Minutes
Lawrence County School Board Meeting
September 21, 2026

The Lawrence County School Board of Directors met in regular session on Monday September 21, 2026 in the boardroom of the Superintendent's office at 5:00 p.m. Joe Penn and Scott Brady were not in attendance.

President Vickie Mitchell called the meeting and offered the prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No requests for public comments.

MINUTES
Kai Rorex moved to approve the August minutes, Chad Ditto seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS
In old business, Superintendent Kersey informed the Board that District enrollment was at 989. Superintendent Kersey gave the Board an update on the cafeteria and the new changes that are in progress. He also informed them that district golf tournament would be on September 22. Mr. Kersey commended the Walnut Ridge High School for scoring a B on the school report card.

NEW BUSINESS
In new business, Pat Roby made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Brad Junkersfeld 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 Leave Policy. Brad Junkersfeld moved to approve the recommendation. Chad Ditto seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board approve the 2026-2027 Budget/AFR. Kai Rorex made the motion to approve the budget, seconded by Pat Roby. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board approve moving up to $600,000 from the building fund to operating fund to be used as needed. Kai Rorex moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board approve the AI policy. Brad Junkersfeld moved to approve the recommendation. Chad Ditto seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey discussed the purchase of football seating in the future. No decision was made at this time.

Transferring to the District
Aryanna Keck
Madison Patterson
Arabella Baiza
Travis Oden

Transferring to Cave City
Kelsey Malewski

Transferring to Valley View
Gracie Gilliam

Transferring to Hoxie from Sloan
Savannah Dotson

Transferring to Hoxie
Ryleigh, Chasity, and Cannon Crawford

Transferring to Sloan
Luke Harvey

EXECUTIVE SESSION
The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 5:45pm.
The Board reconvened at 6:25pm and conducted the following business.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board employ Pamela Rogers as a cafeteria worker and retro her contract to September 8, 2026. Pat Roby moved to approve the recommendation. Brad Junkersfeld seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey made the recommendation to employ Erin Manning as assistant pee wee cheer coach. Kai Rorex moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey made the recommendation to accept the resignation of Amy Ellis, custodian. Kai Rorex moved to approve the recommendation. Chad Ditto seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

OTHER BUSINESS
In Other/Miscellaneous Business, the Board agreed to set the date for the Annual School Board Public Meeting on October 12, at 6:00pm after the regularly scheduled board meeting. The Board was given the date of the Regional Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be discussed, meeting was adjourned at 6:45p.m. upon motion of Kai Rorex and seconded by Pat Roby, and motion carried.

Kai Rorex
Secretary