

USD 426 Board of Education Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2026
USD 426 Budget Hearing 6:30 P.M.
Pike Valley Board Office
Unapproved Board Minutes

President Bryan Rickard called the Budget Hearing to order at 6:37 p.m. Roll call was answered by Board Members Sharon Segerhammar, Jack Thompson, John Garman, President Bryan Rickard, Superintendent/Elementary Principal Mike Gritten, Levi Simon, Josey Hammer, Mason Runft, and Principal Jeremy Miller.

The Budget Hearing for the 2026-2027 school year for Unified School District #426 was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Board of Education Office in Scandia, Monday, September 14, 2026.

Mr. Gritten reported on and went over the 2026-2027 Budget. There were no questions from the public.

Sharon Segerhammar moved, seconded by Josey Hammer to adjourn the Budget Hearing. Motion passed 7-0.

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President Bryan Rickard called the regular Board of Education meeting for UD 426 to order at 7:07 p.m. Roll call was answered by Board Members Sharon Segerhammar, Jack Thompson, John Garman, President Bryan Rickard, Superintendent/Elementary Principal Mike Gritten, Levi Simon, Josey Hammer, Mason Runft, and Principal Jeremy Miller.

Jack Thompson moved, seconded by Josey Hammer to adopt the agenda and the additions/corrections as listed below. Motion passed 7-0.

"New Business

- f. Approve Purchase of Chromebooks
- g. Approve Consultant
- h. Approve 2026-2027 Budget

Table New Business item. 'E. Approve Hire of JH Asst. Girls Basketball Coach' until the regular October Board Meeting"

President Bryan Rickard publicly thanked Warren Sutton for his donation of fresh vegetables to the schools for meals.

Jack Thompson moved, seconded by Mason Runft to approve consent agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

The following is approved:

- a. Approve Minutes of August 18th Regular Meeting and September 9th Special Board Meeting
- b. Approve Donations
- c. Approve Financial Reports and Payment of Bills

Curriculum Corner presented by Randy Ainsworth and Morgan Barnhart, Co-Transportation Directors, regarding School Transportation.

Jack Thompson moved, seconded by John Garman to enter executive session at 7:38 p.m. for twenty minutes to discuss personnel matters for nonelected personnel; to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 7-0. Entering into executive session were Board members, Superintendent/Principal Mike Gritten. Principal Jeremy Miller and Athletic Director Jody Callaway entered executive session at 7:43 p.m. Superintendent Mike Gritten and Board Member Jack Thompson exited executive session at 7:46 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 7:58 p.m.

Mason Runft moved, seconded by Josey Hammer to enter executive session at 7:58 p.m. for twenty minutes to discuss personnel matters for nonelected personnel; to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 6-0. Entering into executive session were Board members, Principal Jeremy Miller and Athletic Director Jody Callaway. Principal Jeremy Miller and Athletic Director Jody Callaway exited executive session at 8:02 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 8:18 p.m.

John Garman moved, seconded by Levi Simon to enter executive session at 8:18 p.m. for five minutes to discuss personnel matters for nonelected personnel; to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 6-0. Entering into executive session were Board members. Principal Jeremy Miller entered executive session at 8:20 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 8:23 p.m.

Sharon Segerhammar moved, seconded by Mason Runft to enter executive session at 8:23 p.m. for five minutes to discuss personnel matters for nonelected personnel; to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 6-0. Entering into executive session were Board members and Principal Jeremy Miller. The Board returned to open session at 8:28 p.m.

Mason Runft moved, seconded by Levi Simon to enter executive session at 8:28 p.m. for five minutes to discuss personnel matters for nonelected personnel; to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 6-0. Entering into executive session were Board members and Principal Jeremy Miller. Principal Jeremy Miller exited executive session at 8:33 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 8:35 p.m.

Josey Hammer moved, seconded by John Garman to enter executive session at 8:33 p.m. for five minutes to discuss personnel matters for nonelected personnel; to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 6-0. Entering into executive session were Board members. The Board returned to open session at 8:38 p.m.

Jack Thompson moved, seconded by John Garman to approve the LCNCK By-Laws as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Sharon Segerhammar moved, seconded by Levi Simon to approve the purchase of two 10 Passenger Vans as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Jack Thompson moved, seconded by Levi Simon to approve Troy Newman as HS Baseball Assistant Coach. Motion passed 7-0.

Josey Hammer moved, seconded by Levi Simon to approve the hire of Brent Melby as HS Girls Head Basketball Coach. Motion passed 6-0. Board member Jack Thompson abstained.

Mason Runft moved, seconded by Jack Thompson to approve the purchase of Chromebooks as presented using Small Rural Schools Grant funds. Motion passed 7-0.

Josey Hammer moved, seconded by Jack Thompson to approve Steve Joonas as Consultant for 2026-2027 as needed. Motion passed 7-0.

Levi Simon moved, seconded by Jack Thompson to adopt the 2026-2027 Pike Valley USD 426 Budget as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Miller presented the Jr/Sr High School Principal's report.

Mr. Gritten presented the Elementary Principal's report.

Mr. Gritten presented the Superintendent's report which included the following items: Storm Shelter; Givebacks Online Payment Processing at both schools; NarCan; Legislative Updates; Building Front Entrance Updates; Health Insurance Renewal Updates.

Jack Thompson moved, seconded by Josey Hammer to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjournment time was 9:14 p.m. Those in attendance at the September 14, 2026 Board of Education meeting and Budget Hearing were the above Board members, Superintendent/Principal Mike Gritten, Principal Jeremy Miller, Randy Ainsworth, Jody Callaway, Jesy Strnad, and Business Manager/Board Clerk Morgan Barnhart.

Attest: Board Clerk