

Minutes

Special Board Meeting Unified School District No. 473, Chapman, KS

August 11, 2025

Brenda Edleston, School Board President, called the USD 473 Special Board Meeting to order at 6:15 pm at the Education Center located at 822 N. Marshall, Chapman, KS.

Other Board Members Present: Jessica Murphy, Adam Elliott, Jennifer Elliott and Betsy Edwards (Dana Obermeyer was absent)

Also Present: Kevin Suther – Superintendent, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk Shelby Amancio and Laurie Rutherford

Jennifer Elliott made the motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Betsy Edwards seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Needs Assessment & State Assessment Review Follow-up

Each individual building assessment and state assessment review was discussed at the May 19, 2025 board meeting after working with all stakeholders. This is published on the USD 473 website. This was provided to the Board of Education, evaluated by the Board of Education and used for the budget approval process. Final considerations and adjustments have been made to the budget for 2025-26 and future goals.

The topics covered involved areas like enrollment, academics, curriculum, staffing, facilities and much more.

Brenda thanked Superintendent Suther for the good explanation they received about the budget he built.

This was an informational item only.

2025-26 Budget

Adam Elliott made the motion to approve the 2025-26 budget as presented. Jessica Murphy seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

LOB Resolution

USD 473 chooses not to increase the LOB to the max which is 33% and asks for approval of the statewide average of 32.3%.

Jessica Murphy made the motion to approve the LOB Resolution at the state average 32.3%. Jennifer Elliott seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

Jessica Murphy made the motion to adjourn. Adam Elliott seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned - 6:22 pm



Brenda Edleston, Board President



Michele Sutter, Board Clerk