

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 412
SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 412 met for their regularly scheduled Board meeting on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the District Boardroom located in Hoxie, KS.

PRESENT WERE

BOARD MEMBERS: Michael Bretz, Billi Beckman, Mitchell Baalman, Leonard Weber, Erika Carter, Darrin Herl, Brett Oelke
SUPERINTENDENT: Sharris Werner
BOARD CLERK: Mandy Shipley
PRINCIPAL: Chris Gardner
GUESTS: Hailey Vaughn, Teagan Slaubaugh, Trevyn Pratt, Ethan Bainter

Michael Bretz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mandy Shipley took roll call attendance. Seven Board members were present.

The agenda was approved as presented (Beckman/Weber 7-0).

Michael Bretz welcomed the guests present.

Communications to the Board included a reminder from art teacher Kristin Johnson regarding Youth Art Month and recognition for Hoxie students whose artwork is currently on display at the Shawnee County Topeka Library (Sofie Gaede, Mallory Wade, and Keiley Kincaid), where they will be honored at a reception on March 28, 2026.

Hailey Vaughn and Teagan Slaubaugh reviewed the itinerary and plans for the senior class trip.

The Board moved to approve the trip, with the district covering the cost of fuel and providing the use of the transportation fleet (Herl/Beckman 7-0).

The remaining costs of the senior class trip will be paid for by senior class funds.

Hailey Vaughn and Teagan Slaubaugh exited the meeting at 7:15 PM.

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented (Weber/Oelke 7-0).

- a) Approve Current Bills
- b) Approve February Treasurer's report
- c) Approve February Monthly Fund Summary
- d) Approve February Activity Fund Reports
- e) Approve February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

- f) Approve Professional Leave
- g) Approval of Gifts and Grants Awards
 - \$1,000 from SCCF – surprise grant, allocated to the track project

Department reports were reviewed.

Transportation/Maintenance: The Board reviewed a report provided by director, Travis Arnold.

Large Scale Projects: Sharris Werner shared updates regarding the stadium project, including photos of the initial rendering.

FHTNW: Minutes provided, brief update from Billi Beckman.

NKESC: Minutes provided, brief update from Michael Bretz.

Food Service: The Board reviewed a written report provided by Tammy Schamberger.

Administrator Reports: Chris Gardner and Sharris Werner provided updates on their respective buildings and the district. The Board reviewed a written report from Athletic Director, Lance Baar.

Ethan Bainter and Trevyn Pratt exited the meeting at 7:57 PM.

The Board moved on to address the items under Old Business.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:04 PM to discuss the opening letter for negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA for 20 minutes with the Board, Sharris Werner, and Chris Gardner present, returning to open session at 8:24 PM in the District Boardroom (Beckman/Weber 7-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:26 PM to discuss certified teacher evaluations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 7 minutes with the Board, Sharris Werner and Chris Gardner present, returning to open session at 8:33 PM in the District Boardroom (Oelke/Carter 7-0).

The Board moved on to address the items under New Business.

The Board moved to approve a distribution in the amount of \$8,000 from the USD 412 Hoxie Community Schools Projects Fund in support of the track project held at the Sheridan County Community Foundation (Oelke/Beckman 7-0).

The Board moved to dispose of surplus property as listed and donate, sell, or dispose of the items at the discretion of administration (Carter/Weber 7-0).

- 1 copy of Vocabulary for Achievement by Great Source Education group, copyright 2005 (first course)
- 3 copies of Vocabulary for Achievement by Great Source Education group, copyright 2005 (second course)
- 2 copies of Vocabulary for Achievement by Great Source Education group, copyright 2005 (third course)

The Board reviewed bids for technology purchases for the 2026-2027 school year and moved to approve bids from Apple, KCAV and CDW-G as presented (Weber/Baalman 7-0).

The Board gave consensus to establish to the Kansas Department of Education a local option budget percentage ceiling of 33% for the 2026-2027 budget year.

The Board moved to approve resignations as listed (Oelke/Carter 7-0):

Kayden Robbins: full-time grade school custodian, effective February 27, 2026

Lisa Weimer: JR/SR High Concession stand manager, effective June 1, 2026

The Board moved to approve new hires as listed (Oelke/Weber 7-0):

Rebecca Steiger: High School Science teacher for the 2026-2027 school year

Ethan Wilson: part-time custodian, effective March 10, 2026

Michael Bretz adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.

MICHAEL BRETZ, PRESIDENT

Approved this 13th day of April, 2026

MANDY SHIPLEY, BOARD CLERK