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MINUTES
USD #325 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

The Board of Education of Phillipsburg USD 325 met in regular session Monday, February 9, 2026 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office, 240 S. 7th Street, Phillipsburg. Members present when the meeting was called to order were: Shawn Hoover, President; Brock Johnson, Vice-President; Rick Dusin, member; Terek Molzahn, member; and Justin Taylor, member. Danielle Bohl, member; and Jesse Pfortmiller, member, were absent.

Officials present: Michael Gower, Superintendent; and Angela Thompson, Clerk.

Other interested persons: Crystal Laurin, Elementary School Principal; Terra Keeten, Middle School Principal; and Todd Bowman, High School Principal.

CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Hoover, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA

Shawn Hoover moved the consent agenda including January 12, 2026 regular meeting minutes, treasurer's report, warrants, and items added to the agenda be approved as presented. Justin Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

REPORT TO THE BOARD BY
THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent updated the Board on bills in the Kansas Legislature including the proposed requirement to verify gross income for free lunch eligibility.

Mr. Gower presented two bids for exterior painting at the high school. Following discussion, Brock Johnson moved the Board approve the lower bid from Rume's Renovations, LLC in the amount of \$35,000.00 to be completed Summer 2026. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

DRIVERS EDUCATION
DATES & INSTRUCTORS

One session of driver's education is scheduled for May 18, 2026 through June 29, 2026. J.B. Covington and Kelsi Blew will be instructors. Brock Johnson moved the Board approve the driver's education session and staff, as recommended. A fee of \$100 will be charged for all currently enrolled USD 325 students and a \$250 fee for non-USD 325 students. Justin Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

NCKSEC INTERLOCAL
#636 REPORT

Justin Taylor reported on the recent Interlocal meeting.

PERSONNEL

Shawn Hoover moved the Board enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes, until 6:15 p.m., for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Mr. Gower, Mr. Bowman, Mrs. Keeten, and Mrs. Laurin were asked to be present. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:15 p.m.

Shawn Hoover moved the Board re-enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes, until 6:21 p.m., for the same purpose as stated above. Mr. Gower, Mr. Bowman, Mrs. Keeten, and Mrs. Laurin were asked to remain. Justin Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:21 p.m. No action taken.

CONTRACT APPROVAL

Shawn Hoover moved the Board approve the following contract:

Wilkerson, Kai – Family and Consumer Science/FCCLA 2026-2027 School Year

Terek Molzahn seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

REQUEST FOR USE OF
SCHOOL FACILITIES

Information

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

MINUTES RECORDED:

DATE: