

**MINUTES
LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MARCH 11, 2026**

The Lawrence County Board of Directors met in their regularly scheduled session on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 in the boardroom of the Superintendent's office at 5:00 p.m. Joe Penn was not in attendance.

Secretary Kai Rorex called the meeting to order and Brad Junkersfeld offered the prayer.

No public comment.

Superintendent Kersey welcomed Brad Junkersfeld and Chad Ditto to the Board.

MINUTES

Scott Brady moved to approve the minutes as presented. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Scott Brady made the motion to nominate Vickie Mitchell for the board president position. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Kai Rorex made the motion to nominate Scott Brady for the board vice president position. Brad Junkersfeld seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Scott Brady made the motion to nominate Kai Rorex for the board secretary position. Chad Ditto seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS

President Vickie Mitchell moved to the Superintendent's Report. The first item was Old Business. Superintendent Kersey informed the Board that cameras had been installed at the gym and that door closures in the dressing rooms had been repaired. Repairs also have been made at the baseball/softball concession. He also stated the district had applied for a K-2 reading curriculum grant. Superintendent Kersey stated he had met with the PPC committees concerning the 2026-2027 school calendar. Superintendent Kersey stated that he and Leslie Lamb, District Treasurer attended a budget training session at the Northeast Educational Cooperative.

NEW BUSINESS

The next item was New Business. Kai Rorex moved to approve payment of the bills. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey gave an update on the Financial Reports.

Admin reports HB1535/ACT were presented to board members.

Scott Brady and Chad Ditto were selected as the Commencement Speaker Committee for the 2026 Commencement.

Superintendent Kersey presented for approval the 3 Freedom of Choice applications for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year. Pat Roby moved to approve the applications as presented. Kai Rorex seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board approve payment of the High School Scholarship Awards. Kai Rorex moved to approve the awards. Chad Ditto seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Key card door purchase was tabled.

Superintendent Kersey presented the alternative calendar for approval. Scott Brady moved to approve the calendar. Brad Junkersfeld seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey presented the Board with lawn care bids with a recommendation to employ Ace Lawn Care. Pat Roby moved to approve the recommendation. Brad Junkersfeld seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board approve the Freedom of Choice Resolution for the 2026-2027 school year. Kai Rorex moved to approve the resolution. Scott Brady seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Approved Transfers:

Hoxie School District-Cadyn Woodson, Jaydlynn Kitchen, Isaiah and Abel Maronde

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:02p.m. President Vickie Mitchell called for the Board to go into Executive session for discussing personnel issues.

At 6:45p.m. the Board reconvened and conducted the following business:

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board accept the coaching resignation of Vanessa Hufstедler. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Kai Rorex seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board accept the resignation of Elisabeth Schoenecke, K-6 music teacher. Pat Roby moved to approve the recommendation. Kai Rorex seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board accept the resignation of Tralee Ellington, Literacy teacher. Kai Rorex moved to approve the recommendation. Brad Junkersfeld seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board accept the resignation of Thomas Ford, high school teacher. Kai Rorex moved to approve the recommendation. Scott Brady seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the board rehire the certified personnel as listed for the 2026-2027 school year. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Chad Ditto seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board employ summer school teachers, Tracy Hallman, Natalie Wallin, and Jerry Haynes. Brad Junkersfeld moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board employ ACT summer teachers, Becky Robinson, Jerry Haynes, and Ashton Roby. Kai Rorex moved to approve the recommendation. Brad Junkersfeld seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board employ cafeteria/custodian worker, Karissa Brown. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Kai Rorex seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS

The next meeting of the Lawrence County School Board was set for April 13 at 5:00p.m. At 7:10p.m. Scott Brady moved to adjourn the meeting. Kai Rorex seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

**Kai Rorex,
Secretary**