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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 402
AUGUSTA, KANSAS 67010**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 402 BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 BEGINNING AT 6:20PM, IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, 2345 GREYHOUND DRIVE, AUGUSTA, KANSAS 67010. THIS MEETING WAS BROADCAST TO THE DISTRICT YOUTUBE CHANNEL.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

PRES - CAREY LEE	<i>absent</i>	BRENT BASQUEZ	present
VP - DOUG LAW	present	ANGIE JOHNSTON	present
JIM BROWN	present	DARREL KOHLS	present
		AMY WELLS	present

OTHERS LESLIANNE CRAFT, Superintendent of Schools; JANET DOUD, Asst. Superintendent of Schools; MELANIE BUDDA, BOE Clerk

PRESENT: PRINCIPALS: none
ASST. PRINCIPALS: none
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: none
SCHEDULED PRESENTER(S): Simpson Construction Representative

REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING

At 6:20pm, Mr. Law opened the 2026-2027 RNR Hearing and asked if there were any public comments. Hearing none, Mr. Brown read Resolution 2026-03 aloud in its entirety and a roll call vote was taken. Board members Law, Brown, Johnston, Basquez, Kohls, and Wells voted in the affirmative. Board member Lee was absent.

The RNR resolution passed 6-0 and Mr. Law closed the 2026-2027 Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing.

BUDGET HEARING

At 6:25pm, Mr. Law opened the 2026-2027 Budget Hearing and asked if there were any public comments. Again, hearing none, Mr. Law closed the 2026-2027 Budget Hearing.

CALL TO ORDER

- After a brief pause to meet time requirements, Mr. Law, Vice-President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:30pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Mr. Kohls made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.
- Ms. Johnston provided the second and the motion carried, 6-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

RECOGNITIONS - Ms. Tricia Brown and Ms. Joan Reichardt, elementary and secondary Kansas Teacher of the Year nominees respectively, were recognized by the board and given a Fly High award.

PRESENTATIONS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

- Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
- Ms. Wells seconded the motion.
- A vote was taken and the motion passed, 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Local Option Budget (LOB) Adoption

- Mr. Brown read Resolution 2026-04 in its entirety.
- A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Approval of the 2026-2027 Budget

- Ms. Johnston moved to approve the 2026-27 budget, as presented, with the exception of lowering the capital outlay mil to 7.7 which I feel is a fair compromise given our budget needs and current bond recognizing that the Building Needs Assessment and State Assessment Data were reviewed and considered by the Board during the budget approval process. The board has also published the revenue neutral rate and budget notices and provided public hearings for both the revenue neutral rate (RNR) and the budget. During the RNR hearing, it was approved by roll call vote to exceed the revenue neutral rate.
- This motion failed due to the lack of a second.
- Mr. Brown then made a motion to approve the 2026-27 budget, as presented, recognizing that the Building Needs Assessment and State Assessment Data were reviewed and considered by the Board during the budget approval process. The board has also published the revenue neutral rate and budget notices and provided public hearings for both the revenue neutral rate (RNR) and the budget. During the RNR hearing, it was approved by roll call vote to exceed the revenue neutral rate.
- Mr. Kohls provided the second.
- A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-1.

Bond Update

Simpson Construction representative, Brooks Dohrman, Director of Operations, provided an Executive Summary update to the board on Ewalt Elementary and Augusta High School.

- No official board action necessary.

Curriculum & Instruction Report

Dr. Doud presented her Curriculum & Instruction Report.

- No action needed.

Simulator Purchase - Bid Tab

Dr. Doud presented the bid tab for the purchase of three (2) simulators for the district's new CTE program. Three bids were received and upon review, the bid from Tenstar Simulation US Inc. was recommended to the board for approval.

- Ms. Johnston moved to approve the bid for Tenstar Simulation US Inc. in the amount of \$318,142.00 as presented.
- Mr. Kohls seconded the motion.
- A vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0.

Board Policy KI Update

Ms. Craft presented an update to this board policy to more closely align with current KASB recommendations and to support the decision of the district to be more environmentally friendly and to embrace innovative technology regarding community flyers.

- Mr. Basquez moved to approve the changes to Board Policy KI as presented.
- Ms. Wells seconded the motion.

- The motion passed 6-0.

Board Goals Draft

Ms. Craft presented the board goals that were developed from the board meeting held August 19, 2026.

- Ms. Wells moved to approve the board goals as presented.
- Ms. Johnston seconded the motion and upon a vote being taken, the motion passed 6-0.

Orion Waiver

Ms. Craft presented a waiver for Orion to allow them to offer a hybrid approach to adult education that allows a blend of online and in person attendance.

- Mr. Kohls moved to approve the Orion waiver as presented.
- Ms. Wells seconded the motion.
- The motion passed 6-0.

Selection of KASB Delegate

Mr. Law indicated that he was the district's current KASB delegate and would be willing to continue in this role as he had done in previous years.

- Mr. Kohls moved to nominate Mr. Law as the board's delegate.
- Ms. Johnston seconded the motion.
- The motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Report

Ms. Craft discussed two items with the board.

- The first item to inform the board that she was planning on having her Staff Listening Sessions begin at the secondary level during the PD day on October 12th so individuals could choose that PD session to share their thoughts and opinions with her directly. For elementary Staff Listening Sessions, Ms. Craft is planning on going to each of the elementary buildings to provide an opportunity for feedback.
 - No action necessary.
- The second item was a request for input from the board regarding a ribbon cutting ceremony for the district bond projects. Would the board prefer to host phase 1 then phase 2 ribbon cuttings? One ribbon cutting at the end of the bond?
 - Principal input was requested by the board as no strong feelings were expressed other than supporting the desires of the principals regarding their buildings.

OLD BUSINESS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

OTHER - None

ADJOURNMENT

- Mr. Kohls moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm.
- Mr. Brown provided the second and the motion passed 6-0.

Melanie Budda, Board Clerk

Date signed