

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, April 13, 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: Lance Baar, Travis Arnold, Trevyn Pratt, Ethan Bainter, Dylan Mader, Dominic Mishler

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

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

Michael Bretz called for a moment of silence, which was observed by all in attendance, in honor of Gina Schamberger, whose years of dedicated service and lasting impact on students, friends, and fellow educators has left a meaningful and enduring legacy within our school community. She is deeply missed and will be remembered with great affection, always.

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

Michael Bretz welcomed the guests present.

There were no Communications to the Board to review.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:04 PM to discuss winter coach evaluations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 10 minutes with the Board, Sharris Werner, Chris Gardner, and Lance Baar present, returning to open session at 7:14 PM in the District Boardroom (Herl/Carter 7-0).

The Board moved to approve 2026-2027 winter coaches as listed (Baalman/Oelke 7-0):

Jake Moss – Head High School boys & girls basketball coach

Danielle Pratt – Assistant High School girls basketball coach

Taylor Rall – Assistant High School boys basketball coach

Ryan Etherton – Head High School boys wrestling coach
Tyler Baker – Head High School girls wrestling coach
Pete Koster – Assistant High School wrestling coach
Dayton Bell – Assistant High School wrestling coach
Emma Johnson – Head Junior High girls basketball coach
Elise Heim – Assistant Junior High girls basketball coach
Miranda Marez-Scanlon – Head Junior High boys basketball coach
Jarrood Spillman – Assistant Junior High boys basketball coach
Clayton Schamberger – Head Junior High wrestling coach
Aidan Baalman – Assistant Junior High wrestling coach

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

- a) Approve Current Bills
- b) Approve March Treasurer's report
- c) Approve March Monthly Fund Summary
- d) Approve March Activity Fund Reports
- e) Approve March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- f) Approve April 2, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
- g) Approve Professional Leave
- h) Approval of Gifts and Grants Awards
 - None this month

Department reports were reviewed.

Transportation/Maintenance: Travis Arnold was present to review his report with the Board.
Large Scale Projects: Sharris Werner shared updates regarding the stadium project.

Lance Baar reviewed his athletic director report with the Board.

Travis Arnold and Lance Baar exited the meeting at 7:36 PM.

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.

Dominic Mishler exited the meeting at 7:53 PM.

Ethan Bainter, Dylan Mader and Trevyn Pratt exited the meeting at 7:59 PM.

The Board took a break at 8:08 PM and returned to open session at 8:11 PM.

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

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:12 PM to discuss staff evaluations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 20 minutes with the Board, Sharris Werner and Chris Gardner present, returning to open session at 8:32 PM in the District Boardroom (Beckman/Herl 7-0).

The Board held a brief discussion on the negotiations process. The first meeting with teachers will be held in May.

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

There was not a distribution from the track fund to approve this month.

The Board moved to surplus 40 student laptops and donate them to the Class of 2026 (Oelke/Baalman 7-0).

Sharris Werner reviewed non-resident enrollment recommendations for the 2026-2027 school year with the Board.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:40 PM to discuss the JR/SR High Principal evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 45 minutes with the Board and Sharris Werner present, returning to open session at 9:25 PM in the District Boardroom (Beckman/Herl 7-0).

Chris Gardner entered the executive session at 9:10 PM and remained for the duration.

The Board took a break at 9:26 PM and returned to open session at 9:29 PM.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:30 PM to discuss administrative contracts pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 5 minutes with the Board only, returning to open session at 9:35 PM in the District Boardroom (Oelke/Carter 7-0).

The Board moved to extend the contract of Sharris Werner, Superintendent of Schools and Elementary Principal through the 2027-2028 school year, with salary and benefits for the 2026-2027 school year to be determined after teacher negotiations are completed (Oelke/Weber 7-0).

The Board moved to extend the contract of Chris Gardner, JR/SR High Principal through the 2027-2028 school year, with salary and benefits for the 2026-2027 school year to be determined after teacher negotiations are completed (Oelke/Weber 7-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:37 PM to discuss new hires, staff updates, and resignations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 20 minutes with the Board, Sharris Werner and Chris Gardner present, returning to open session at 9:57 PM in the District Boardroom (Oelke/Baalman 7-0).

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

Beth Molton: part-time teachers aid, effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year

Amie Cheney: Assistant High School cheer sponsor
Marissa Schamberger: Full-time daycare provider, effective date TBD

The Board moved to approve sponsors for the 2026-2027 school year as listed (Weber/Baalman 7-0):

Sherry Franklin: High School Academic Bowl sponsor
Carmen Simon: Junior High Academic Bowl sponsor
Amanda Cheney: Head High School cheer sponsor
Kayla Hockett: Junior High cheer sponsor

The Board moved to approve new hires/staff updates for the 2026-2027 school year as listed (Weber/Beckman 7-0):

Halle Young: JR/SR High Vocational Agriculture Teacher/FFA sponsor
Mary Singleton: High School Math Teacher
Michelle Schippers: Transfer from 4th grade teacher to 3rd grade teacher
Norie Zerr: Intermediate Elementary Teacher

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 10:02 PM to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board, Sharris Werner, Chris Gardner and Mandy Shipley present, returning to open session at 10:17 PM in the District Boardroom (Herl/Baalman 7-0).

Michael Bretz adjourned the meeting at 10:18 PM.

MICHAEL BRETZ, PRESIDENT

Approved this 11th day of May, 2026

MANDY SHIPLEY, BOARD CLERK