



OFFICIAL MINUTES
ROYAL VALLEY USD #337
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, January 28, 2026

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 337, Jackson County, Kansas, was held on **Wednesday, January 28, 2026** at the District Office, 101 W. Main, Mayetta, KS 66509, at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Ann Kelly: Present
Kelli Lambrecht: Present
Rhonda Lefferd: Absent
Joe Mitchell: Present
Ruth Slocum: Present
Boone Smith: Present
Adele Wahwassuck: Present
Ruth Slocum: Absent

MINUTES

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

1.1. Roll Call

Discussion: In addition to the Board and Superintendent, Aaric Davis, the following were also in attendance: Taylor Holte, Board Clerk; Noah Slay — Dir. of Curriculum/Deputy Board Clerk; and Ali Holcomb - Holton Recorder.

1.2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Action(s):

Move to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Boone Smith, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Action(s):

Move to approve consent items as presented. This motion, made by Joe Mitchell and seconded by Ruth Slocum, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2.1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.2. Approval of School Meal Donations from Mayetta Masonic Lodge

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

3.1. Public Comment

3.2. Board Member Appreciation Month

Discussion: Mr. Davis expressed thanks and appreciation to the Board and pie was provided for Board Member Appreciation Month.

4. **BOARD TOPICS**

4.1. Board Discussion Items for Future Consideration

4.2. Discuss BOE Meeting Start Times for Future Meetings

Discussion: At the last Board meeting, it was brought up to discuss the possibility of moving up the Wednesday evening BOE meeting start times. We will continue the conversation during the next meeting.

4.3. Legislative Update

Discussion: Mr. Davis shared with the Board on relevant topics being discussed in the State legislature that could have a current of future impact on the school district.

4.4. Distribute the KASB December 2025 Recommended Policy Packet

Discussion: Mr. Davis shared the KASB recommended policies for review by the Board. He plans to work through these policies with the administrative team and bring recommendations back to the Board in February.

4.5. Discuss Possible Solutions to Student Dysregulation in the Classroom that Interrupts Learning

Discussion: Mr. Davis led an open discussion about possible solutions to student dysregulation in the classroom that interrupts learning. The Board asked questions and discussed.

5. **RECEIVE REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

5.1. Receive Preliminary Enrollment Projections for 2025-2026

Discussion: Mr. Davis presented to the Board a preliminary idea of what our enrollment may be for the upcoming school year. These numbers are still a little arbitrary until we get past Kindergarten round-up.

5.2. Receive Fee Recommendations for the 2025-2026 school year.

Discussion: Mr. Davis presented to the Board the current fees for students in families in the district as well as any proposed changes to the fees for the upcoming school year. We will not review food service fees until later in the school year.

Action(s):

Move to approve the student fee recommendations for the 2025-26 school year as presented. This motion, made by Joe Mitchell and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5.3. Hear State Assessment Overview

Discussion: Mr. Slay presented to the Board the State Assessment testing windows and plans for the spring 2026 testing cycle.

5.4. Receive the KSDE Accountability Report for 2024-2025 School Year

Discussion: The Kansas Department of Education has released the accountability reports that are posted online for all districts within the state. Mr. Davis shared a copy of our report that shows our statistics from the 2024-25 school year. He reviewed this with the Board.

5.5. Hear Report on January 19 In-Service Opportunities

Discussion: Mr. Slay presented to the Board the learning opportunities that our teaching staff participated in during the January 19, 2026 in-service date.

6. **OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS**

6.1. Consider Approval of 2026-2027 District Calendar

Action(s):

Move to approve the district calendar as presented for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.2. Consider Approval of the Fiscal Audit from Varney and Associates

Action(s):

move to approve the 2024-2025 fiscal audit by Varney and Associates as presented. This motion, made by Kelli Lambrecht and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.3. Consider Approval of RVES/RVMS Classroom Renovation Bid for Summer 2026

Action(s):

Move to approve the base bid and bid alternate 1 from Shirley Construction in the amount of \$453,049 to complete our summer 2026 classroom renovations as presented. This motion, made by Adele Wahwassuck and seconded by Joe Mitchell, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.4. Consider Executive Session to Discuss Individual Employee Performance Pursuant to the Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA.

Action(s):

Move to go into executive session to discuss individual employee performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, inviting Aaric Davis, and to return to open session at 8:08 pm. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.5. Consider Executive Session to Discuss the Negotiations Letter Pursuant to the Exception for Employer-Employee Negotiations under KOMA.

Action(s):

Move to go into executive session to discuss the negotiations letter pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, inviting Aaric Davis and to return to open session at 8:13 pm. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Joe Mitchell, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.6. Consider Approval of Personnel Items

6.7. Consider Administrative Contract Extensions

Action(s):

Move to approve contract extensions to include the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years for Noah Slay, Cassie Geis, Keith Glotzbach, Cale Green, Jonathan Goering, Justin Moore and Elizabeth VanHoutan. This motion, made by Ann Kelly and seconded by Adele Wahwassuck, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

7. **BOARD DISCUSSION AND STUDY**

7.1. Clarifications

8. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING BOE OPPORTUNITIES**

8.1. King & Queen of Courts - January 30, 2026 - 4:30pm

8.2. Senior Night Wrestling - Thursday, February 5, 2025

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

9.1. Meeting Adjournment

Action(s):

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. This motion, made by Boone Smith and seconded by Ann Kelly, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Sherri Schulte, Board Clerk
Board of Education
USD #337, Mayetta, Kansas

Date Approved

Boone Smith, Board President
Board of Education
USD #337, Mayetta, Kansas