

Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, November 10, 2025 6:00 PM

Board of Education Office, 1619 S. Old Hwy 75, Sabetha, KS 66534

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM. Phillip Buessing: Present, Todd Grimes: Present, Stan Keim: Present, Kathy Lippert: Present, Doug Renyer: Absent, Jim Scoby: Present, Leslie Scoby: Present. Present: 6, Absent: 1. Board member Kathy Lippert attended by phone. Also present were Superintendent Rob McKim, Board Clerk Deb Damman, and others on the attached sign-in sheet.

1. Call Meeting To Order

2. Approve Agenda As Presented Or Amended

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Jim Scoby and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3. Public comment

Description:

READ BY BOE PRESIDENT:

The board appreciates patrons taking time to talk to us about our policies and procedures. We are setting aside this time to hear from the public. Your comments should be directed towards board policies or the procedures our administrators establish to carry out those policies.

This is not an appropriate time or place for patrons to make comments of a personal nature about any district employee or student. Persons making comments which violate the privacy rights of district employees and students will be asked to stop speaking or cease their remarks. If a patron or parent has a concern with one or more employees, the board will refer that person to the appropriate administrator, and the board will follow up at a future meeting.

Persons speaking will be allowed three (3) minutes each to express their opinions. In cases where a large number of patrons have similar opinions, a single speaker should be chosen to represent the larger group.

Thank you for taking your time to discuss district business with the board.

- Members of the Public
- Student Council
- PTO

- Site Council
- Booster Club
- PHEA
- USD 113 Foundation
- Legislative Update
- Other Student Groups

Discussion: There were no members of the public to speak.

4. Administrative Reports:

Description:

Whitney McGinnis - Axtell

Nate Bauman - SHS

Matt Garber - SMS

Andrew Lillie - SES

Lisa Suhr

5. Consent Agenda

Description:

- Approve Minutes from October 13, 2025 Regular Meeting
- Approve Financial Reports:
 - APS
 - SHS
 - SMS
 - SES
 - USD #113
- Approve payment of October bills for the amount of \$797,810.47
 - Approve October payroll for the amount of \$673,119.79
- Approve the following donations:
 - Axtell Booster Club: \$234.81 - Cross Country Team meal at State, \$462.14 - Volleyball Team meat at State
 - Sunflower Community Credit Union (Marysville): \$250 - Eagle pals, \$170 - Library Incentive
 - Kansas Insurance Group: \$250 - Bluejay Way Allstar Program
- Resignations: SHS Head Volleyball - Abigail Stueve; Board Clerk - Deb Damman; AHS Assistant Volleyball - Rose Kuckelman
- Contracts: Mary Ostrander - Food Service; Curtis Hamilton - Asst HS Softball;

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Phillip Buessing and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6. Roof repair at Axtell schools - Discussion and approval

Discussion: Mr. McKim explained the proposed repairs on Axtell's roof.

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the bid for \$51,267.04 to repair the sections of the Axtell roof as presented, roof sections A, B, and C. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Stan Keim, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

7. Approve a Co-op partnership agreement between Axtell Junior High and Onaga Junior High for football in the 26-27 school year.

Discussion: Mr. McKim presented the proposed co-op partnership agreement between Axtell Junior High and Onaga Junior High football.

Jim Scoby said he would support the motion, but he is concerned about the extra time kids would be out of school.

Action(s):

I move to approve the Axtell Junior High football Co-op agreement with Onaga Jr. High as presented. This motion, made by Phillip Buessing and seconded by Stan Keim, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8. Discuss appointing new USD 113 Foundation board representatives

Discussion: Phillip Buessing and Doug Renyer will be leaving prior to the January USD 113 Foundation meeting, and replacements need to be named prior to then.

9. Superintendent Report

9.A. New school board member congratulations and process

Discussion: Tim Aberle and Ann Shaughnessy have been elected as new board members.

9.B. Hiring plan for Clerk/Business Manager position

Discussion: Mr. McKim would like to have a proposed replacement by the December board meeting. Mr. McKim suggested that a couple of Board members be a part of the hiring process. He also recommended a change from Board Clerk to Board Clerk/Accounting Manager. Todd Grimes volunteered to be a part of the hiring process, as well as Jim Scoby.

9.C. Update District Wide Data - Suhr

Discussion: Mrs. Suhr provided an update the Ages and Stages for incoming kindergartners, and WorkKeys for high school Juniors.

10. Board Business

10.A. Response to Public Comment

Discussion: President Scoby thought there was excellent parent-teacher conference participation. She thanked Axtell Booster Club, Sunflower Community Credit, and Kansas Insurance Group for their donations. She also thanked the Principals for a good start to the year.

10.B. Board member recognitions

11. Executive Session

11.A. Attorney-Client privilege

Action(s):

I move that we go into executive session using the Attorney-Client exception for 15 minutes to include Mr. McKim and Martin Mishler via zoom. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Stan Keim, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I move that we return to regular session. This motion, made by Phillip Buessing and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I move to go into executive session using the Attorney-Client exception for 5 minutes with Mr. McKim and Martin Mischler. This motion, made by Jim Scoby and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I move to return to regular session. This motion, made by Phillip Buessing and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

11.B. Student Exception

Action(s):

I move that we go into executive session using the student exception for 15 minutes to include Mr. McKim and Mr. Garber. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Stan Keim, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I move to return to regular session. This motion, made by Phillip Buessing and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried. Kathy Lippert, attending by phone, was not available for the vote but was present for the executive session.

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

I move that we go into executive session using the personnel exception for 15 minutes to include Mr. McKim and Mr. Garber. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried. Kathy Lippert, attending by phone, was not available for the vote but was present for the executive session.

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

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

I move to return to executive session using the student exception for 5 minutes with Mr. McKim and Mr. Garber. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried. Kathy Lippert, attending by phone, was not available for the vote but was present for the executive session.

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

I move to return to regular session. This motion, made by Phillip Buessing and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

11.C. Personnel Exception

Action(s):

I move that we go into executive session using the personnel exception for 10 minutes to include Mr. McKim. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I move to return to regular session. This motion, made by Phillip Buessing and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

12. Any action following executive session

Action(s):

I move to authorize an agreement between USD 113 and Sabetha Area Amateur Baseball Association (SAABA) for USD 113 to act as the fiscal agent as a party to a contract to install improvements to the Somerset Park Baseball complex with Mammoth Sports Construction, LLC; and, to enter into a long-term lease for the use of Somerset Park Baseball complex by USD 113. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13. Adjourn

Discussion: The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Action(s):

I move to adjourn. This motion, made by Phillip Buessing and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Board President

Board Clerk