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**MINUTES
USD # 325 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

The Board of Education of Phillipsburg USD 325 met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2025 at the Board of Education Office, 240 S. 7th Street, Phillipsburg. Members present when the meeting was called to order were: Shawn Hoover, President; Rick, Dusin, member; Jesse Pfortmiller, member; and Justin Taylor, member. Brock Johnson, Vice-President; Danielle Bohl, member; and Tyson Wisinger, member, were absent

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

Other interested persons: Crystal Laurin, Elementary 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 August 11, 2025 regular meeting minutes, treasurer's report, warrants, and items added to the agenda be approved as presented. Jesse Pfortmiller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMUNICATIONS None

**COMMUNITY
PRESENTATIONS** None

**REPORT TO THE BOARD BY
THE SUPERINTENDENT**

The Superintendent shared current enrollment numbers of 500 K-12 students and 56 PreK students. The September 22nd count will be the official number.

Mr. Gower discussed capital outlay projects including painting at the elementary and high schools, new windows at the elementary school, fire rated doors at the middle school as well as some replacements at the elementary and high schools, new visitors seating at the stadium, and more cement repair on the elementary school drive-through.

The Superintendent shared the School Improvement and Site Council Committee member list for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Gower further presented a part-time student request. Following discussion, Jesse Pfortmiller moved the Board approve the request as presented. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board discussed a proposed policy to allow all full-time district students attending in person classes to be admitted free of charge to district sponsored home games in an effort to support school activities and build community. Students in grade K-4 would be required to be accompanied by an adult, and student passes or identification may also be required. The general consensus of the Board was to gather more information including current student attendance and costs to implement the proposed changes and to reconsider the policy change at a future time outside of the sports season.

NEW BUSINESS

2025-2026 REVENUE NEUTRAL

RATE HEARING Following discussion, Shawn Hoover moved the Board adopt a resolution to approve exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate to finance the 2025-2026 Budget. Justin Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Resolution was adopted by roll call vote. (A copy of the resolution is attached to, and becomes a part of, these official minutes.)

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

**2025-2026 BUDGET
HEARING**

Following discussion, Jesse Pfortmiller moved the Board approve the 2025-2026 Budget based on the state and building needs assessment information provided to and evaluated by the Board. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**LOCAL OPTION BUDGET
PERCENTAGE**

Following discussion, Rick Dusin moved the Board authorize by resolution the LOB of 32.3% for the 2025-2026 School Year. Jesse Pfortmiller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. (A copy of the resolution is attached to, and becomes a part of, these official minutes.)

**AGREEMENTS WITH
OTHER GROUPS**

Following discussion, Shawn Hoover moved the Board approve the School Nurse Contract with Phillips County Health Department. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**NCKSEC INTERLOCAL
#636 REPORT**

Mr. Gower reported on recent activity.

PERSONNEL

Shawn Hoover moved the Board enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes, until 6:54 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 was asked to be present. Jesse Pfortmiller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:54 p.m.

Shawn Hoover moved the Board re-enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes, until 7:05 p.m., for the same purpose as stated above. Mr. Gower was asked to remain. Jesse Pfortmiller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:05 p.m. No action taken.

**REQUEST FOR USE OF
SCHOOL FACILITIES** Information

OUT-OF-DISTRICT REQUESTS TO

ATTEND USD #325 Jesse Pfortmiller moved the Board approve the out of district requests to attend USD 325 for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Justin Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. (The list is attached to, and becomes a part of, these official minutes.)

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

MINUTES RECORDED:

DATE: