MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PARSONS DISTRICT SCHOOLS – USD 503
August 11, 2025 – 6:00 PM
PARSONS HIGH SCHOOL VO-TECH BUILDING, 3030 MORTON

The regular meeting of the Board of Education USD 503 was called to order by Mr. Lou Martino, President, at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Vo-Tech Building, 3030 Morton. Notice of this meeting was sent to: PNEA Co-President-Whitney Spencer, PNEA Co-President-Robin McCleary, Parsons Sun, Radio Station KLKC, and the Parsons Recreation Commission.

Members Present
Ms. Olivia Lyons, Mr. Lou Martino, Mrs. Julie Legler, Mr. David Ray, Mrs. Kala Weidert-Green and Dr. Jeffrey Quirin

Absent – Mrs. Lee Ann Hunter

Others Meeting with the Board
Lori Perkins-Superintendent, Amanda Riley-Clerk of the Board, Jeff Pegues-Assistant Superintendent, Olivia Nolting-Parsons Middle School Principal, Keaton Nolting-Maintenance Director, Jaran Dixon-Community Health Worker

Guests – Colleen Williamson, District Public Relations

Adoption of Agenda with Addendum
It was moved by Mrs. Weidert-Green, seconded by Ms. Lyons, to adopt the agenda with the addendum as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Approval of Minutes
It was moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to approve the minutes from the special meeting on July 14, 2025 at 6:00 and minutes of the regular meeting on July 14, 2025 at 6:10 pm as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Consideration of Bills and Warrants
Bills in the amount of $1,452,410.20 were reviewed by the Board.
It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, to approve the bills and warrants as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Hearing of Requests and Suggestions of Citizens and Organizations - None

Accountability Plan Report(s)
a. Recruitment & Retention Update – Lori Perkins & Jeff Pegues
b. Family Engagement/Viking Fest Update – Olivia Nolting, Jaran Dixon, Jeff Pegues

Report From the Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Perkins reported on the following:
a. Enrollment Update
b. August 6 – New Teacher Training Day
c. August 7 – Viking Fest
d. August 13 – Substitute Teacher Training
e. August 14 - All Staff Professional Development at the High School in the Morning and Building Professional Development in the Afternoon
f. August 15, 18, 19 – Staff Professional Development
g. August 18 – Middle School & High School Open House, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
h. August 19 – Elementary Sneak Peek, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
i. August 20 - 1st Day of School for All Students (Full Day)

OLD BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS

Action to Accept Donations to Schools
The donations were for the month of June 2025.

It was moved by Mrs. Legler, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, to approve the donations as presented in the amount of $3,350. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Action to Set Special Meeting to Hold Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and Hold the Budget Heating
It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to set the special meeting on September 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and the regular September meeting is to follow at 6:05 p.m.

Action to Appoint Representative to Delegate Assembly for the 2025 KASB Convention
This year's convention begins on November 14 and concludes after the closing ceremony on November 16. The convention will be held in Wichita. The Delegate Assembly will be held Saturday, November 15.

It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to appoint Mrs. Kala Weidert-Green. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on 2025-26 Classified Staff Handbooks
First reading of the 2025-26 classified staff handbook was on the July 14, 2025 agenda.

It was moved by Mrs. Legler, seconded by Mrs. Weidert-Green, to approve the 25-26 classified staff handbook. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Action to Approve Bid for Garfield Roof and Guttering Replacement
Information was provided at the meeting and Keaton Nolting, Maintenance Director, was present.

It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to approve the SIC roof bid for $348,800 and the Clear Cut Guttering bid for $33,640. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Parsons to Provide Two School Resource Officers
This MOU is regarding our current SRO#1, Shyanne Dunn and additional SRO#2, Mark Raney. USD503 is responsible for a portion of the base for SRO#1, not to exceed $10,000. The additional SRO#2 position is partially federally funded over a four-year period. The award was given for years 2024, 2025, and 2026. The fourth year of the grant requires 100% of the cost to be split by the city and school district.

It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mr. Martino, to approve the MOU with annual billing. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on Participation with Greenbush Parents as Teachers During the 2025-26 School Year

Parents as Teachers is an early learning program for children under 6 that offers a range of services including personal visits, group connections, screenings, and enrollment in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The district has 20 slots purchased and each slot is $1,150. The total cost for the program is $23,000 ($1,000 increase from last year). Chelsea Gudde is the parent educator.

It was moved by Mrs. Weidert-Green, seconded by Mr. Ray, to approve participation with Greenbush Parents as Teachers during the 25-26 school year. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matters for Non-Elected Personnel

It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Ms. Lyons, to go into executive session with Mrs. Perkins and Mr. Pegues to discuss confidential employee information pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA at 6:51 p.m. for fifteen (15) minutes and that the Board return to open meeting at 7:06 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:06 p.m.

The Board took a five (5) minute break from 7:07 p.m. to 7:12 p.m.

Executive Session to Discuss Employer-Employee Negotiations

It was moved by Dr. Quirin, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to go into executive session with Mrs. Perkins and Mr. Pegues to discuss the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA at 7:12 p.m. for ten (10) minutes and that the Board return to open meeting at 7:22 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Action on Vacation Days for Directors and Administrators During the 2025-26 Contract Year

It was moved by Mrs. Weidert-Green, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to approve two extra days of vacation for directors and administrators during the 2025-26 contract year. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on Personnel

Resignations From Employment

Gisselle Hernandez, Garfield ESOL Aide, Effective End of the 2024-25 School Year

Mike Ramsey, High School Assistant Baseball Coach, Effective August 6, 2025

Josh Robertson, High School Head Baseball Coach, Effective August 6, 2025

Shealyn Wilds, High School Financial Clerk, Effective July 18, 2025

It was moved by Mrs. Weidert-Green, seconded by Mr. Ray, to approve the resignations from employment as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Termination From Employment

Curtis Arnold, Part-Time Custodian, Effective July 18, 2025

It was moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Dr. Quirin, to approve the termination from employment as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Transfer of Employment Effective the 2025-26 School Year

Joe Campmier, Middle School FACS/Tech Teacher to 7/8 Communications/Tech Teacher

Jamie Willey, 7/8 Communication/Yearbook Teacher to High School English Language Arts Teacher (11th Grade)

It was moved by Mrs. Weidert-Green, seconded by Ms. Lyons, to approve the transfers of employment as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Recommendations For Employment

Janai Bailey, High School Sports Club Co-Sponsor, Effective the 2025-26 School Year

Riley Beard, Garfield Behavior Support Aide, Effective August 14, 2025

James Cowger, Part-Time Custodian at Guthridge, Effective August 18, 2025

Kierstyn Houk, High School Assistant Volleyball Coach, Effective the 2025-26 Season

Kylie Lucas, High School Sports Club Co-Sponsor, Effective the 2025-26 School Year

Barbara McCoy, Middle School FACS Teacher, Effective the 2025-26 School Year

Shenita Oaks, Sub Bus Monitor, Effective August 20, 2025

Sherman Shaver, Middle School Custodian, Effective July 28, 2025

It was moved by Ms. Lyons, seconded by Mrs. Legler, to approve the recommendations for employment as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Adjournment
Mr. Martino adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Amanda Riley
Amanda Riley, Clerk of the Board

Mr. Lou Martino, President

9-8-25
Date