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BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

NEWS RELEASE

Monday, July 13, 2026

Members of the USD 234 Board of Education met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2026, for their regular monthly meeting at 424 S Main St.

President David Stewart opened the meeting.

The board approved the official agenda.

Honor Flight Students – Twenty-four students plus staff and medical accompanied veterans to Washington D.C. Cohen, senior, partnered with his Great Grandpa and said “it was an amazing honor” to be part of this trip. Isabella, sophomore, said “it was an honor to give recognition where there hasn’t been.” And Tyranny, graduated, commented “the bond has lasted even after the trip.” Over \$60,000 was raised from July 2025 - March 2026 by so many in the community. Many were thanked for the help and support, and they are looking forward to the next trip.

Joe Allen, Transportation Director, recognized Brenda Wunderly & Jennifer Herring. During Summer School this year he has received numerous compliments about how well the bus routes had gone during that time. He thanked both for their hard work and organization of all that goes into transporting the students to and from school even with more than usual numbers during the summer.

The board approved David Stewart as Board President and Nick Barrows and Board Vice President.

The board approved the consent agenda.

- Board Minutes
- 06-08-26
- Financials - Cash Flow Report
- Check Register
- Payroll – June 19, 2026 - \$2,122,023.06
- Activity Funds Accounts
- USD 234 Gifts
- Resolution 26-01 Destructions of Records

Resolution 26-02 Waiver of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

Resolution 26-03 Rescinding Policy Statements found in Board Minutes

Resolution 25-04 Establish Home Rule by Board of Education

Designation of Banks for deposit of school funds

FSHS activity funds - City State Bank

FSM activity funds - Union State Bank

Eugene Ware activity funds - UMB Bank

Winfield Scott activity funds - UMB Bank

USD 234 District - Landmark National Bank, UMB Bank, KMIP, Citizens Bank

Set fees for copying records

10 cents per page for employees

10 cents per page for alumni

15 cents per page for non-employees

20 cents per page for color copies

Mileage reimbursement - current state mileage rate

For information only - as of 01/01/26 - 72.5 cents

2026-27 School Fees

Recreation Commission Board Member Term

Megan McDermed - June 30, 2028

Abby Stepps - June 30, 2028

Dillon Duffy - June 30, 2028

Vincent Ratcliff - June 30, 2027

Dave Fly - June 30, 2027

Designation of newspaper for official school publications - Fort Scott Tribune

Offices for the 2026-27 School Year

KASB Government Relations Network Representative - Board President

Food Service Hearing Officer/Compliance Coordinator for Federal

Anti-Discrimination Laws - Terry Mayfield

Title VI, Title VII, and Title IX of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act/Coordinator/Point of Contact for Child

Welfare Agencies - Zach Johnson

District Foster Care Liaison - Zach Johnson

Freedom of Information Officer - Zach Johnson

Food Service Program Representative - Robin Button

Clerk - Candace Jobe

Deputy Clerk - Terry Mayfield

KPERS Representative/KiCS Designated Representative Member - Angela Robinson

Treasurer - Rhonda Dawson

LCP Coordinator/Coordinator for Homeless Children/ 504 Coordinator - Zach Johnson

Fort Scott High School Attendance Officer - Josh Regan

Fort Scott Middle School Attendance Officer - Matt Harris

Eugene Ware Attendance Officer - Brandon Boyd

Winfield Scott Attendance Officer - Caleb Hendricks

There were none present for Public Forum.

Superintendent Zach Johnson reported that enrollment is now open and the various events leading up to school starting August 14th. There will be a new Tiger Pride Magazine that will be coming out monthly and will be available to public as well as staff and students. HB 2299 that will include cell phones not being aloud from the start of school until the end of the day was discussed with policies and procedures to be adopted later in the meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Terry Mayfield provided a shared document and updated about the end of the fiscal year budget and starting the new year. Facility updates were given, and all the projects are on track during the summer. Buildings are gearing up for staff to return and the start of the new school year. Bus and car inspections will take place this week and the Preschool drawings have been submitted.

Special Education Director Tonya Barnes shared an update on local training that will take place July 28th and is excited for staff to attend and start the new year.

The Board approved the following:

- 2024-25 Financial Audit
- SchoolsPLP Learning Platform Agreement – FS Tiger Virtual School
- School Vehicle Purchase – 2018 Dodge Caravan
- IT Services agreement renewal – USD 234 and City of Fort Scott
- HB 2299 KASB Policy and USD 234 Procedure Recommendations
- KASB Policy Updates
- Apptegy Communication Platform Subscription
- Resolution 26-05 – Revenue Neutral Declaration to Bourbon County Clerk
- Resolution 26-06 – Supplemental General Budget Percentage

The Board went into executive session for personnel matters.

The Board approved Special Service Contracts, Supplemental Salary Schedule, and Substitute Pay Schedule.

President David Stewart adjourned the meeting.

PERSONNEL REPORT – APPROVED

July 13, 2026

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/RETIREMENTS:

Estes, Thomas - Resignation - Custodian - High School
Kegler, Terra - Resignation - Paraprofessional - High School
Krebs, Dawna - Resignation - Paraprofessional - Winfield Scott
Larsen, Danny - Supplemental Resignation - Assistant Basketball Coach - High School
Pitts, Jaxon - Resignation - Groundskeeper/Athletic Fields Manager

TRANSFER:

Doherty, Andrew - Teacher - KRI to Tiger Academy
Miller, Martha - Paraprofessional - Eugene Ware to Winfield Scott

EMPLOYMENT:

Certified Recommendations for 2026-27 School Year:

Demko, Kimberly - .6 FTE Speech/Language
Esslinger, Danae - Special Education Teacher - KRI
Keylon, Ashley - Counselor - High School

Classified Recommendations for 2026-27 School year:

Floyd, Gary - ISS Supervisor - High School
Goans, Shawn - Bus Driver
LaFarge-Dehner, Dani - Paraprofessional - Winfield Scott
Shepard, Melissa - Paraprofessional - Eugene Ware
Tew, Layne - Paraprofessional - Eugene Ware
Tiger Academy Paraprofessionals
Uhler, Laurie - Paraprofessional - Middle School

SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bowman, Brock - Assistant Football Coach - Middle School
Barner, Alex - Assistant Basketball Coach - High School
Collins, Alexis - Assistant Volleyball Coach - High School
Hill, Sage - Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach - High School
High School Supplemental
Larsen, Danny - Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach - Middle School
Workman, Darcy - Assistant Cheer Coach - High School