

WESTERN PLAINS USD 106
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY MARCH 9, 2026
7:30 P.M. LIBRARY OF WESTERN PLAINS NORTH
RANSOM, 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; Christina Payne, Julie Mauch, Holly & Weston Kraus, Bridget Tillitson

2. Adoption of Agenda

Brent Schreiber moved to approve the agenda with the following additions: 7.5 Co-Op for JH Athletics

Loretta Hair seconded.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

3. Patron & Staff Input

Holly and Weston Kraus requested a closed executive session with the BOE only. Request was denied.

Bridget Tillitson, parent, discussed the executive session process and expressed her concerns with advertising in the newspaper, Cat Tracks, and Yearbook.

Weston Kraus voiced his concerns and opinions on several issues: What qualifies as an assist in basketball, Transportation Director, communications between coaches and parents, Golf coaches and dual sport students, All School Play requirements, Band, Dances, JH Basketball, Cheer(concessions, uniforms, fundraisers), JH cheer uniforms, Concessions, Volleyball, HS Basketball, Track(pole vault, practices), Football(practices and JH Football), vehicle maintenance schedules, and community support and donations.

Senior Class provided letters to the BOE requesting that graduation be held in the gym and asking permission to decorate their mortar board hats. There was a consensus to allow graduation in the gym, but no decision was made about the hat decorations at this meeting.

4. Reports

Jeff Jones presented the Superintendent's Report. This included information about the conclusion of basketball seasons, Forensics, JH Music at Lacrosse, WKLL Music at Northern Valley this week, Activity Account balances, and a budget status report.

Rhonda Heim presented her Building Principal report. This included information on student teaching for Fall 2026 for Besty Luna, Parent/Teacher Conferences this week, JH Game Night, State Assessments in April, Poppy Poster contest, and the National History Day Contest results.

5. Consent Agenda Items

Loretta Hair moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

William Fairbank seconded.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

6. Old Business

6.1 Refrigeration

Jeff Jones has no new information to present at this meeting.

6.2 Bus 14 Repairs

Discussion took place about the repairs on Bus 14.

Brent Schreiber moved to not repair Bus 14 and let insurance total it out.

William Fairbank seconded.

Motion carried 5-1-0.

7. New Business

7.1 Summer School

Jeff Jones discussed plans for 2026 Summer School.

Rhonda Heim presented information about Title III services and funds for ESOL.

Jeff Jones recommended a budget of \$4000 for summer school.

William Fairbank moved to approve \$4000 budget for 2026 Summer School

Nohelia Mendez seconded.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

7.2 School Calendar

Jeff Jones presented the 2026-2027 district calendar to review.

Lowell Foos moved to approve the 2026-2027 District Calendar as presented.

Brent Schreiber seconded.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

7.3 Board Policies

7.3.1 Deposit Processes

Jeff Jones presented a policy on depositing for the BOE to review.

No action was taken at this time.

7.3.2 Cell Phone Policy

Jeff Jones presented a policy on cell phone use for the BOE to review.

William Fairbank moved to approve with the discussed changes effective March 30, 2026.

Brent Schreiber seconded.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

7.4 Executive Session for Personnel

Loretta Hair moved that the BOE and Jeff Jones go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss employee performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA.

William Fairbank seconded.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Jayme Leighton, Holly and Weston Kraus, Bridget Tillitson, Rhonda Heim and Julie Mauch left the meeting at 9:55 pm.

In: 9:55 pm Out: 10:11 pm

Darin Wittman moved for the BOE to go into Executive Session to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel for an additional 15 minutes with the BOE and Administration present.

In: 10:11 pm Out: 10:26 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: 10:26 pm Out: 10:36 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: 10:36 pm Out: 10:42 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: 10:42 pm Out: 10:47 pm

Jayme Leighton, Rhonda Heim, Holly and Weston Kraus, and Bridget Tillitson returned to the meeting at 10:48 pm.

7.5 Co-Op with JH Sports

Brent Schreiber discussed his concerns about the future of our JH sports and the possibility of needing to co-op with another school.

Jeff Jones proposed having the Co-Athletic Directors come to the next meeting to discuss with the BOE.

No action taken at this time.

8.0 Adjournment

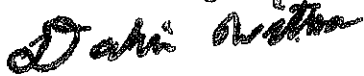
Nohelia Mendez moved to adjourn the meeting.

Loretta Hair seconded.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 pm.

The next meeting will be in Bazine on Monday April 13, 2026 at 7:30 pm.



BOARD PRESIDENT



BOARD CLERK