

WESTERN PLAINS USD 106
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY MAY 7, 2025
7:00 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: Loretta Hair, Lowell Foos, Nohelia Mendez, Darrell Ary, and Darin Wittman.

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

Others present: Jayme Leighton, District Board Clerk

2. Adoption of Agenda

Loretta Hair moved to approve the agenda.

Darrell Ary seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

3. Patron & Staff Input

No patrons or staff were present.

4. Reports

Jeff Jones presented the Superintendent's Report. This included information about daycare improvements, JH & HS track updates, HS golf, State Forensics results, Spring music concert, Prom, School Play, and Open House and Awards Night.

Rhonda Heim presented the South Principals Report. This included information about JH trip to Dighton track meet, Pre-K Transition days, JH Awards & 8th Grade Promotion, Elementary Open House, and the Cedar Bluff Field trip. She is also working on curriculum invoices for next year, Title I reports, and the Pre-K and Fresh Fruits & Veggies grants.

5. Consent Agenda Items

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

Darrell Ary seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

6. Old Business

6.1 District Calendar

Jeff Jones presented the district calendar.

Loretta Hair moved to approve the 2025-2026 District Calendar as presented.
Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

7. New Business

7.1 Executive Session for Negotiations

Loretta Hair moved that the BOE and administration go into executive session to discuss the employer-employee negotiations under KOMA.

Lowell Foos seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Jayme Leighton left the meeting at 7:57 pm.

15 minutes

In: 7:57 pm Out: 8:12 pm

Additional 5 minutes

In: 8:12 pm Out 8:17 pm

Additional 5 minutes

In: 8:17 pm Out 8:23 pm

Jayme Leighton returned to the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Lowell Foos moved to accept the 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement as presented.

Darrell Ary seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

7.2 Executive Session for Personnel

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

Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Jayme Leighton left the meeting at 8:27 pm.

30 minutes

In: 8:27 pm Out: 8:57 pm

Additional 15 minutes

In: 8:59 pm Out 9:14 pm

Additional 15 minutes

In: 9:15 pm Out 9:30 pm

Jayme Leighton returned to the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Loretta Hair moved that the BOE go into executive session to discuss employee performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA.
Darrell Ary seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Jayme Leighton left the meeting at 9:39 pm.

5 minutes

In: 9:39 pm Out: 9:44 pm

Jayme Leighton returned to the meeting at 9:44 pm

7.4 Hire And Approve Resignations

Darrell Ary moved to accept the resignation of Lisa Wick as bus driver.
Lowell Foos seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Loretta Hair moved to accept the resignation of Alana Strickler as JH Girls Basketball Assistant.
Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Nohelia Mendez moved to accept the resignation of Jayme Leighton as HS Cheer Coach.
Lowell Foos seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Darrell Ary moved to hire Luke Johnson as a teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.
Lowell Foos seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Darrell Ary moved to hire Elizabeth Lund as Assistant Administrator at a 1/10th contract for the 2025-2026 school year.
Lowell Foos seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Lowell Foos moved to approve the Supplemental Schedule as presented for the 2025-2026 school year.
Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Loretta Hair moved to hire Bruce Huber as bus driver for the 2025-2026 school year.
Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Darrell Ary moved to hire Ashley Briand as a teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Loretta Hair seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Loretta Hair moved to hire Bernie Flax on a ½ time contract as a teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Darrell Ary seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Lowell Foos moved to hire Katie Flax as a teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Darrell Ary moved to hire Pat Flax as a teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Loretta Hair moved to hire Elizabeth Lund as a teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Lowell Foos seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Nohelia Mendez moved to hire Allen McLain as a part time teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Darrell Ary seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Loretta Hair moved to hire Barbara McLain as a teacher on a 1/9 contract for the 2025-2026 school year.

Darrell Ary seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Lowell Foos moved to hire Katy Miller as a teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Darrell Ary seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Lowell Foos moved to hire Christina Payne as a teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Loretta Hair seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Darrell Ary moved to hire Erica Spangler as a teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Nohelia Mendez moved to hire Anne Hawkins as a teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Darrell Ary seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Loretta Hair moved to hire Julie Mauch as a teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Lowell Foos seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Nohelia Mendez moved to hire Nicole Sandoval as a teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Lowell Foos seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Darrell Ary moved to hire Chealsea Weaver as a teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Lowell Foos seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Loretta Hair moved to hire Amanda Wittman as a teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1. (D. Wittman abstained)

Darrell Ary moved to hire Joseph Spangler as a teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Lowell Foos seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Nohelia Mendez moved to approve the Classified Wages as presented for the 2025-2026 school year.

Lowell Foos seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

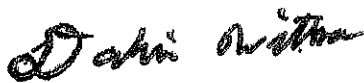
8.0 Adjournment

Loretta Hair moved to adjourn the meeting.

Nohelia Mendez seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm.

The next meeting will be in Bazine on Monday June 9th, 2025 at 7:30 pm.



BOARD PRESIDENT



BOARD CLERK