

BOARD MINUTES
August 11, 2025

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 273 met in regular session on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 6:30 P.M., at the Board of Education Office with the following members present: Joe File, Amber Krier, Craig Cousland, Jake Ludwig and Jonathan Stillwell. 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; Kyle Beisner, Beloit Jr-Sr High School Assistant Principal; Christie Gerdes, Beloit Special Education Cooperative Director; Cassie Kopsa, Special Education Assistant Director and Brady Dean, MCPC Executive Director.

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

Guests present were: Anne Palen, Stacy Behrends, Brian Debey, and Jim Johnson (7:27 PM).

A motion was made by Krier to approve the agenda; seconded by Ludwig. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

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

Minutes of July 14, 2025 Regular Board Meeting;

Minutes of July 28, 2025 Special Board Meeting;

Payment of Bills and Claims;

Approval of Revenue Journals;

Approval of BOE, BES and BJSHS Activity Funds;

Resignation:

Brock McMillan, Head Boys Junior High Track and Assistant High School Football

Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

BILLS

PAID JULY 2, 2025:

Delta Dental of KS	9643.83	KS Employ Security Fund	188.06
		MASA Global	168.00
		Sun Life	2,160.02

PAID JULY 21, 2025:

MG Trust	200.00	Trustmark Voluntary Benefits	473.12
American Fidelity Assurance Co	1,125.00	USD 273 Health Reserve	17,035.53
First National Bank & Trust	43,158.21	FTC-Fiduciary Trust Co of NH	400.00
Flex Made Easy	1,699.15	KS Dept of Revenue	493.12

KPERS	11,963.32	Total	86,504.46
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KPERS-Optional Life	29.80	PAID JULY 28, 2025:	
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KS Dept of Revenue	7,411.13	BlueCross BlueShield of KS	135,694.68
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PAID AUGUST 11, 2025:

95 Percent Group	12,365.10	Flex Made Easy	50.00
All American Sports	3,685.85	Flinn Scientific, Inc	405.46
Amanda Anderson	326.20	Fort Hays State University	1,346.34
B.E. Publishing	3,002.06	Fouts Insurance Agency	2,500.00
Bank of Tescott	24.00	Frasier, Johnson, & Martin LLC	2,300.69
Bark Technologies, Inc	1,750.00	Gallagher Student Health	900.00
Stacy Behrends	7.99	Christie Gerdes	149.99
Bell Memorials	80.00	Michelle Hahn	53.20
Beloit Elementary School	43.79	Morgan Harris	975.00
Beloit Jr-Sr High School	3.01	Britney Hauser	70.00
Bjorem Sports	1019.87	Drew Herrington	51.80
Blade-Empire Publishing	711.70	Hiserote Trash Removal	725.80
Blick Art Materials	386.25	Meagan Housh	193.55
Boettcher Supply Inc	161.96	Debra Howell	42.00
Book Systems	1194.00	HTK Architects	15,768.00
Bracker's Good Earth	281.00	Hudl	14,500.00
Breanna Brown	229.60	McKelle Hurlbut	49.00
BSN Sports	4738.00	Ironclad Concrete	26,103.50
Julia Budreau	42.00	Angela Isaac	74.20
Calhoon's Automotive	1144.00	IXL Learning	5,300.00
Carahsoft Technology	1625.60	J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc	788.57
Card Services	5951.04	Emily Koster	49.00
Carolina Biological	378.15	Kansas Gas Service	326.23
Cengage Learning Inc	2969.66	KSDE Annual Conference	900.00
Central Valley Ag	242.03	KS Office of the Fire Marshall	90.00
Dawn Chandler	84.35	KSHSAA	2,564.61
City of Beloit	13,179.58	KVSV	315.00
Amy Clark	91.00	LAB-AIDS, Inc	428.65
Click Report, LLC	1,245.00	Lake Construction	828.90
Crumbaker Oil & Feed LLC	1,190.51	Lakeshore Learning	480.12
Culligan of Downs	133.95	Learning Resources	68.97
Cunningham Fiber	1,504.27	Matlock Music Works	510.00
Discount School Supply	27.94	Amanda McGuire	508.09
Dollar General	74.85	McMillan Sales LLC	11,726.00
e3 Diagnostics	1,405.00	Motor Mouth Therapy	7,720.00
Ashley R. Eck	110.25	Plank Road Publishing	160.54
Brennan Eilert	20.16	Gina Nelson	44.80
Ellenz of Tipton	200.00	Nemaha Sports	427,133.70
Lynn Feldmann	148.00	Nex-Tech Wireless	2,128.26
FES LLC (SOCS)	5,915.00	North Star Teacher	44.36
		Kansas One-Call System, Inc	34.58

Paper 101	10,871.34	Unruh House Moving	22,500.00
Pearson Clinical	3,769.02	Vernier Software	561.87
Pitney Bowes, Inc	308.22	VEX Robotics, Inc	1,215.32
Possibilities	45.00	Voyager Sopris Learning	1,046.10
USPS	800.00	Waconda Trader	378.00
Prairie Fire Coffee	165.80	Watts & Sons	5,861.16
Pro-Ed	471.90	Wheat Fields Floral	51.00
Pur-O-Zone	13,534.09	Wieser Educational, Inc	129.55
Quill	12,210.68	Anita Wirth	49.00
Rainbow Resource	147.90	WoodRiver Energy LLC	110.76
Ray's AppleMarket	1,966.41	Xerox Financial Services	3,613.21
Reliance Standard	983.96	Zachary's Ace Hardware	1,497.75
Riverside Insights	1,768.47	Zaner-Bloser, Inc	1,720.95
Rochester 100, Inc	760.00	Total	706,190.52
Schendel Pest Control	360.00		
School Outfitters	84.65	FUND SUMMARY:	
School Psych AI	149.00	GENERAL FUND	113,318.25
School Specialty	10,459.88	SUPPLEMENTAL GEN	3,933.11
Smoky Hill/Cent KS Ed Svc Ctr	535.00	CAPITAL OUTLAY	503,286.41
Solomon Valley Home Center	601.09	BOND CONSTRUCTION	15,768.00
Super Duper School Co	123.65	DRIVER TRAINING	51.75
Teacher Created Resources	100.96	FOOD SERVICE	121.21
Teacher Direct	124.02	PARENT EDUCATION FUND	2,686.92
Teacher Synergy, LLC	672.65	CAREER & POSTSECND ED	1,789.64
Terracon Consultants	5,601.25	GIFTS AND GRANTS	975.00
The Library Store, Inc	36.72	HEALTHCARE SVCS	1,033.96
Think Social Publishing	248.48	TEXTBOOKS	18,994.74
Thompson's O.K. Tire	2,411.68	COOP SPECIAL ED	24,420.31
Lynne Thrun	63.00	MEDICAID	15,930.90
Typing.com	1,037.40	SMART START (MCPC)	3,880.32
United School Administrators	900.00	TOTAL	706,190.52

The Superintendent discussed the needs and assessments of the district. KESA information and the district's accountability report was dispersed. He superintendent would like the district to focus on being above average on our test scores. There have been a few adjustments with staff to help address these issues. The district's health insurance had an increase in 13% for the 2025-26 school year. The Southern Cloud mapping will be taken to the state and asked to be approved the way it is currently. The 3 year old preschool building is in place. Budget information was given to the board. The total taxes levied has been increasing over the last three years.

The Board reviewed the unencumbered cash balances.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Stillwell, to approve Patterson Grants for Garry Lowry and Casey Seyfert. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Cousland, to approve the additions to the coaching list as presented. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Stillwell, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the student handbook as presented. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Stillwell moved that the Board of Education go into executive session at 7:55 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 8:15 P.M. in this room with Jeff Travis. The motion was seconded by Ludwig. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

The Board reconvened into open session.

Ludwig moved that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:20 P.M. for the purpose of consultation with Board legal counsel on matters which are privileged in the attorney-client relationship which if discussed in open session it would waive that privilege and that the Board of Education reconvene into open session at 8:50 P.M. in this room, with Jim Johnson, Jeff Travis and Tiffany Schroeder remaining. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

The Board reconvened into open session.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Stillwell, that the meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education