

BOARD MINUTES  
Regular Board Meeting  
May 11, 2026

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 273 met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 8:15 P.M., at the Board of Education Office with the following members present: Joe File, Amber Krier (8:16 P.M.), Kelsey Adams (8:28 P.M.), Craig Cousland (8:16 P.M.), Jake Ludwig, Jon Stillwell and Tony Thompson. Also present were Jeff Travis, Superintendent; Tiffany Schroeder, Clerk; Garry Lowry, Beloit Elementary School Assistant Principal; Casey Seyfert, Beloit Jr-Sr High School Principal (8:25 P.M.); Kyle Beisner, Beloit Jr-Sr High School Assistant Principal (8:25 P.M.); and Christie Gerdes, Beloit Special Education Cooperative Director

President File called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

Guests present were: Danny Henk, Meredith Johnson, and Brian Debey.

A motion was made by Stillwell, seconded by Thompson, to approve the agenda with the addition to the Consent Agenda: Resignation: Audrey Pingel, Special Education Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School (A.I.). Motion carried: 4 Yeas, 0 Nays.

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

**Contracts:**

Jaid Abram, Paraeducator, Beloit Elementary School;  
Kassie Domann, Paraeducator, Beloit Elementary School;  
Karley Stephens, Paraeducator, Lakeside Elementary School;  
Angelica VanPelt, Paraeducator, Beloit Jr-Sr High School;  
Dylan Plummer, Jr High PE Teacher at Beloit Jr-Sr High School for the 2026-27 school year;  
Alexis Drake, Jr High English Teacher at Beloit Jr-Sr High School for the 2026-27 school year;  
Heather Schroeder, Secretary, Beloit Jr-Sr High School for the 2026-27 school year.

**Transfers:**

Dusti Herz, Special Education Teacher at Rock Hills School for the 2026-27 school year;  
Trinity McMillan, Part-Time School Readiness Teacher for the 2026-27 school year;

**Resignation:**

Audrey Pingel, Special Education Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School.

**Retirements:**

Cindy Barrett, Paraeducator, Beloit Elementary School;  
Brenda Bonebrake, Teacher Aide, Beloit Elementary School;  
Anne Palen, Title I Teacher, Beloit Elementary School;  
Christie Gerdes, Special Education Director, at the end of the 2026-27 school year.

Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

BILLS

<b>PAID APRIL 2, 2026:</b>		Stacy Behrends	32.00
Delta Dental of KS	9,313.42	Kyle Beisner	592.20
		Beloit Auto & Truck Plaza	110.69
<b>PAID APRIL 20, 2026:</b>		Beloit Medical Center, PA	800.00
MG Trust	900.00	Beloit Jr-Sr H.S. Petty Cash	867.78
American Fidelity Assurance Co	8,259.40	Boettcher Supply, Inc	1,064.43
Meredith Johnson, Treasurer	432.00	Bomgaars	111.46
First National Bank & Trust	180,831.76	Breanna Brown	357.70
Flex Made Easy - ACH	3,537.50	BSN Sports	123.00
Flex Made Easy	6,359.12	Julia Budreau	134.40
KPERS	54,201.94	CBS Door and Hardware	671.00
KPERS-WAR	2,115.58	Central Valley Ag	1,180.38
KPERS-Optional Life	431.90	Dawn Chandler	696.09
KPERS Summer Optional Life	57.21	City of Beloit	16,931.64
KS Dept of Revenue	32,660.79	Jana Coil	186.97
KS Employ Security Fund	812.87	Donna Conn	78.00
Lincoln County Hospital	384.46	Sheri Cooley	44.80
Med Air Service Assoc-B2B	621.60	Linda S. Cox	511.00
Salina Surgical Center, LLC	286.52	Crabtree Publishing	81.60
Security Benefit Life Ins Co	850.00	Craig Home Care	359.60
Sun Life	11,535.28	Crumbaker Oil & Feed, LLC	9,602.65
Trustmark Voluntary Benefits	1,352.49	Culligan of Downs	338.00
USD 273 Health Reserve	111,595.90	Cunningham Fiber	1,068.26
FTC-Fiduciary Trust Co of NH	1,200.00	Carli Denning	448.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>418,426.32</b>	Dollar General	99.40
		DS Busline, Inc	57,498.91
<b>PAID APRIL 22, 2026:</b>		Ashley R. Eck	59.15
Card Services	10,139.64	Christine Elam	194.31
		Fire Alarm Specialist, Inc	125.00
<b>PAID APRIL 28, 2026:</b>		Flex Made Easy	66.50
BlueCross BlueShield	6,850.27	Joelle Friess	592.20
BlueCross BlueShield	139,174.99	Christie Gerdes	498.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>146,025.26</b>	Bradley Gober	50.07
		Michelle Hahn	259.00
<b>PAID MAY 11, 2026:</b>		Britney Hauser	70.00
Jaid Abram	16.80	Drew Herrington	45.50
Ackerman Supply, Inc	200.03	Hiserote Trash Removal	425.00
All American Sports	4,749.30	Bernetta Hlad	224.00
Amazon Capital Services	1,342.50	Elizabeth Holway	970.20
Amanda Anderson	294.70	Meagan Housh	109.20

Debra Howell	42.00	USPS	600.00
HTK Architects	3,223.68	Ray's AppleMarket	3,512.24
Wayne Huggins	205.00	Prairie Fire Coffee	370.15
IMA, Inc	2,602.60	Pur-O-Zone, Inc	1,058.88
Integrated Systems	3,000.00	Quill Corporation	884.47
Vicki Jackson Catering	1,600.00	Renaissance Learning	1,559.60
JAG-K	16,911.00	Desiree Richards	618.80
KS State School for Blind	975.00	Angela K. Ringler	357.70
Kaplan Early Learning	1,080.00	S&S Drug Company, Inc	75.00
Kendall Bank	2,075.06	Saddleback Educational	11.95
Baili Kerth	126.00	Salina Steel Supply, Inc	1,633.52
Emily Koster	42.00	Schendel Pest Control	360.00
Kansas Gas Service	2,252.55	Toni Schlaefli	28.00
Sharon Kresin	550.36	Tyea Schlaefli	26.60
Krier's Auto Parts	521.89	Anna N. Schoen	213.50
Brittany Lienberger	250.95	Secure Shred, LLC	302.50
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc	1,484.02	Lisa Shiroky	105.00
Livestockjudging.com	300.00	Smoky Hill Ed Svc Ctr	3,992.66
Loving Guidance, LLC	670.00	SEK Education Svc Ctr	4,442.50
Ryan Malay	55.21	Karly Stephens	32.20
Renee J. Mason, RPT	870.10	Erin Suelter	660.80
Amanda McGuire	729.26	Darby Sweat	1,047.20
Becky Byarlay-McQueen	596.40	Dawn Thomas	36.40
Jayden Merrell	12.60	Trane US, Inc	379.75
Messenger Total Promotions	1,836.39	Jeff Travis	224.00
Midwest Bus Leasing, Inc	12,019.00	Trojan Yearbook Account	1,290.00
Missouri Turf Paint	584.27	Twotrees Technologies	76,800.00
MC Co Solid Waste	23.50	Carsyn Vizner	37.80
Motor Mouth Therapy	7,720.00	Brianna Walter	119.00
Plank Road Publishing	124.45	Waters Hardware Beloit	2,576.10
Nabholz	455,086.06	Watts & Sons	2,616.54
National Fire Suppression	2,214.00	Kathy Wilson	59.99
Gina Nelson	44.80	WoodRiver Energy, LLC	1,878.92
Marlene Nelson	483.00	Carlton Wright	144.00
Nex-Tech Wireless	2,202.60	Xerox Business	4,075.00
OPAA!	71,555.12	Xerox Financial Services	5,431.53
Janet Parker	16.80	Zachary's Ace Hardware	1,323.32
Pearson Clinical	133.43	Zayo Education, LLC	6,976.03
Pitney Bowes, Inc	308.22	<b>Total</b>	<b>826,842.79</b>
Postmaster	2,172.00		

<b>FUND SUMMARY:</b>		PARENT EDUCATION FUND	2,202.80
GENERAL FUND	118,298.28	CAREER & POSTSECND ED	5,502.52
SUPPLEMENTAL GEN	14,232.38	HEALTHCARE SVCS	2,669.10
AT-RISK (K-12)	16,911.00	COOP SPECIAL ED	42,750.87
CAPITAL OUTLAY	82,638.08	MEDICAID	537.61
BOND CONSTRUCTION	458,309.74	SMART START (MCPC)	12,195.52
FOOD SERVICE	70,594.89	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>826,842.79</b>

The Superintendent discussed the three agreements for the purchase of the Southern Cloud buildings.

All Board Reports were submitted in writing to accommodate the lateness of the meeting.

Garry Lowry provided an update on the school bond project. Phase 5 is currently underway, and the fifth-grade classes have begun relocating from their classrooms. Phase 6 will include renovations to the primary wing and office areas. The Board discussed the need to determine options for screening or concealing the air conditioning units located at the front of the elementary school. Upon completion of the bond project, the Board will also need to decide how the district would like to utilize any remaining contingency funds.

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Cousland, to approve the Special Education ESY contracts as presented. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the Driver Education contracts for Garry Lowry and Brad Mason as presented. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Krier, to approve the Certified Staff recommendations for the 2026-27 school year as presented. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Stillwell, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Supplemental Duty contracts as presented. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Ludwig made a motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Salary and Wage increase of \$1,200 on the base of the salary schedule and an increase of 2% for those not on the salary schedule. This will increase the base salary to \$44,575. An additional column will be added after the BS +300, which will be designated as BS Degree + 600 PTS/30 HRS. In addition, the minimum hourly wage will be increased to \$13.00 per hour; with any employee currently earning less than \$13.00 per hour adjusted accordingly. Certified Substitute Teacher pay will increase to \$100 per day and \$140 per day for assignments lasting six or more consecutive days. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays with Cousland abstaining.

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Stillwell, to approve the bid from Solomon Valley Home Center, now dba Waters True Value, for classroom flooring for \$5,388.50. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Stillwell, seconded by Krier, to approve the OPAA! Food Service Contract for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Stillwell, to approve the MCPC Co-Director & School Readiness Specialist job description as presented. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Thompson, to approve the MCPC Co-Director Social Emotional Services Provider job description as presented. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Stillwell to adjourn the board meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

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President, Board of Education

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Clerk, Board of Education