

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – December 11, 2025

President Troy Hilt called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. in the administration office. All board members were present. Attendees included Susan Dinkel, Delbert Schmidt, Tania Quintero, Traci Nietzel, Brooke Lohr, ShayLinn Zweygardt, Katisha Wiegers, Sheree Wingo, and Melissa Keller.

Chris Hingst moved to approve the agenda. Shawna Blanka seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Counselor Katisha Wiegers presented ACT and Pre-ACT data, reviewed scores, identified areas for improvement, and discussed strategies to increase ACT performance. The average Pre-ACT 8/9 Assessment had 9 of 21 students scoring 20 or higher.

The board reviewed and approved the consent calendar on a motion by Bruce Swihart, seconded by Chris Hingst. Approved items included: a) Minutes of the November 13, 2025 regular board meeting; b) Payment of bills with checks 18866-18920 from FNB Bank totaling \$327,495.51; c) Cash Summary Report (no transfers from General Fund to Special Ed Fund), Grade School Activity Fund Report, and High School Activity Fund Report as of November 30, 2025; d) Acceptance of a \$500 gift from Tom and Lea Keller, through The Ed and Rachel Keller Family Fund at the Cheyenne County, Kansas Community Foundation, designated for Touch Wall yearbook scanning.

Committee Reports – None

Under Old Business: Superintendent Penka led a discussion on the potential adoption of a four-day school week starting in the 2026-2027 school year. The board agreed to seek additional input and tabled any decisions until more information is available. Further discussion will take place at the January board meeting.

Under New Business: Superintendent Penka reviewed board policy updates recommended by KASB. Shawna Blanka moved to accept the updates, Danielle McAtee seconded, and the motion carried.

Under New Business: Superintendent Penka presented the annual renewal of KESA school accreditation. J.W. Milliken moved to approve the renewal, Bruce Swihart seconded, and the motion carried.

Under New Business: Superintendent Penka provided the annual Workers' Compensation update. No action was taken.

Under New Business: J.W. Milliken resigned from the board of education at the conclusion of the meeting. He expressed appreciation for the board's dedication and stated he will miss working with the group.

Parting gifts were presented to departing board members.

A special meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8, at 7:00 a.m. to appoint a new board member to complete J.W. Millikan's term. This action complies with state law, providing 15 days' notice after publication in the St. Francis Herald.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. Chris Hingst moved to adjourn; Bruce Swihart seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

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BOARD PRESIDENT