Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2026 6:00 PM
Board of Education Office, 1619 S. Old Hwy 75, Sabetha, KS 66534

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM. Tim Aberle: Present, Todd Grimes: Present, Stan Keim: Absent, Kathy Lippert: Present, Jim Scoby: Present, Leslie Scoby: Present, Ann Shaughnessy: Present. Present: 6, Absent: 1.

1. **Call Meeting To Order**

2. **Approve Agenda As Presented Or Amended**

3. **Public comment:**

Description:

- Members of the Public
- Student Council
- PTO
- Site Council
- Booster Club
- PHEA
- USD 113 Foundation
- Legislative Update
- Other Student Groups

4. **Administrative Reports:**

Description: Whitney McGinnis - Axtell
Nate Bauman - SHS
Matt Garber - SMS
Andrew Lillie - SES
Lisa Suhr

5. **Consent Agenda** **4**

Description:

- Approve Minutes from February 2026
- Approve Financial Reports:
    - APS
    - SHS
    - SMS

    - SES
    - USD #113
- Approve payment of January bills for the amount of $1.292.015.09
- Approve February payroll for the amount of $661,205.52
- Approve the following donations:
    - Coperion - Two TV's and TV Stand ($3000) to SHS for Wrestling meets and classroom use
    - United Bank & Trust - $1231 for SHS Cheer clinic t-shirts
    - Community National Bank - $250 for SHS state wrestling meals
    - GMCF - Appleseed Grant - $17,522.55
    - J.J. Fischer - Axtell athletic department - $100
- Approve May 13, 2026 Sabetha NHS trip request (transportation and teacher sub only) to The New Theatre in Kansas City.
- Resignations: Elisabeth Cornish, District Office Secretary; Jenna Burger, 5th grade ELA @ SES; Denise Ludwig, Food Service @ APS; Kellen Russell, SHS C team girls basketball coach
- Retirements: Chris Baumgartner (effective June 30, 2026)
- Contracts: Trae Snyder, Asst SMS track; Jason Meyer, Asst SHS baseball; Doug Garrett, Asst HS baseball; Jay Herrmann, Asst golf (75%) and Trevin Edelman (25%)
- Facility use form approval
    - Axtell Alumni Association/Class of 2005 Alumni banquet
- Personal Leave Requests: Briana Evans, Christine Krebs
- LWOP request
- Disposal items
    - Bus 05-1
    - SHS
        - Craftsman Bandsaw
        - Powermatic wood lathe
        - Rockwell Delta Drill Press
        - Old athletic uniforms
    - Axtell
        - Old TV sets (2)

- Old library books not in circulation

6. **Library update - Marcia Bauerle**
7. **Discuss and approve the repair and refinish of the SMS gym floor.**
8. **Superintendent Report**
    8.A. Superintendent Evaluation
    8.B. Budget expenditures year to date update
    8.C. Capital Outlay fund update
    8.D. League Forensics at SHS reminder
9. **Board Business**
    9.A. Response to Public Comment
    9.B. Recognitions
10. **Executive Session**
    10.A. Employer - Employee Negotiations
    10.B. Non-elected personnel exception under KOMA
11. **Action from Executive Session**
12. **Adjourn**

_____
Board President

_____
Board Clerk

HOLD TO LIGHT TO VIEW TRUE WATERMARK IN PAPER HEAT SENSITIVE RED LOCK DISAPPEARS WHEN HEATED

3992

GMCF
PO Box 1127
Manhattan, KS 66505
(785)587-8995

StateBank
ksstate.bank 800-588-6805
83-153/1011

02/24/2026

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Prairie Hills USD 113

$ ***17,522.55

DOLLARS

Seventeen thousand five hundred and twenty-two dollars and 55/100**********

Prairie Hills USD 113
1619 Old US 75
Sabetha, KS 66534

MEMO

Sarah Barrett

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Security features. Details on back.

⑈003992⑈ ⑆101101536⑆ 1309595⑈

GMCF

3992

Grant 60680 :: Apple Seed Innovation Program Development Fund Reimburse the school district for buying the Appleseed costs in FY26	02/24/2026	17,522.55

Total 17,522.55

ENDORSE HERE

CHECK HERE FOR MOBILE OR REMOTE DEPOSIT ONLY

AT _____ DATE _____

NAME OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

DO NOT WRITE, STAMP OR SIGN BELOW THIS LINE
RESERVED FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION USE *

RS-100

Where available, security features exceed industry guidelines.

Chemically Sensitive Paper and Chemical Wash Detection Area	• Stains or spots may appear if chemical alteration attempts are made.
Toner Adhesion Properties	• Chemistry in paper bonds laser toner to paper fibers with heat. Damage is visible with alteration attempts.
Original Document Back Pattern	• Discourages cut-and-paste alterations.
Microprinting	• MP Small type in check elements appear as dotted lines when copied.
Heat Sensitive Ink*	• Hold red image with fingers or breathe on it. The image will fade and reappear.
Hologram*	• Multi-dimensional foil seal fused to check stock. Cannot be photocopied.
True Watermark*	• Hold check to a light source to view. Cannot be photocopied.
Anti Copy Technology*	• Document made with technology to prevent most copiers from creating a usable copy.

**Available on select High Security Checks.*

® Padlock design is a certification mark of the Check Payment Systems Association.

Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2026 6:00 PM
Board of Education Office, 1619 S. Old Hwy 75, Sabetha, KS 66534

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM. Tim Aberle: Present, Todd Grimes: Present, Stan Keim: Present, Kathy Lippert: Present, Jim Scoby: Present, Leslie Scoby: Present, Ann Shaughnessy: Present. Present: 7.

1. **Call Meeting To Order**

Discussion: President Leslie Scoby called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. She led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. Also in attendance were Superintendent Rob McKim, Board Clerk Kaitlin Shafer/Deb Damman, and others listed on the attached sign-in sheet. Kathy Lippert was present by phone.

2. **Elect Board of Education Officer positions**

Action(s):

I make a motion to nominate Leslie Scoby to serve as President of the USD 113 Board of Education for 2026. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Jim Scoby, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

I make a motion to nominate Kathy Lippert to serve as Vice-President of the USD 113 Board of Education for 2026. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Stan Keim, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

3. **Approve Agenda As Presented Or Amended**

Discussion: Amendments:

Item # 6- Consent Agenda — Contracts — remove kitchen staff/softball coach

Item # 9- attached corrected 26-27 Calendar

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the amended agenda as discussed. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

4. **Public Comment**

Description:

Discussion: Kaleb Moeller — thanks to everyone involved in the Booster Club. Thanks to the Board of the Booster Club.

Leslie Scoby — thanks to Moeller for his work with the Booster Club.

5. **Administrative Reports**

Description: Whitney McGinnis - Axtell
Nate Bauman - SHS
Matt Garber - SMS
Andrew Lillie - SES
Lisa Suhr - Director of Student Learning

6. **Consent Agenda**

Description:

- Approve Minutes from January 12, 2026
- Approve Financial Reports:
    - APS
    - SHS
    - SMS
    - SES
    - USD #113
- Approve payment of January bills for the amount of $919,532.80
- Approve January payroll for the amount of $461,515.83
- Approve the following donations:
    - GMCF (SHS FFA and Industrial Arts Support Fund) - $2251.32 for Bandsaw and supporting equipment at SHS
    - SES PTO - $400 for PE Equipment at SES
    - USD 113 Lifewise academy - $250 for washer/dryer at SES
    - Sabetha Kids Wrestling Club - $1,436 for girls wrestling team warmups at SMS
    - SHS booster club - 2016 John Deere gator - $6500
    - APS - Box Tops for Education - $48.80
- Resignations: Katelyn Lierz, Food Service;
- Retirements: Laurie Cameron, Food Service (End of 25-26)
- Contracts: Angi Bellis, SES Secretary; Greg Fletchall, SHS Custodian; Lane Osterhaus, SHS Custodian 1/2 time
- Facility use form approval - NEK Nighthawks, Axtell Knights of Columbus, Lions' Club Boy Scout Pinewood Derby
- Kindergarten Roundup Date for SES - April 24

- Disposal items:
    - Technology equipment no longer in use
    - SES - Old PE scooters

Discussion: Ann Shaughnessys name was wrong in last month's meeting and will be fixed.

7. **SHS Professional Learning Experience Students**

Discussion: Professional Learning Experience (PLE) information given by Brianna Evans. Juniors enrolled in one period and seniors are enrolled in two periods. Students learn through an industry-related experience that is tied to a class they are enrolled in. 30 kids are interested in next year's program.

Students in the program spoke about where they are currently learning:
Emily Arnold - Radiology staff at the Sabetha Community Hospital
Olivia Baumgartner- Sabetha Community Hospital in many departments
Finley Hann- Sabetha Community Hospital in the radiology department
Jacoby Jackman- Edlemans with HVAC then moved to Scoby Brothers, working with inventory and shipping
Samantha Schulejans- Sabetha Elementary School 2nd grade Mrs. Edleman's class
Brooklyn Wiltz- Sabetha Dental Office

Brianna Evans finishes the discussion by giving more information about how this experience would be helpful later in college/career.

8. **Update on the Sabetha Track & Turf Fundraising project**

Discussion: Kaleb Moeller- Turf project has been ongoing for 1.5 years. Community members were the kick-start for this project. Moeller is working with Mammoth for designs. They would like these facilities to be used by the school and the community. 34 gifts with Give to Grow 22480.00 plus pledges make the total 953151.00(pledged, matched and given). He thanks the community and everyone who has donated to the project. Greater Manhattan Community has been assisting.

Businesses that have donated over 5,000:
Keim TS
Morrill Elevator
United Bank
Ukele Farms
Alfia
Anonymous Donor

Kaleb Moeller explains the layout of the project. This would also go into a portion of farm land. Completion goal is in the next 3–5 years.
2.55 Million is the expected cost of the project.

Rob McKim explains the state bid law. And why Mammoth was chosen.
Kaleb Moeller also gives an update on the track and the updates that are needed and why they are needed.
Todd Grimes asked what the cost of fixing just the track. 1.2 Million is the estimate.
Ann Shaughnessy asked if the project could be done in phases. Kaleb Moller explained why they decided to do the field and the track together.

9. **Discuss and approve the 2026-2027 School calendar**
Discussion: Three dates on the calendar were changed, and the new calendar was presented.
Action(s):
I make a motion to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar as presented. This motion, made by Stan Keim and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.
Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0
I make a motion to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar as presented. This motion, made by Stan Keim and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.
Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10. **Select USD 113 BOE members to serve on the negotiations team**
Discussion: Kathy Lippert, Stan Keim, and Todd Grimes were chosen to serve on the negotiations team.
Action(s):
I make a motion to nominate Kathy , Stan, Todd to serve on the negotiations team for FY2026. This motion, made by Leslie Scoby and seconded by Jim Scoby, Carried.
Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

11. **Superintendent report**
Discussion:

11.A. Current FTE review
Discussion: Rob McKim talks about the enrollment audit, headcount and FTE.
Jim Scoby asked that the board members be given a copy of these totals.

11.B. KSDE data page - Greenbush
Discussion: Rob McKim presented the date summary. 4 years ago we were at a 100% graduation rate, and now we have 98.50%, which affected our trend comparison.
Tood Grimes asked how they determine the graduation rate.
Lisa Suhr added that there are new ways that they will determine graduation rates in the future.
Lisa Suhr gave a more detailed explanation of how they determined the data in this report. Board members could be added to this report so they could further review this information.

Wetmore data is still included in the data because it is five-year data. There is no way to remove Wetmore data and so in the next 5 years our data will look different as Wetmore falls off.

11.C. Legislative update

Discussion: Rob McKim asks Board Members if they have specific items from the Legislative Updates they would like to discuss during the meetings.
The Board Members agreed they would like bullet points on how our district is affected.

11.D. Artificial Intelligence

Discussion: Rob McKim talks about how difficult it is to try and determine the effect that AI could have on students. He talked about how it is considered a helpful tool for teachers, but considered a tool that shortcuts thinking for students. A policy is needed to help guide staff. Todd Grimes talks about how the article provided challenged his way of thinking towards AI and encouraged that principals read the article.

12. **Board Business**

Discussion: Leslie Scoby asked for the opinions of board members — should a board member be involved in interviews for Lisa Suhr's replacement? Rob McKim explained that their opinions were valuable. However, the more people involved in the interview, it is sometimes harder to arrange schedules.
The consensus of the Board is that they do not need to be involved in the interview process.

12.A. Response to public comment

Discussion: Leslie Scoby had calls that people would like the district calendar for the upcoming school years earlier than they are usually provided. Everyone agreed that it is possible to get it out earlier.

12.B. Recognition

Discussion: Ann Shaughnessy- Laurie Cameron has worked for the district for many years and will be missed.
DC trip winner Arielle Lindeen and the runner-up Lincoln Menold will go to Colorado.
Leslie Scoby- thanked each donor on the consent agenda.

13. **Executive Session**

Action(s):

I make a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes using the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and include Superintendent Rob McKim. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Jim Scoby, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

I make a motion to return to regular session. This motion, made by Tim Aberle and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.
Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0
I make a motion to return to executive session for 5 mins using the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and include Superintendent Rob McKim. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Ann Shaughnessy, Carried.
Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0
I make a motion to return to regular session. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Ann Shaughnessy, Carried.
Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

13.A. Non-elected personnel

14. **Action from Executive Session**
Action(s):
I make a motion to approve the administration contract extension adding 1 year to existing 2-year contracts for Principals Bauman, Garber, Lillie, McGinnis and Superintendent McKim. This motion, made by Tim Aberle and seconded by Jim Scoby, Carried.
Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

15. **Adjourn**
Discussion: Meeting Adjourn at 7:43pm.
Action(s):
I make a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by Ann Shaughnessy and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.
Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

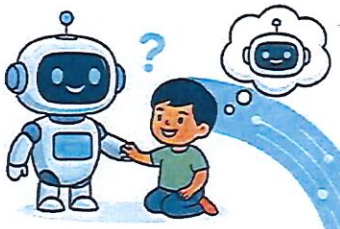
_____
Board President

_____
Board Clerk

The K-12 Journey to AI Literacy

This guide breaks down AI education into four distinct, age-appropriate stages. The concepts build upon each other, starting with simple definitions for young children and progressing to critical analysis of AI's societal and ethical impact for teenagers.

Early Learners
(Pre-K – Grade 2)



AI is a "Smart Helper"
It's a clever computer program, not a person with feelings.

AI Can Make Mistakes
Not everything a "smart" device says is true; always ask a grown-up.

Ask for Permission First!
Teach a simple rule: always ask an adult before sharing names or photos online.

Elementary School
(Grades 3–5)

AI Learns from Data
It learns your patterns to suggest videos, music, or search results.

AI Should Be Fair
Introduce the concept of bias: AI can be "unfair" if its data is imperfect.

Don't Use AI to Cheat
AI is a helper for learning, not a replacement for your own thinking.

Middle School
(Grades 6–8)

AI Creates "Filter Bubbles"
Algorithms may only show you what they think you want to see.

Spotting AI Fakes
Learn to identify AI-generated misinformation like deepfakes by checking sources.

Your Actions Create Data Traces
Apps and websites collect data like search history, likes, and location.

High School
(Grades 9–12)

Question Who Owns Your Data
Discuss the ethics of data collection, privacy, and surveillance.

"Seeing" is Not Always "Believing"
AI can create realistic fake content, requiring strong critical thinking skills.

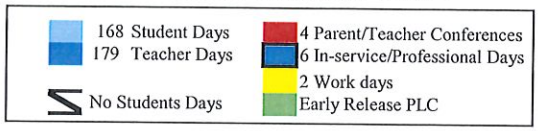
Use Public AI Tools Like Public Spaces
Never enter private or sensitive information into a public AI tool.

NotebookLM

USD #113 Prairie Hills
1619 Old US Hwy. 75
Sabetha, KS 66534
Location: BOE Office
Date: February 9, 2026
Board Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.

Name	Representing School, Business, or Patron
Example: John Smith	Example: Sabetha Board Office
Andrew Lillie	SES
Briana Evans	SHS
Whitney McGinnis	APS
Lisa Stahr	Board Office
Samantha Schultejans	SHS
Emily Arnold	SHS
Olivia Baumgartner	SHS
Finley Mann	SHS
Brooke Wiltz	SHS
Heather Stewart	Paper
Jacoby Juelfmann	SHS
Kate Bauman	SHS
Margaret. Matt Garber	SMS

SYMBOLS and SUMMARY OF DAYS



July 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Aug 10- Dist. Inservice,
Aug. 11 & 12 1 day Bldg in-service
& 1 Teacher Workday
Aug 13 - First day of classes

September 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Sept. 4 - Early Release PLC 1:45
Sept. 7 - No School Labor Day
Sept. 21 - Grades Due @ 8:00 a.m.
Sept. 23 Grades Issued
Sept. 28 - Dist. In-Service

October 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Oct 9 Early Release PLC 1:45
Oct 9 End 1st nine weeks
Oct. 19 Grades Due @ 8:00 a.m.
Oct. 21 - P/T Conferences 5-8 pm Grades issued
Oct 22 - P/T Conferences 7-2, 4-8 pm
Oct. 23 - No School
Oct 26 - Dist. In-Service

November 2026

	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Nov. 9 Grades Due @ 8 a.m.
Nov. 11 Grades Issued
Nov 25-27 - Thanksgiving Break

December 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Dec. 11 Early Release PLC 1:45
Dec 18 End 2nd nine weeks
Dec. 21 No School Teachers - 1/2 Flex Work Day
Dec 22- 31 - Winter Break

January 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Jan 1-New Years Day
Jan 4 Dist. In-service
Jan 5 Grades due 8 AM, Classes Resume
Jan. 6 Grades Issued
Jan 18 No School MLK Day
Jan. 29 Early Release PLC 1:45
Jan. 29 Grades Due at 8:00 a.m.

February 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

Feb 1- P/T Conference 5-8 pm
Feb 3- P/T Conference 5-8 pm
Feb 15 - No School Presidents Day

March 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

March 5 End of 3rd nine weeks
March 8 Grades Due 8 a.m.
March 10 Grades Issued
March 12, 15 - 19 Spring Break
March 26th No School Good Friday
March 29th No School

April 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

April 9 Early Release PLC 1:45
April 12 - Grades due at 8 a.m.
April 14 - Grades Issued
April 19 - District In-Service

May 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

May 13 Sr. Grades Due @ 8 a.m.
May 14 Sr. Grades Issued
May 15 Graduation
May 18 - End 4th nine Weeks
May 19 - No students 1/2 Flex Work day
May 20 Grades Due @ 8 a.m.
May 31 Memorial Day

June 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

1st 9 Weeks -	40	3rd 9 Weeks -	41
2nd 9 Weeks =	44	4th 9 Weeks =	43