



OFFICIAL MINUTES
ROYAL VALLEY USD #337
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, August 26, 2026

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 337, Jackson County, Kansas, was held on **Wednesday, August 26, 2026** at the District Office, 101 W. Main, Mayetta, KS 66509, at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Ann Kelly:	Present
Kelli Lambrecht:	Absent
Rhonda Lefferd:	Present
Joe Mitchell:	Absent
Ruth Slocum:	Present
Boone Smith:	Present
Adele Wahwassuck:	Present

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call

1.2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Action(s):

Move to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. This motion, made by Rhonda Lefferd and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

2. CONSENT ITEMS

Action(s):

Move to approve consent items as presented. This motion, made by Ruth Slocum and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

2.1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

2.2. Approval of Labor Donation from Ehrhart Excavating

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion: There were no public comments.

4. BOARD TOPICS

4.1. Board Discussion Items for Future Consideration

Discussion: There were no discussion items for future consideration.

4.2. Appoint KASB Delegate Assembly Voting Member

Action(s):

Move to appoint Ann Kelly as the KASB Delegate Voting Member for 2026-27. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

4.3. Discuss Facility Prioritization List

Discussion: Mr. Davis presented the District's facility prioritization list. The Board discussed the list.

4.4. Discuss the Request from the City of Hoyt on Annexation of Land

Discussion: The Board discussed the annexation request from the city of Hoyt for the acreage south and east of the Hoyt schools. A motion was made and carried.

Action(s):

Move to disapprove the annexation request from the city of Hoyt for the acreage south and east of the Hoyt schools. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

5. **RECEIVE REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

5.1. Hear Request from FFA for the 2026 National Convention

Action(s):

Move to approve the out of state trip for the FFA National Convention and the district financial support for the sponsors costs for the convention as presented. This motion, made by Rhonda Lefferd and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

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5.2. Receive Updated Enrollment Projections

Discussion: Mr. Davis presented the updated enrollment projections after the first day of school.

5.3. Hear Assistant Superintendent Curriculum Update

Discussion: Mr. Slay presented an update on the curriculum adoption process for the 2026-2027 school year. He also discussed professional development and mentoring activities taking place this year.

6. **OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS**

6.1. Consider Approval of District Policies

Action(s):

Move to approve KASB recommended policies DFE, EBBE, EE, GAAC, IDAD, IHF, JB, JBC, JBCB, JBCB Regulation, JBCC, JGEC, JGFGA, JGFGAA, JQKA, and JRB as presented. In addition the IDAD Title I Programs Policy. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.2. Recess Regular Board Meeting for RNR Hearing

Action(s):

Move to recess the regular Board meeting to conduct the RNR Hearing at 7:10 pm. The regular meeting will resume at 7:20 pm. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Rhonda Lefferd, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.3. Conduct Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing at 7:10 pm

Discussion: The District conducted it's revenue neutral rate hearing. Gilbert Hall, citizen, took a few minutes to share his opinions on the revenue neutral rate resolution. A motion was made and voting occurred via a roll-call vote.

Action(s):

Move to adopt resolution 2026-9 which authorizes the district to exceed the revenue neutral rate for the 2026-27 district budget by roll-call vote. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.4. Recess Regular Board Meeting to Conduct the Public Budget Hearing

Action(s):

Move to recess the regular Board meeting to conduct the public budget hearing at 7:25 pm and to return at 7:30 pm. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Boone Smith, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.5. Conduct 2026-27 District Budget Hearing at 7:25 pm

Discussion: The District Budget hearing was held. There were no public comments.

6.6. Consider Approval of 2026-27 Proposed Budget and LOB Percentage

Action(s):

Move to approve the 2026-27 district budget as presented recognizing that the budget was built using recommendations from the building needs assessments and state assessment barrier review that was conducted by the Board at the August 12, 2026 regular Board meeting. Also included in this motion is to approve resolution 2026-10 to adopt a 32.4% LOB percentage for the current budget year. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.7. Consider Executive Session to Discuss Individual Employee Performance Pursuant to the Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA

Action(s):

Move to go into executive session to discuss individual employee performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, inviting Aaric Davis and to return to open session at 8:03 PM. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.8. Consider Personnel Items

Action(s):

I move to approve the resignation of Neale Sutton as PM Bus Driver. This motion, made by Adele Wahwassuck and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

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Move to approve the hire of Arnold (Frank) Bell as PM Bus Driver and Ryan Russell as RVHS evening custodian. This motion, made by Ruth Slocum and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

7. **BOARD DISCUSSION AND STUDY**

7.1. Clarifications

7.2. Employee Recognition

8. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING BOE OPPORTUNITIES**

8.1. Pride of Hoyt Days - Saturday, August 29, 2026 - All Day

8.2. Labor Day Holiday - Monday, September 7, 2026 - No School

8.3. Booster Club Membership Drive Dinner, Friday, September 11, 2026 at 5:30 pm

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

9.1. Meeting Adjournment

Action(s):

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. This motion, made by Adele Wahwassuck and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Sherri Schulte, Board Clerk
Board of Education
USD #337, Mayetta, Kansas

Date Approved

Boone Smith, Board President
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