

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, June 8, 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: Max Foote, Noah Nickelson

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 with changes as presented (Beckman/Weber 7-0).

- *Addition of Communications to the Board under the Opening*

Michael Bretz welcomed the guests present.

Youth Action Council (YAC) members Max Foote and Noah Nickelson discussed an idea to install a display board in the southwest corner of the high school gym. They requested Board consensus to continue exploring the project, which was granted. The students will return at a future meeting with updates regarding funding, specifications, and other relevant project details.

Max Foote and Noah Nickelson exited the Board meeting at 7:18 PM.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:20 PM to discuss spring coach evaluations 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 7:25 PM in the District Boardroom (Oelke/Carter 7-0).

Approval of spring coaches was tabled to the July regular meeting, due to not all evaluations being available to review.

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

- a) Approve Current Bills
- b) Approve May Treasurer's report
- c) Approve May Monthly Fund Summary

- d) Approve May Activity Fund Reports
- e) Approve May, 11 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- f) Approve Professional Leave
- g) Approval of Gifts and Grants Awards
  - \$7,352.80 from FDK Partnership towards high school volleyball uniforms

Department reports were reviewed.

**Transportation/Maintenance:** The Board reviewed a written report from director, Travis Arnold.

**Large Scale Projects:** An update regarding an amended stadium project contract was discussed. Additional information will be presented at a future meeting as details regarding the next steps become available. The Board reached consensus to continue exploring the possibility of leasing county-owned land adjacent to the track to provide additional space for throwing events.

**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 took at break at 8:51 PM and returned to open session at 8:56 PM.

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

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:57 PM to discuss staff evaluations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 17 minutes with the Board, Sharris Werner and Chris Gardner present, returning to open session at 9:14 PM in the District Boardroom (Baalman/Beckman 7-0).

Mandy Shipley entered the executive session at 9:07 PM and stayed for the duration.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:16 PM to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA for 12 minutes with the Board only, returning to open session at 9:28 PM in the District Boardroom (Beckman/Baalman 7-0).

The Board moved to approve a quote from McGraw Hill for K-6 ELA curriculum as presented (Herl/Weber 7-0).

Handbook Recommendations will be presented at the July regular meeting.

The Board moved to approve 2026 summer employment as listed (Herl/Carter 7-0):

**Noah Nickelson:** summer custodial/maintenance

**Juana Morales:** summer school paraprofessional

**Ciri Eagleburger:** summer school paraprofessional

**Norie Zerr:** summer school teacher substitute

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

There was no distribution from the SCCF track project fund to approve.

The Board move to dispose of surplus property as listed and donate, sell or otherwise dispose of at the discretion of administration (Weber/Baalman 7-0):

- K-6 Wonders ELA curriculum (published in 2020 – any remaining printed student and teacher materials, and other misc. manipulatives.)
- Old desktop computer located in the high school math classroom

Approval of new and revised versions of classified employee job descriptions will be reviewed and approved at the regular July Board meeting.

The Board moved to approve contingency expenses for the 2025-2026 school year as presented (Weber/Carter 7-0).

Board policy IDAD was removed from the list of policy updates for approval, and will be re-addressed at the July regular Board meeting.

The Board moved to approve the April and June 2026 Board policy updates as discussed (Baalman/Carter 5-2).

Michael Bretz and Billi Beckman voted in opposition of the above motion.

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

**Brecken Rowh:** Part-time teachers aid, effective May 18, 2026

The Board moved to approve 2026-2027 contracts for Mandy Shipley, Travis Arnold and Hannah Franklin, with salary to be determined at a later date (Oelke/Baalman 7-0).

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

**Alexia Arnold:** 9-month full-time JR/SR High Secretary - contract beginning August 1, 2026.

The Board discussed options for an alternate self-evaluation tool. They will fill out the evaluation selected individually and discuss it as a group at the July regular Board meeting.

Michael Bretz adjourned the meeting at 9:52 PM.

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MICHAEL BRETZ, PRESIDENT

Approved this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026

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MANDY SHIPLEY, BOARD CLERK