

Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, August 10, 2026 6:00 PM

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

1. Call Meeting To Order

Discussion: In attendance was Superintendent Rob McKim and Board Clerk Kaitlin Shafer, along with guests listed on the attached sign-in sheet. Leslie Scoby called the meeting to order at 6pm with the Pledge of Alliegance and Jim Scoby led the prayer.

2. Approve Agenda As Presented Or Amended

Discussion: Michelle Stolzenberger, SHS Custodian was added to the Consent Agenda.

Action(s):

Motion to approve the agenda as amended. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

3. Public comment:

Description:

- Members of the Public
- Student Council
- PTO
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- Legislative Update
- Other Student Groups

Discussion: Sarah Hay stated that the teachers ratified the negotiated agreement.

4. Administrative Reports:

Description: Whitney McGinnis - Axtell

Nate Bauman - SHS

Matt Garber - SMS

Andrew Lillie - SES

Curtis Hamilton - DTL

Discussion: Andrew Lillie invited Board Members to High Five Friday at SES on August 21st.

5. Consent Agenda

Description:

- Approve Minutes from
- Approve Financial Reports:
 - APS
 - SHS
 - SMS
 - SES
 - USD #113
 - June SES
- Approve payment of July bills for the amount of \$1,468,942.08.
- Approve July payroll for the amount of \$457,975.64
- Approve the following donations:
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 - Shari Frey, SES SIT Team Member
- Contracts
 - Alanna McCorkle, SMS Kitchen Staff, Holly Younghuns, SHS Kitchen Staff, Cory Joy and Jenna Swinger, SHS Girls Basketball, Sara Edie, SES SIT Team

Member, Matt Walker, Substitute Custodian, Sarah Scoby, Substitute Teacher, Haley Fehr, Substitute Teacher, Michelle Stolzenberger, SHS Custodian (added)

- Personal Leave requests: Megan Hann
- Disposal items
 - 1991 Chevrolet 1500 Truck
- Approve the MHIT Grant for FY27
- Approve the KASB Legal Assistance Contract

Action(s):

Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Tim Aberle, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6. Approve FY27 Budget Code 99 for publication

Discussion: Rob McKim went over Code 99, it is attached.

Action(s):

Motion to approve the Budget Code 99 as presented. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Tim Aberle, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7. Approve notice of:

1. Hearing to exceed the Revenue Neutral Tax rate in the 26.27 school year for 5:50 pm Monday, September 14, 2026.

2. 26.27 Budget hearing for 5:55 pm Monday, September 14, 2026.

Discussion: Rob McKim stated that the district is Revenue Neutral, and that the district does not have to have the Revenue Neutral Hearing at 5:50pm on September 14, 2026. There will be a Budget Hearing at 5:55pm on September 14, 2026. Kathy Lippert suggested that they still hold the Revenue Neutral Meeting at 5:50pm, and board members agreed.

Action(s):

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 budget hearing for 5:55pm Monday, September 14, 2026. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Ann Shaughnessy, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Revenue Neutral hearing for 5:50pm Monday, September 14, 2026. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Ann Shaughnessy, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8. Approve Two-way and One-way communication options for Policy IIBGC (HB 2299)

Discussion: Rob McKim explained the communication options that the Admin has chosen to use for the 2026–2027 school year. Leslie Scoby asked if Facebook and Instagram have an option to make the post with the comment section turned off. Kathy Lippert asked if Seesaw has the option for someone to access to monitor what is being sent on the app.

Whitney McGinnis explained that she is an admin on her Seesaw account for Axtell, and she can view what is posted.

Action(s):

Motion to approve Email, Google Classroom, and Seesaw as two-way communication options and Facebook and Instagram as one-way communication options. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Tim Aberle, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9. Capitol Outlay Fund Plan discussion/update

Discussion: Rob McKim asked for questions and comments on the attached. The board members discussed different aspects of the Capitol Outlay plan with an emphasis on technology.

10. Approve pursuing Capitol Outlay purchases

Discussion: The Knights of Columbus will give a donation of \$5000 for Axtell security cameras. Ann Shaughnessy asked what the amount of the grant was that is helping to pay for the cameras, and how that would be split.

Action(s):

Motion to approve the purchase of a lawnmower for up to \$11,500. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Kathy Lippert, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to approve the purchase of Security cameras for the Axtell campus for up to \$18,000. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Ann Shaughnessy, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to move forward with the RFP process for the SES intercom system project. This motion, made by Tim Aberle and seconded by Stan Keim, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

11. Superintendent's Report

11.A. At-Risk Accountability Plan update

Discussion: Curtis Hamilton explained that there is a new At-Risk Accountability Plan. There will be additional reporting for students who are At-Risk, so that they can track improvement. There were discussions on cohorts, if grades can be combined and if they can be in different school buildings. It was also noted that the district will use testing that is already being done so it will not require additional testing.

11.B. State Board of Education candidate forum

Discussion: It will be held on Monday, August 17th at 6pm in Seneca. The candidates are Amy Cawvey and Jennifer Lloyd. Kathy Lippert asked for the date and time sent to her.

11.C. State Board of Education Special meeting on classroom technology and device use

Discussion: On August 12, 2026, at 9am there will be a State Board of Education meeting to discuss a potential statewide policy on classroom technology and device use. Kathy Lippert asked if a link could be sent out to board members.

12. Board Business

12.A. Public Comment Response

12.B. Recognition

Discussion: Leslie Scoby recognized the Axtell Community for donations. Ann Shaughnessy also gave recognition to the volunteers, and asked Whitney McGinnis to give an update on what had been done to the Axtell building (painting, removing paneling, removing wallpaper, flooring, etc.) Ann Shaughnessy said the booster club had donated over \$62,000 since January 1, 2026. Jim Scoby recognized the Sabetha Pharmacy for the back to school donations.

13. Executive Session

13.A. Employer-Employee Negotiations

Discussion: Rob McKim left the executive session at 7:43pm.

Action(s):

Motion to go into executive session with superintendent Rob McKim using the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA for 15 minutes. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to return to regular session. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Jim Scoby, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

14. Action from Executive Session

Action(s):

Motion to approve contractual changes, the Negotiated Agreement, USD 113 Administration compensation, and classified handbook changes as presented. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Ann Shaughnessy, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

15. Adjourn

Action(s):

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Ann Shaughnessy, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Board President

Board Clerk

USD #113 Prairie Hills
1619 Old US Hwy. 75
Sabetha, KS 66534
Location: BOE Office
Date: August 10, 2026
Board Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.

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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 113
Board of Education office
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Preparing Kids, Shaping the Future

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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.

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