

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, May 11, 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: Finley Schippers, Tatumn Kaiser, Dylan Mader, Ryan Bird, Shannon Bird, Dominic Mishler, Tennille Giancola, Travis Arnold

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

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

Lydia Pratt and Kennedi Brown entered the meeting at 7:01 PM.

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

Michael Bretz welcomed the guests present.

There were no Communications to the Board to review.

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented (Weber/Oelke 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
  - \$1,000 from Midwest Energy towards track project
  - \$3,395 from IPBC for sports drone kit

Department reports were reviewed.

**Guidance Department:** Tennille Giancola was present and reviewed her report with the Board.

Tennille Giancola exited the meeting at 7:20 PM.

**Transportation/Maintenance:** Travis Arnold was present to review his report with the Board.  
**Large Scale Projects:** No updates at the time of the meeting.

Travis Arnold exited the meeting at 7:22 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:** Sharris Werner and Chris Gardner provided updates on their respective buildings and the district. The Board reviewed a written report from Athletic Director, Lance Baar.

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

Staff Evaluations were tabled to later in the meeting.

All remaining guests exited the meeting at 7:33 PM.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:33 PM to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA for 5 minutes with the Board only, returning to open session at 7:38 PM in the District Boardroom (Oelke/Carter 7-0).

The Board took a break at 7:42 PM and returned to open session at 7:45 PM.

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

The Board moved to approve a distribution in the amount of \$1,000 from the USD 412 Hoxie Community Schools Projects Fund in support of the track project held at the Sheridan County Community Foundation (Oelke/Baalman 7-0).

There were no handbook recommendations to review or approve.

A quote for new K-6 ELA curriculum was not available for approval, but should be ready by the regular June meeting.

The Board held a discussion regarding transportation for summer sports and activities. The consensus was to allow board approved coaches & sponsors the use of the transportation fleet for one team camp or tournament per sport or activity. Any use of the transportation fleet beyond one team camp or tournament is not permitted. All allowable transportation must be arranged with transportation director Travis Arnold in advance.

The Board moved to approve resignations as listed (Oelke/Herl):

**Macalee White:** Part-time school year teachers aid  
**Clayton Schamberger:** Head junior high wrestling coach  
**Kaitlyn Schamberger:** Assistant junior high track coach  
**Laura Fellhoelter:** Summer drivers education instructor  
**Kelsey Epp:** Full-time school year PreK paraprofessional

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:48 PM to discuss sponsor evaluations, new hires and staff updates pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 10 minutes with the Board, Sharris Werner and Chris Gardner present, returning to open session at 7:58 PM in the District Boardroom (Weber/Carter 7-0).

The Board moved to approve 2026 Summer Employment as listed (Oelke/Weber 7-0):

**Michelle Schippers:** Summer School Teacher  
**Kellie Tice:** Summer School Teacher  
**Whitney Bainter:** Summer School Teacher  
**Sherry Franklin:** Drivers Education Paraprofessional  
**Brandon Gehring:** Drivers Education Instructor  
**Kayla Hockett:** 5-12 Summer Band

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

**Leah Heskett:** Co-NHS, HS FCA, & JH stuco sponsor  
**Jackie Campbell:** Co-NHS sponsor, JH stuco sponsor  
**Kim Robben:** GS stuco sponsor  
**Tiffni Carter:** GS stuco sponsor  
**Tennille Giancola:** HS stuco sponsor  
**Cheryl Schwarz:** HS stuco sponsor  
**Caitlin Schwagerl:** Assistant HS cheer sponsor  
**Amber Vaughn:** Concession stand manager  
**Miranda Marez-Scanlon:** Prom Sponsor

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

**Jayden Fenner:** Fourth grade teacher  
**Josephine Munk:** Full-time grade school custodian, effective April 28, 2026  
**Crissy Rietcheck:** Transfer from part-time daycare provider to full-time daycare provider effective June 8, 2026

Michael Bretz adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.

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MICHAEL BRETZ, PRESIDENT

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026

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MANDY SHIPLEY, BOARD CLERK