

## **Minutes**

### **Lawrence County School Board Meeting September 17, 2025**

The Lawrence County School Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday September 17, 2025 in the boardroom of the Superintendent's office at 5:00 p.m. President Brittany Farmer and Vickie Mitchell were not in attendance.

Vice President Adam Davis called the meeting to order and Scott Brady offered the prayer.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No requests for public comments.

#### **MINUTES**

Scott Brady moved to approve the August minutes, Kai Rorex seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

In old business, Superintendent Kersey stated new sound systems have been purchased for the old gymnasium and the football field. He also stated the new gymnasium sound system had been repaired with the possibility of being replaced in the future. Superintendent Kersey informed them our present enrollment is at 1019. He said at the high school VSC would be doing a walkthrough to finalize plans for the new fire alarm system and that Pocahontas glass would be repairing the awning behind the old gymnasium. Superintendent Kersey stated he met with the certified and non-certified personal policy committees and would move forward on recommendations.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

In new business, Joe Penn made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Kai Rorex seconded. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey presented the financial report and the Admin reports for the district.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board approve the class size compensation to the contract of Felissa Craig, Grant Smith, Ann Marie Brodgon, and Angela Horner for the 2025-2026 school year. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board approve the 2025-2026 Budget. Joe Penn made the motion to approve the budget, seconded by Scott Brady. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board accept the \$1000 bid from Roni S Whited for the 2005 Dodge truck. Kai Rorex moved to approve the recommendation. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board accept the bid from IK Electric for the door project at the high school. Pat Roby moved to approve the recommendation. Kai Seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board approve the GEPA Assurances and Statement. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Kai Rorex seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey approved the following student transfer petitions:

Transfer to Walnut Ridge

Colton Miller

Transfer to Hoxie

Adalyn Cain

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 6:00pm.

The Board reconvened at 6:42pm and conducted the following business.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board employ Diana Vargas as a paraprofessional aide. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Kai Rorex seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey made the recommendation to employ Tammy Winfrey as a substitute in the cafeteria. Kai Rorex moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey made the recommendation to employ Richard Fleming as a part time maintenance worker. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey presented the Cyber Response Plan to be approved. Pat Roby moved to approve the plan as presented. Kai Rorex seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

The SRO purchases and the adjacent property were tabled.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

In Other/Miscellaneous Business, the Board agreed to set the date for the Annual School Board Public Meeting on October 13, at 6:00pm after the regularly scheduled board meeting. The Board was given the dates of the Regional Board meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be discussed, meeting was adjourned at 6:42p.m. upon motion of Scott Brady and seconded by Joe Penn, and motion carried.

Kai Rorex

Secretary

