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MINUTES
USD #325 BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 13, 2025

The Board of Education of Phillipsburg USD 325 met in regular session Monday, January 13, 2025 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; Danielle Bohl, member; Rick Dusin, member; and Justin Taylor, member. Tyson Wisinger, member, arrived at 6:03 p.m. Todd Kennedy, member, was absent.

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

Other interested persons: Crystal Laurin, Elementary School Principal; and Nathan Strasburg, Middle School Principal.

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

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL Shawn Hoover moved the consent agenda including December 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes, treasurer's report, warrants, and items added to the agenda be approved as presented. Brock Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS Thank You Cards

REPORT TO THE BOARD BY
THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent reported that the district had received the following grants:
Grants: Phillips County Community Foundation \$350 to each building totaling \$1,050 for student needs

Danielle Bohl moved the Board accept the grants as listed. Justin Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Gower shared the school nurse report for Fall 2024.

Mr. Gower further discussed the Kansas State Department of Education's recommendation that students should not have access to their cell phones at any point during the school day, and shared how a couple of area schools are implementing restrictions on student cell phone use. It was the general consensus of the Board members to have Mr. Gower do further research to see how other school districts are handling the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS Shawn Hoover moved the election of officers be moved to the July 2025 Board meeting. Brock Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETINGS

Danielle Bohl moved the Board approve the following meeting place, time, and dates:

Meeting Place: Board of Education office, unless crowded conditions exist, at which time the board meeting will be moved to larger accommodations, or adjourn to another time and place. (The Board of Education may adjourn any regular meeting to another time and place.)

Time of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. CST (unless noted otherwise)

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2025:

February 10	Monday Board Meeting
March 10	Monday Board Meeting
April 14	Monday Board Meeting/Teacher Evaluation & Contracts
May 12	Monday Board Meeting
June 9	Monday Board Meeting
July 14	Monday Board Meeting
August 11	Monday Board Meeting
September 8	Monday Board Meeting
October 13	Monday Board Meeting
November 10	Monday Board Meeting
December 8	Monday Board Meeting
January 12, 2026	Monday Board Meeting

Justin Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**NCKSEC INTERLOCAL
#636 REPORT**

Tyson Wisinger reported on the recent Interlocal meeting.

PERSONNEL

Shawn Hoover moved the Board enter into executive session for a period of 20 minutes, until 6:39 p.m., for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed. Mr. Gower, Mrs. Laurin, and Mr. Strasburg were asked to be present. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:39 p.m.

Shawn Hoover moved the Board re-enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes, until 6:50 p.m., for the same purpose as stated above. Mr. Gower was asked to remain. Brock Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:50 p.m. No action taken.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
TEAM CONTRACTS**

Tyson Wisinger moved the Board extend the following administrative contracts until July 31, 2027, with salary to be determined at a later date:

Bowman, Todd – High School Principal
Laurin, Crystal – Elementary School Principal
Strasburg, Nathan – Middle School Principal

Brock Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

RESIGNATION

Danielle Bohl moved the Board accept the following resignation:

Billings, Jessica – High School STUCO Sponsor effective end of 2024-2025 School Year

Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

MINUTES RECORDED:

DATE: