis, RVH Teacher; and David Riddle, Custodian. Motion carried 6 – 0.

RVH Asst. Principal, Joni Benso, presented the Marzano Report.

Principal's Reports in the Board Packets.

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

Southeast 637 Interlocal and Greenbush report.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Adam Paoni seconded the motion to approve the Health Insurance changes as presented. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Dave Goble seconded the motion to accept the milk bid proposal from Highland Dairy. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Kelly Peak moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the adjournment of the meeting at 7:50pm. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Randee Hanks
Clerk