

BOARD MINUTES  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 9, 2026

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 273 met in regular session on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 6:30 P.M., at the Board of Education Office with the following members present: Joe File, Amber Krier, Kelsey Adams, Craig Cousland, Jake Ludwig, Jon Stillwell and Tony Thompson. Also present were Jeff Travis, Superintendent; Tiffany Schroeder, Clerk; Janet Porter, Beloit Elementary School Principal; Garry Lowry, Beloit Elementary School Assistant Principal; Casey Seyfert, Beloit Jr-Sr High School Principal; Christie Gerdes, Beloit Special Education Cooperative Director; and Brady Dean, MCPC Executive Director.

President File called the hearing to order at 6:30 P.M.

Guests present were: Scot Loyd, Loyd Group; Jayden Hughes; Emily Sadler; Heather Matter; Charlie Burke; Chrissie Harris; Brian Debey; and Danny Henk.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Adams, to approve the agenda with the addition of 2a) Executive Session – Personnel (I.I.). Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Stillwell, seconded by Cousland, to approve the consent agenda with this motion, the following were approved:

Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting; January 26, 2026 Special Board Meeting; January 28, 2026 Special Board Meeting; January 29, 2026 Special Board Meeting; February 2, 2026 Special Board Meeting; February 3, 2026 Special Board Meeting; February 3, 2026 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Board Meeting; and February 4, 2026 Special Board Meeting

Payment of Bills and Claims

Approval of Revenue Journals

Approval of Activity Funds

Personnel

Contract:

Adin Hulett, Paraeducator, Lucas Elementary School

Resignations:

Arika Haresnape, Agriculture Teacher; Beloit Jr-Sr High School; End of 2025-26 school year;

Lori Stephenson, Paraeducator; Rock Hills Jr-Sr High School;

Grant Deneke, Tennis Coach

Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**BILLS**

<b>PAID JANUARY 5, 2026:</b>		Meredith Johnson, Treasurer	432.00
Delta Dental of KS	9877.87	First National Bank & Trust	165,060.60
		Flex Made Easy - ACH	3537.50
<b>PAID JANUARY 20, 2026:</b>		Flex Made Easy	6359.12
MG Trust	900.00	KPERS	49,702.60
American Fidelity Assurance Co	9059.4	KPERS Retirement WAR	1,910.47

KPERS-Optional Life	431.90	Craig Home Care	209.56
KS Dept of Revenue	29,773.24	Crumbaker Oil & Feed, LLC	6288.66
KS Employ Security Fund	741.31	Culligan of Downs	94.00
Med Air Service Assoc-B2B	638.40	Cunningham Fiber	1532.13
Salina Surgical Center, LLC	323.23	Damm Music Center, Inc	18.74
Security Benefit Life Ins Co	850.00	Carli Denning	343.00
Sun Life	11,560.41	DS Busline, Inc	53,188.44
Trustmark Voluntary Benefits	1,533.74	Ashley R. Eck	64.05
USD 273 Health Reserve	110,841.67	Christine Elam	2,634.00
FTC-Fiduciary Trust Co of NH	1,200.00	Joelle Emerson	411.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>394,855.59</b>	Ernie Williamson Music	360.91
		Flex Made Easy	66.50
		Glassman Corporation	508.75
<b>PAID JANUARY 28, 2026:</b>		Michelle Hahn	247.24
BlueCross BlueShield of KS	6,850.27	Harris School Solutions	9,822.36
BlueCross BlueShield of KS	141,688.02	Hiserote Trash Removal	703.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>148,538.29</b>	Bernetta Hlad	140.00
		Elizabeth Holway	676.20
<b>PAID FEBRUARY 9, 2026:</b>		Meagan Housh	79.10
Cris Adams	3,067.58	HTK Architects	3,223.68
Mardy File	60.00	Korryn Hubert	25.50
Amazon Capital Services	769.15	Image Quest	2,986.04
Amanda Anderson	237.30	Vicki Jackson Catering	3,000.00
Athco, LLC	190.52	Allison Johnson	113.40
Bark Technologies, Inc	1,750.00	Junior Library Guild	570.08
Beloit Elementary School	327.46	J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc	169.98
Beloit Medical Center, PA	320.00	KAAE	325.00
Beloit Buick GMC, LLC	640.75	Kansas State Treasurer	229,800.28
BES Petty Cash	517.00	Kendall Bank	2,075.06
BJSHS Petty Cash	908.95	Kansas Gas Service	5,652.51
Boettcher Supply, Inc	670.80	Sharon Kresin	431.20
Christina Boyles	37.80	KVSV	140.00
Breanna Brown	325.50	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc	1,295.31
Byte Speed	592.00	Loving Guidance, LLC	1,340.00
Carolina Biological	390.16	Shelton Lund	31.50
Carrico Implement Co, Inc	128.00	Renee J. Mason, RPT	712.60
CDW Government, Inc	31.75	Matlock Music Works	500.00
Central Valley Ag	464.16	McDonald Hopkins, LLC	372.00
Dawn Chandler	394.52	Amanda McGuire	617.75
City of Beloit	16777.62	Megan McMillan	12.99
Jana Coil	87.85	Becky Byarlay-McQueen	617.40
Linda S. Cox	490.00		

Jayden Merrell	20.78	Solomon Valley Home Center	881.08
Midwest Bus Leasing, Inc	12,019.00	Calleah Stevens	49.00
Midwest Music, Inc	90.00	Subway	136.41
Mitchell Co Hospital	225.00	Darby Sweat	840.00
Motor Mouth Therapy	7,720.00	Thompson's O.K. Tire	411.88
Nabholz	180,057.56	Trane US Inc	379.75
Marlene Nelson	191.10	Trapper Joe's, LLC	301.00
Tricia Nelson	1,415.24	Jeff Travis	420.00
Nemaha Sports	240,373.87	USD 107 Rock Hills	3,234.06
Nex-Tech Wireless	2,194.25	USD 273 Ed Foundation	300.00
OPAA!	60,930.94	USD 273 Food Service	3,784.80
Pathways to Reading	1,769.33	USD #299 Sylvan Grove	2,658.78
Pawnee Mental Health	4,762.43	Waconda Trader	617.40
Pearson Clinical	57.81	Watts & Sons	269.67
Pesting Distributing	134.21	WoodRiver Energy, LLC	4,006.08
Audrey L. Pingel	32.25	Xerox Business	298.00
Pitney Bowes, Inc	308.22	Xerox Financial Services	5,431.53
USPS	450.00	Zachary's Ace Hardware	373.75
Prairie Fire Coffee	337.50	<b>Total</b>	<b>910,679.15</b>
Pur-O-Zone, Inc	459.76		
Quill Corporation	913.48	<b>FUND SUMMARY:</b>	
Ray's AppleMarket	2,692.99	GENERAL FUND	114,029.02
Reliance Standard	1,044.08	SUPPLEMENTAL GEN	2,488.82
Desiree Richards	689.50	CAPITAL OUTLAY	255,624.31
Angela K. Ringler	319.20	BOND CONSTRUCTION	413,381.52
Saddleback Educational	43.85	FOOD SERVICE	59,029.37
Salina Steel Supply, Inc	1,859.04	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP	1,340.00
Sam's Club Direct	271.51	PARENT EDUCATION FUND	1,468.68
Schendel Pest Control	360.00	CAREER & POSTSECND ED	4,668.72
Anna N. Schoen	96.60	GIFTS AND GRANTS	10,464.01
School Specialty	178.53	HEALTHCARE SVCS	1,110.58
Tiffany Schroeder	40.98	COOP SPECIAL ED	33,132.77
Casey Seyfert	1,959.96	MEDICAID	4,268.32
Lisa Shiroky	112.00	SMART START (MCPC)	9,673.03
SLP Toolkit	1,575.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>910,679.15</b>

The Superintendent stated that the first quarter of the year looks really good for the health insurance. The Superintendent attended and presented at the CTE conference in Manhattan about how our district started our STEM program. The Superintendent gave a legislative update. Currently, the legislation has stated the base aid will go from \$5,615 to \$5,782 for next year. The Superintendent presented district

voting boundary map options. The board would like to look at a couple more options at next month's board meeting.

Student Council report was given by Charlie Burke.

JAG-K report was given by Jadyne Hughes.

Site Council report was given by Chrissie Harris.

PTO report was given by Janet Porter.

Scot Loyd with Loyd Group, the school district auditors, gave the audit report for the 2024-25 school year.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Stillwell, to approve the 2024-25 audit report as presented. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

The Superintendent gave an update to the bond. The district received a plan from Entegriy that will give a district overview of facility maintenance efficiency. It gives a life span of each RTU unit the district currently has which will help with district long term planning.

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Thompson, to approve the school calendar for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the Patterson Grow Your Own application for Kennedy Adams. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Thompson moved that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:45 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters on non-elected personnel and their contractual obligations because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed and that the Board of Education reconvene into open session at 7:55 P.M. in this room. The motion was seconded by Ludwig. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

The Board reconvened into open session.

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the Superintendent contract for Casey Seyfert for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

President File announced Mr. Casey Seyfert as the next USD 273 Superintendent.

Thompson moved that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters on non-elected personnel and their contractual obligations because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed and that the Board of Education reconvene into open session at 8:25 P.M. in this room with Jeff Travis available for a portion of the session and Casey Seyfert available for discussion if needed. The motion was seconded by Ludwig. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Casey Seyfert entered executive session from 8:10 P.M. to 8:20 P.M.

Jeff Travis entered executive session from 8:35 P.M. to 8:50 P.M.

The Board reconvened into open session.

Thompson moved that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:50 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters on non-elected personnel and their contractual obligations because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed and that the Board of Education reconvene into open session at 9:00 P.M. in this room with Jeff Travis available for a portion of the session and Casey Seyfert available for discussion if needed. The motion was seconded by Ludwig. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

The Board reconvened into open session.

A motion was made by Stillwell, seconded by Krier to adjourn the board meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

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President, Board of Education

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Clerk, Board of Education