

WESTERN PLAINS USD 106
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JANUARY 12, 2026
7:00 P.M. LIBRARY OF WESTERN PLAINS NORTH
RANSOM, KANSAS

1. Call to Order

Darin Wittman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Administration present: Jeff Jones, Superintendent; Rhonda Heim, Principal; Elizabeth Lund, teacher and Assistant Administrator.

Others present: Jayme Leighton, District Board Clerk; Joe Spangler, teacher; Christina Payne, teacher.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Loretta Hair moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Jared Cook seconded.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

3. Patron & Staff Input

All patrons & staff are here to observe.

4. Reports

Jeff Jones presented the Superintendent's Report. This included information about the grant for mulch at the Daycare, Scholar's Bowl, Basketball season, Professional Development on January 19th, Bus 14 repair plan, and Run Across America.

Rhonda Heim presented her Building Principal report. This included information on 2nd semester assessments, District Spelling Bee on January 14, County Spelling Bee on January 21, and Professional Development on January 19th.

5. Election of Board Officers

5.1 President

Nohelia Mendez nominated Darin Wittman.

Lowell Foos seconded.

Motion carried 6-0-1 (Wittman abstained)

5.2 Vice President

Nohelia Mendez nominated Jared Cook.

Lowell Foos seconded.

Motion carried 6-0-1 (Cook abstained)

6. Consent Agenda Items

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

Nohelia Mendez seconded.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

7. Old Business

7.1 SKACD Representative

Darin Wittman nominated Nohelia Mendez as the SKACD Representative.

William Fairbank seconded.

Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mendez abstained)

8. New Business

8.1 KESA Accreditation Report

Elizabeth Lund presented the KESA Accreditation Report and District Action Plan.

William Fairbank moved to approve the Plan of Action for the KESA Accreditation.

Jared Cook seconded.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

8.2 North Elementary Calendar Change

We will be hosting the WKLL League Forensics on Wednesday April 8th. Jeff Jones requested to cancel school for North Pre-K to 5th grade for that day so elementary staff can help run the event and classrooms will be used.

Loretta Hair moved to approve for the North PreK-5 to have no school on Wednesday April 8th.

Brent Schreiber seconded.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

8.3 Facility Projects

Jeff Jones presented a brief overview of facility projects, including carpet for the music department.

8.3.1 North Security System

Jeff Jones presented two bids from GBT for new server options for the security system.

Lowell Foos moved to approve the bid to replace both servers for \$2109.16.

Brent Schreiber seconded.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

8.3.2 North Kitchen Refrigeration

Jeff Jones presented bids from Don & Sunflower Restaurant Company for new refrigeration system for the North Kitchen. Discussion took place, the BOE wants to investigate the cost to repair the existing walk-in coolers. Table until next meeting.

8.3.3 E-Rate Phone Bids

Jeff Jones explained the E-Rate process, but had not received the second bid at the time of the meeting. Table until next month.

8.4 School Administrator Options for 2026-2027

Jeff Jones presented the BOE with options and information for Administrator duties for the 2026-2027 school year. Discussion took place. No action was taken at this time.

8.5 Executive Session for Personnel

Loretta Hair moved that the BOE go into executive session for 40 minutes to discuss employee performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA.

Nohelia Mendez seconded.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Jayme Leighton, Jeff Jones, Rhonda Heim, Joe Spangler, Elizabeth Lund, and Christina Payne left the meeting at 8:20 pm.

In: 8:20 pm Out: 9:00 pm

Jeff Jones and Rhonda Heim returned to the meeting at 8:32 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: 9:00 pm Out: 9:21 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: 9:22 pm Out: 9:32 pm

Elizabeth Lund, Christina Payne, and Jayme Leighton returned to the meeting at 9:32 pm.

8.6 Acceptance of Resignation and Offers of Employment

8.6.1 William Fairbank moved to accept the resignation of Kyle Nuckolls.

Nohelia Mendez seconded.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

8.6.2 Nohelia Mendez moved to approve to hire Hannah Hair as teacher at 4/9 contract.

Jared Cook seconded.

Motion carried 6-0-1 (Hair Abstained.)

8.6.3 William Fairbank moved to approve to offer Pat Flax an additional 1/18 contract.

Nohelia Mendez seconded.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

8.6.4 Brent Schreiber moved to approve to offer Ashley Briand an additional 1/18 contract.

William Fairbank seconded.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

8.6.5 Loretta Hair moved to approve to offer Jeff Jones an additional 3/32 contract.

Lowell Foos seconded.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

9.0 Adjournment

Jared Cook moved to adjourn the meeting.

Nohelia Mendez seconded.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

The next meeting will be in Bazine on Monday February 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm.



BOARD PRESIDENT



BOARD CLERK