



BOARD OF EDUCATION

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Date: July 14, 2025

Policies

No Recommended Changes:

- [5045 - Student Fees](#) - We will update food prices but other than that, I am not recommending any changes.
- [6025 - Student Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices](#)
 - The legislature is requiring districts to adopt a policy that bans cell phones but also gives the BOE the option of allowing them at certain times during the day. Our policy already does this; therefore, I'm not recommending any changes at this time.

Changes Required:

- [2008 - Meetings](#)
 - The changes allow for a bit more flexibility when we have unexpected meetings for emergencies, etc. This changed in state statute and is already a requirement that we have adjusted to.
- [5002 - Admission of Students](#)
 - This policy has been simplified to allow students when required, removing the selective list with the idea that we don't have to update it every time the legislature adopts new requirements.
- [5003 - Admission of Part-Time Students](#)
 - These changes are required by state statute following this last legislative session. They now allow exempt school students to participate in extracurricular activities more than previously. We will need to take a closer look at this in the meeting and decide which options you'd prefer.

Recommended Changes

- [5001 - Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism](#)
 - The administrative team made some change recommendations to allow for less leniency in excused absences since we are also recommending the discontinuation of the semester test policy. Changes are highlighted in yellow.
- [5031 - Student Appearance](#) (Alternative)

- After hearing feedback from districts, KSB took a closer look at the state statute and NDE's model policy. The model policy happens to include some items that aren't required by state statute; therefore, KSB has put out an alternative option for student dress code. This alternative policy is less restrictive for administration. The new policy allows us to restrict hats, crop tops, etc. as long as we do so in a way that will not target minorities or discriminate in any way. The items we restrict will need to be part of student handbooks. If you are comfortable with focusing more on the statute than NDE's model policy and take on a bit of risk, this is the policy I'd recommend. This policy doesn't comply with NDE's model policy but it does align with state statute.

Finance

1. [P2T Budget](#)
2. 2025-2026 Budget
 - a. [General Fund Projections](#)
3. Property Tax Authority Request
 - a. We will need to determine if we want to approve the additional 7% for the Property Tax Request Authority. While I don't anticipate needing to utilize the 7% this year, I do believe approving of the additional 7% preserves local control and gives us more flexibility in future years.
 - b. [Property Tax Request Authority Impacts](#)
4. Schedule Meetings
 - a. Budget Work Session - August 27 at 7 p.m.?
 - b. Budget & Tax Request Hearings - September 8 at 7:30 p.m. or September 22 (JPA Option)
 - c. Joining Public Hearing - September 18 at 6 p.m. - Courthouse

Buildings & Grounds

1. [Summer Project List](#)
 - a. Repaint steps & art/shop hallway floor - \$13,000
 - b. Painting - \$2,000
 - c. Drop Ceiling Near Stage - \$750
 - d. Concrete Projects - \$3,964
 - e. Paint railing in each stairway of new gym - \$1,000
 - f. Replace southwest gym door - \$6,500
 - g. Move irrigation system outside boiler room - \$3,500

- i. Will not happen until the city is ready with the water main north of the elementary site
 - h. Carpet the band room - \$5,500
 - i. Total Project Costs - \$36,214 (Special Building Fund)**
 - j. Acoustic enhancements in band room - TBD
 - k. North Elementary Parking Lot Concrete Repairs**
2. Football Field Lights
- a. The other three light posts were tested and the results showed that the southwest post is also rotting, worse than the one we took down even. We have no choice but to replace both of the posts. A galvanized steel post costs \$19,000 and the installation of one costs roughly \$30,000-\$40,000. I'm waiting to hear back from Schmader Electric on the cost of a wood post but they felt it would be cheaper for the post as well as the installation if we were to go the wood route. The galvanized steel would last longer but would take 13-15 weeks to get here.

Additional Items/Updates

1. Shout-Out
- a. Mrs. Burton has been working tirelessly to finish up the 2024-2025 school year as well as prepare for the 2025-2026 school year. Thank you for all your hard work Mrs. Burton!
 - b. Mrs. Rennerfeldt has been going above and beyond in her transition to elementary principal. She has jumped right in and she too has put in countless hours to prepare for next school year and learn the ropes. I'm extremely grateful for all of the extra time she has put in, especially since her contract doesn't officially start until August 1. Thank you Mrs. Rennerfeldt!
 - c. I'd also like to thank the entire summer staff. Julie, Amanda, and Robin have been busy ordering and checking in items, enrolling new students, completing state reports, and more. Summer is so busy for them and we are extremely grateful for all of their hard work. The summer maintenance crew has also been working hard on our very long summer list and continue to check items off daily. Their efforts are also greatly appreciated!
2. Staffing
- a. We have all of our full time positions hired for the 2025-2026 school year at this time. We are still looking for a One-Act assistant coach as well as sub bus drivers.
 - b. Shannon Thieffoldt has been hired to work in the kitchen. Shannon has been in our community for over 5 years and has two children in our school system.

- c. Ed McNeill has been hired as a high school paraprofessional. Ed comes to us after retiring from the service and also has been a long time Knight supporter with his kids graduating from OC.
 - d. Sheila Hofer will be returning to Oakland-Craig Elementary as a paraprofessional. Sheila previously worked with us in a similar capacity and we are thrilled to have her back.
- 3. Football Update
- 4. Superintendent Goals
 - a. [Evaluation Goals/Evidence](#)
- 5. Leave
 - a. PTO (35 Days) - 35 Remaining
 - b. Sick Bank - 48 Days Remaining
 - c. [Leave Documentation Log](#)