

Board of Directors



Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Superintendent Scheduled to Attend Board Meeting:

Tim Beying, Regular

Dan Wessel, Alternate

Date: April 16th, 2025

Location: Keystone Office, 500 E. Sunflower Blvd., Ozawkie, KS 66070

Time: 6:30 p.m. - Call Meeting to Order

At 6:30 p.m., Board President Justin Finley called the meeting to order. Members present: Kelly Midgley, Bill Culver, Dakota Davis, Jesse Nickelson, Terry Reiling, Jerry Barnes, Tabitha McCrae (via zoom)

Others present: Doug Anderson, Executive Director; Belinda O'Dell, Assistant Special Education Director; Amy Conklin, Director of Special Education; Mollee Wilkerson, HR Director; Melody Malone, Keystone Office; Peris Wanjiku-Mitechll, Instructional Coach (leaving at 7:48 p.m.); Tim Beying, USD 449 Superintendent (leaving at 8:20 p.m.); Ryan Soden, USD 343 Alternate; Darrel Kohlman, DCS (leaving at 7:28 p.m.); Taylor Durr, DCS (leaving at 7:28 p.m.); Tyler Holder, DCS (leaving at 7:28 p.m.).

Monthly Action Items

ACTION

1. Approval of Meeting Agenda & Consent Agenda Items

Monthly Consent Agenda Items

Any Board member may request that any item be removed from this consent agenda to the regular agenda for action to be taken separately.

1. Approval of Meeting Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of Last Month's Meeting
3. Approval of Bill & Claims
4. Approval of Cash Summary Report
5. Approval of Monthly Fund Transfers
6. Approval of Check Registers
7. IDEA VI-B Assurances

8. Keystone Professional Development Plan

ACTION

Jerry Barnes made the motion that the Meeting Agenda & Monthly Consent Agenda Items be approved as presented. Kelly Midgley seconded and motion passed 8-0.

Monthly Communications

1. Receive Communications from Visitors Present: None

Discussion Items

1. **Building Bids Review** - The team from DSC including Darrel Kohlman, Taylor Durr, and Tyler Holder reviewed the bids from the different categories. The overall cost for the building project, including the upgrade of using asphalt instead of concrete for an additional \$20,000 for the entryways, road and parking, is \$3,610,516.29. There was discussion regarding the use of savings to include key fobs and ADA rated doors to the project and minor church renovations that were removed from the bidding process to ensure that we stayed under budget. Those options will be discussed at a later date.

ACTION

Jerry Barnes made the motion to approve the bids at \$3,610,516.29 for the building project. Kelly Midgley seconded and motion passed 8-0

2. **Presentation of training provided by our Instructional Coach** - Peris Wanjiku-Mitchell shared the different trainings that she and Becca Woolbert our Behavior Specialist have provided to both general education and special education staff. She also highlighted that we continue to make progress regarding the strategic plan with our different groups reviewing what has happened and what steps should be next.
3. **Keystone Priorities**—Keystone Administration will provide information on the following:
 - a. Temporary location for JDLA update - Doug provided an update on the agreement with the church for JDLA next year. Keystone's lawyer and the church's lawyer continue to work on the language to support the church's tax exempt status.
 - b. Budget Summary - Doug indicated that the department of administration requested amendments to the MTSS TASN grant proposal by cutting the original budget by \$1.5 million. A number of cuts were made including lowering the administrative costs from 5% to 4%. The budget summary reflects expenditures similar to this point in time last year.
4. **Personnel** – Keystone Administration will provide information on the following:
 - a. Vacancy/New Hire Report - Mollee reported current staffing levels for our certified staff for next school year including teachers and related service providers.
 - b. Service Rates - Amy reviewed service rates which compares teacher/para minutes versus student minutes.

Executive Session

Kelly Midgley made the motion for the Board go into executive session for 10 minutes at 8:20 p.m. to discuss negotiation topics pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations exception under KOMA, with the open meeting resuming in the boardroom at 8:30 p.m., and inviting Keystone

Administration to join this executive session per Board discretion. Jerry Barnes seconded and motion passed 8-0.

Terry Reiling made the motion for the Board go into executive session for 10 minutes at 8:31 p.m. to discuss personnel concerns pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, with the open meeting resuming in the boardroom at 8:41 p.m., and inviting the Keystone Administration to join this executive session per Board discretion. Kelly Midgley seconded and motion passed 8-0.

Open session resumed at 8:41 p.m..

Action Items

1. Personnel Update--Contracts and Resignations

Approval of the April 2025 Personnel Report

ACTION

Kelly Midgley made the motion to approve the personnel update as presented. Terry Reiling seconded and motion passed 8-0.

2. Board Clerk

ACTION

Terry Reiling made the motion to appoint Melody Malone as the Clerk of Board. Kelly Midgley seconded and motion passed 8-0.

3. KPERS Alternate

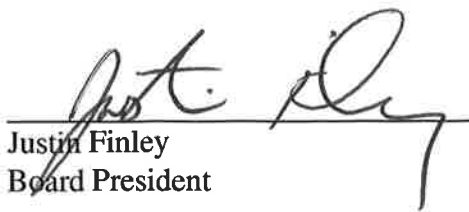
ACTION

Kelly Midgley made the motion to appoint Cindy Rauch as the KPERS Alternate. Terry Reiling seconded and motion passed 8-0.


Miscellaneous Items from Board Members

- 1. Director's Comments** – Doug indicated that Keystone Appreciation Day is next Wednesday and he invited board members to participate. He reported that the JDLA pinewood derby will include CO2 cars and will occur on Friday, April 25th at 1:00 p.m..
- 2. Board Member's Comments** – Kelly Midgley highlighted that the Jeff West baseball and softball teams are undefeated. She also said that the JV golf team placed 3rd in their last tournament. Terry Reiling added that the McLouth softball team is looking at a 3peat. Bill Culver reported doing a punch list at Lecompton Elementary and staff are excited. Dakota Davis and Dan Wessel went to the national school board association and presented on the superintendent evaluation tool that they were piloting. She also had the chance to attend a presentation on special education where they highlighted three priorities including; academic performance, attendance, and community trust. If the value in special education was increased, it was found to also increase the three priority areas.

Adjournment 8:38 p.m.


Justin Finley
Board President

Date 5-21-2025


Belinda O'Dell
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Date 5/21/25