

**Special Meeting Minutes**

**USD 473 Board of Education  
Thursday, June 26, 2025**

**Betsy Edwards, School Board President, called the Special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 am at the Education Center located at 822 N. Marshall, Chapman, KS.**

**Other Board Members present: Brenda Edleston, Dana Obermeyer, Adam Elliott, Jessica Murphy and Jennifer Elliott**

**Also Present: Kevin Suther, Superintendent of Schools, Michele Sutter, Clerk of the Board and Sarah Stalder, District Treasurer/Budget Clerk**

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**Jennifer Elliott made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.**

**Jessica Murphy made the motion to approve the payment of the bills as presented. Adam Elliott seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.**

**Jennifer Elliott made the motion to approve the personnel changes as presented. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.**

**Resignation:**

Cameron Augustine - Chapman High School Assistant Basketball Coach

**New Hire:**

Haley Kraxner - Enterprise Elementary Behavioral Intervention Aide

**Superintendent Suther provided the Board with a FY25 Year End Cash Summary Report that both he and Sarah Stalder, board treasurer, worked on after meeting with Greenbush on Monday, June 23rd as well as attending the year end budget information meeting hosted in Abilene on Tuesday, June 24th. The report includes all (21) of our District funds and where we are at. This includes the beginning balance, revenue, expenditures, encumbrances, outstanding liabilities and ending balances.**

**The following is the list of transfers to close out the 2024-25 budget year.**

Required Transfers in General Fund:

Special Education: \$1,313,928  
At Risk: \$920,176

Required Transfers in Supplemental General:

Special Education: \$427,481  
At Risk: \$290,315  
Bilingual: \$999

Transfers to Build the Beginning Budget for the 2025-26 School Year from the General:

**Textbook Revolving:** \$100,000 (Build the account for future curriculum purchases with no longer having ESSER money)

**Professional Development:** \$58,137 (Build the account for current and future trainings & speakers)

**Food Service:** \$154,340 (Build back to the maximum of 3 months carry over because food prices have risen, and we have gone at least 4 years without having to supplement this account because of the Covid money when all students were reimbursable)

**Parents as Teachers:** \$17,807.15 (We get reimbursement funding by the State grant, but then we must spend 50 cents for every dollar by the state to match)

**Special Education:** \$329,248.02 (Legislation only funded 7.5 million, which is separated among all Kansas Schools compared to the year before, which was \$75 million. The predicted special education funding, which is by staff and not students, is predicted to drop for the categorical aid from \$30,800 per 1.0 FTE employee to \$26,900. We had to raise the assessments by 17.5 percent, which is around \$160,000 in additional money. KDHE also made a mistake on how they collected Medicaid funding with their formula over the last 7 years for all schools in the State of Kansas, and requires the reimbursement to them within 60 days, which is over \$529,000 in unexpected money to be paid out by our Special Education Cooperative. So I am building this fund area while we have some additional funds to do so for future increases, unless the legislators fund Special Education to the required 92% instead of approximately 70%.)

**Career & PostSecondary:** \$473,814 (We spend over \$500,000 in this account for our pathway class teachers.)

Transfers to Build the Beginning Budget for the 2025-26 School Year from Supplemental General:

**Professional Development:** \$15,000

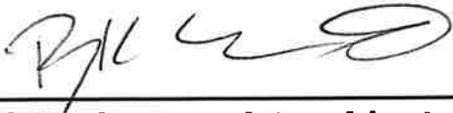
**Pre-K At Risk:** \$30,000 (This can help pay for the two aides for Pre-K for CES & Blue Ridge which is required when there are over 10 students in the class)

**K-12 At Risk:** \$100,664 (Brings the final amount a little over \$3500 for carry over. We keep this low carryover because it is already built in by the state on our required transfers and must be very specific on who and what we spend it on, and that we are teaching evidence based curricula in our ELA, MTSS, etc..)

**Brenda Edleston made the motion to authorize Superintendent Kevin Suther and District Treasurer Sarah Stalder to make the end of year transfers. Adam Elliott seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.**

**Dana Obermeyer made the motion to adjourn. Jessica Murphy seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.**

**Meeting adjourned - 7:18 am**



**Betsy Edwards, Board President**



**Michele Sutter, Board Clerk**