

WESTERN PLAINS USD 106
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY APRIL 13, 2026
7:30 P.M. LIBRARY OF WESTERN PLAINS SOUTH
BAZINE, KANSAS

1. Call to Order

Darin Wittman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Board members present: Darin Wittman, William Fairbank, Nohelia Mendez, Lowell Foos, Brent Schreiber, and Loretta Hair.

Administration present: Jeff Jones, Superintendent; Rhonda Heim, Principal

Others present: Jayme Leighton, District Board Clerk; Patrons and Staff(see attached list)

2. Adoption of Agenda

William Fairbank moved to approve the agenda with the following additions: 7.7 School Schedule.

Loretta Hair seconded.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

3. Patron & Staff Input

Cristina Garza voiced concerns about making sure the foreign exchange students have a ride home after late nights or in bad weather.

4. Reports

Jeff Jones presented the Superintendent's Report. This included information about Kansas Can recognitions, updates on patron questions from last meeting, making a policy for patron and staff speaking times, track & golf seasons underway, State Assessments, HS Play, HS Band, Prom, and Spring music concert on May 4th, Elementary Field Day on May 5th.

Rhonda Heim presented her Building Principal report. This included information on Parent/Teacher conference attendance, State Assessments, April 17th Professional Development Day, Kansas History Day State Competition April 17-18, and Star Recognitions.

5. Consent Agenda Items

William Fairbank moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Jared Cook seconded.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

6. Old Business

6.1 Graduation Cap Decorations

Jared Cook moved to allow graduation cap decorations at commencement ceremony.

Lowell Foos seconded. Motion did not pass 3-4-0.

7. New Business

7.1 Board Policy – Cash Deposits

Jeff Jones presented the board with policy “DCA” as directed at the last meeting.

William Fairbank moved to approve the Deposit of Funds policy “DCA” as presented.

Nohelia Mendez seconded.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

7.2 Sport Cooperatives

Joe Spangler and Pat Flax gave their input on moving forward with sport cooperative options for the future. It was decided to reach out and introduce themselves to the new administration at Ness City after July 1st.

No other action taken.

7.3 Facilities

7.3.1 Summer Projects

Jeff Jones will present the summer project list at next meeting.

No action was taken at this time.

7.3.2 Carpet Estimates

Jeff Jones presented estimates for various carpet projects that still need to be done at the High School. Will move forward with installing the previously purchased carpet for the instrument room and auditorium hallway.

7.4 Excess Inventory

Jeff Jones asked to move old, unusable laptops to excess inventory.

Loretta Hair moved to designate broken laptops as excess inventory.

Jared Cook seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

7.5 Executive Session for Personnel

Loretta Hair moved that the BOE and administration go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss employee performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA.

Nohelia Mendez seconded.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Jayme Leighton and all other patrons and staff left the meeting at 8:36 pm.

In: 8:36 pm Out: 9:06 pm

Darin Wittman moved for the BOE to go into Executive Session to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel for an additional 20 minutes with the BOE and Administration present.

In: 9:06 pm Out: 9:26 pm

Darin Wittman moved for the BOE to go into Executive Session to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel for an additional 10 minutes with the BOE and Administration present.

In: 9:26 pm Out: 9:36 pm

Darin Wittman moved for the BOE to go into Executive Session to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel for an additional 10 minutes with the BOE and Administration present.

In: 9:36 pm Out: 9:47 pm

Jeff Jones and Rhonda Heim left the meeting at 9:46 pm.

Darin Wittman moved for the BOE to go into Executive Session to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel for an additional 5 minutes with the BOE and Administration present.

In: 9:47 pm Out: 9:52 pm

Jeff Jones returned to the meeting at 9:52 pm.

Darin Wittman moved for the BOE to go into Executive Session to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel for an additional 5 minutes with the BOE and Administration present.

In: 9:52 pm Out: 9:57 pm

Darin Wittman moved for the BOE to go into Executive Session to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel for an additional 5 minutes with the BOE and Administration present.

In: 9:57 pm Out: 10:03 pm

Darin Wittman moved for the BOE to go into Executive Session to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel for an additional 10 minutes with the BOE and Administration present.

In: 10:03 pm Out: 10:14 pm

Jeff Jones left the meeting at 10:11 pm.

Jeff Jones returned to the meeting at 10:14 pm

Darin Wittman moved for the BOE to go into Executive Session to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel for an additional 5 minutes with the BOE and Administration present.

In: 10:14 pm Out: 10:19 pm

Jayne Leighton, Rhonda Heim, and all patrons and staff returned to the meeting at 10:19 pm.

7.6 Resignations and Hiring

7.6.1 Resignations

1. Loretta Hair moved to accept the resignation of Anne Hawkins.
William Fairbank seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

7.6.2 Certified Contracts for 2026-2027

1. Nohelia Mendez moved to approve to hire Julie Mauch as teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
William Fairbank seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.
2. Nohelia Mendez moved to approve to hire Pat Flax as teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
Jared Cook seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.
3. Nohelia Mendez moved to approve to hire Amanda Wittman as teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
William Fairbank seconded. Motion carried 6-0-1 (Wittman abstained).
4. Brent Schreiber moved to approve to hire Elizabeth Lund as teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
Jared Cook seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.
5. Nohelia Mendez moved to approve to hire Chelsea Weaver as teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
William Fairbank seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.
6. Loretta Hair moved to approve to hire Christina Payne as teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
Brent Schreiber seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.
7. William Fairbank moved to approve to hire Joe Spangler as teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
Jared Cook seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

8. Willam Fairbank moved to approve to hire Erica Spangler as teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
Brent Schreiber seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.
9. Nohelia Mendez moved to approve to hire Katie Flax as teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
Loretta Hair seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.
10. Brent Schreiber moved to approve to hire Katy Miller as teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.
11. Willam Fairbank moved to approve to hire Ashley Briand as teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
Loretta Hair seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.
12. Nohelia Mendez moved to approve to hire Nicole Sandoval as teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
Jared Cook seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.
13. Jared Cook moved to approve to hire Ryan Young as teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
Lowell Foos seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.
14. Brent Schreiber moved to approve to hire Luke Johnson as teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
Willam Fairbank seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.
15. Willam Fairbank moved to approve to hire Hannah Hair as teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
Jared Cook seconded. Motion carried 6-0-1 (Hair abstained)
16. Nohelia Mendez moved to approve to hire Julie Mauch as teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
Willam Fairbank seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.
17. Willam Fairbank moved to approve to hire Bernie Flax as ½ teacher for 2026-2027 school year.
Jared Cook seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.
18. Loretta moved to approve to hire Barbara McLain as 1/9 teacher for 2026-2027 school year.

Brent Schreiber seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

19. Brent Schreiber moved to approve to hire Pat Flax as 5/9 teacher for 2026-2027 school year.

Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

20. Jared Cook moved to approve to hire Jeff Jones as superintendent with \$2000 salary increase for the 2026-2027 school year.

Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

21. Willam Fairbank moved to approve to hire Elizabeth Lund as Assistant Administrator for the 2026-2027 school year.

Brent Schreiber seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

22. Willam Fairbank moved to approve to hire Shanna Breuer as South Building Principal for the 2026-2027 school year.

Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

7.6.3 Classified Wage Schedule

1. Jared Cook moved to approve the Classified Wage Schedule as presented for the 2026-2027 school year.

Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 6-0-1(Fairbank abstained)

7.6.4 Supplemental Assignments

1. Willam Fairbank moved to approve the Supplemental Assignments as presented for the 2026-2027 school year with the following exclusions: HS Boys Basketball Assistant, JH Boys Basketball Assistant, JH Scholar's Bowl Assistant, JH Assistant KAYS, Summer Weights, and North Concessions.

Loretta Hair seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

2. Jared Cook moved to approve to hire Jeff Jones, Joe Spangler, and Amanda Wittman as Summer Weights sponsors for the 2026-2027 school year.

William Fairbank seconded. Motion carried 6-0-1(Wittman abstained).

3. Willam Fairbank moved to approve to hire Amanda Wittman as Assistant JH KAYS sponsor for the 2026-2027 school year.
Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 6-0-1(Wittman abstained).
4. Willam Fairbank moved to approve to hire JH Scholar's Bowl Assistant for the 2026-2027 school year.
Jared Cook seconded. Motion carried 6-0-1(Wittman abstained)
5. Nohelia Mendez moved to approve to hire Hannah Hair as the North Concessions sponsor for the 2026-2027 school year.
William Fairbank seconded. Motion carried 6-0-1(Hair abstained).
6. Nohelia Mendez moved to approve to hire Bridgett Huish as the JH Boys Basketball Assistant for the 2026-2027 school year.
Loretta Hair seconded. Motion carried 6-0-1(Fairbank abstained).

7.7 School Schedule

William Fairbank voiced patron and staff concern over the daily transportation times to and from Bazine. Discussion only, no action was taken as this time.

8.0 Adjournment

Nohelia Mendez moved to adjourn the meeting.

Loretta Hair seconded.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 pm.

The next meeting will be in Ransom on Monday May 11, 2026 at 7:30 pm.



BOARD PRESIDENT



BOARD CLERK