

**USD 217 Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**BOE Room – Hays Educational Building**  
**Monday, December 8, 2025 – 6:30 pm**

**Call to Order**

*Jason LaRue called the December School Board Meeting to order at 6:31 pm.*

**Roll Call**

Jason LaRue Courtney Reza Nick Link Phoebe Brummett Daniel Dunn (entered 6:45 pm)

**Others Present:**

Randy Rockhold, Superintendent, Tracy Flanagan, Principal, Traci Overpeck, Board Treasurer, Rachel Thooft, auditor, Maria Wiebe, newly elected board member, and Kathy Purcell, Board Clerk

**Approval of Agenda**

*Jason LaRue moved to accept the agenda with an addition of an executive session for KOMA – non-elective personnel. Nick Link seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.*

**Audit Report**

Rachel Thooft of Medill and Thooft, Ulysses Kansas was present to give the audit report of the financials and findings to the board. She gave a detailed report of procedures that were looked at and procedures that need to change. Rachel did state the September Bank Rec was finished but one item needed to be fixed by Apta yet.

*Phoebe Brummett moved to approve the audit as presented by Rachel Thooft. Nick Link seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.*

**Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

- a. Approval of Special Board Meeting, November 19, 2025

*Courtney Reza moved that the minutes be approved. Phoebe Brummett seconded. Motion carried. 5 - 0*

**Treasurer's Report**

- a. USD 217 Treasurer's Report
- b. USD 217 Activity Report

*Phoebe Brummett moved items A and B General Fund Treasurer's Report and Activity Fund be approved. Courtney Reza seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.*

**Activities Director – Cassie Thrall** *no report*

**Grounds/Maintenance – Randy Rockhold**

More bids are being put together of items that need to be fixed.

### **Administrative Responsibilities**

*Jason LaRue moved the board enter executive session for KOMA – Non-Elected Personnel with the board, Randy Rockhold, and Tracy Flanagan for 15 minutes. Courtney Reza seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.*

*Entering executive session at 7:06 pm were Jason LaRue, Courtney Reza, Daniel Dunn, Phoebe Brummett, Nick Link, Randy Rockhold, and Tracy Flanagan. Out at 7:21 pm.*

*Courtney Reza moved the board continue in executive session for KOMA – Non-Elected Personnel for another 10 minutes. Phoebe Brummett seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.*

*Entering executive session at 7:22 were Jason LaRue, Courtney Reza, Daniel Dunn, Phoebe Brummett, Nick Link, Randy Rockhold, and Tracy Flanagan. Out at 7:32 pm.*

*Jason LaRue moved the board continue in executive session for KOMA – Non-Elected Personnel for another three minutes. Nick Link seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.*

*Entering executive session at 7:33 pm were Jason LaRue, Courtney Reza, Daniel Dunn, Phoebe Brummett, Nick Link, Randy Rockhold, and Tracy Flanagan. Out at 7:36 pm*

*Jason LaRue moved the board enter executive session for KOMA – Non-Elected Personnel for 2 minutes with the board and Randy Rockhold. Phoebe Brummett seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.*

*Entering executive session at 7:38 pm for KOMA – Non-Elected Personnel were Jason LaRue, Courtney Reza, Daniel Dunn, Phoebe Brummett, Nick Link, and Randy Rockhold. Out 7:40 pm.*

*Jason LaRue moved the board continue in executive session for KOMA – Non-Elected Personnel for 3 minutes. Phoebe Brummett seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.*

*Entering executive session at 7:40 pm for KOMA – Non-Elected Personnel were Jason LaRue, Nick Link, Phoebe Brummett, Courtney Reza, Daniel Dunn, and Randy Rockhold. Out 7:43 pm*

*Jason LaRue moved the board will formalize a contract with Randy Rockhold for the remainder of the year and next. Courtney Reza seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.*

Mr. Rockhold requested of the board to advertise for teaching positions.

### **Old Business**

1. House Purchase – The Lehnert purchase is finished. Phoebe Brummett will ask Reyna Levario to clean the house. Amanda McNabb will move in and will pay what she had been paying.

### **New Business**

1. Junior Class Sponsor –  
*Nick Link moved to hire Elena Reza as junior class co-sponsor. Jason LaRue seconded. Motion carried 5- 0.*

2. Close of accounts

**Courtney Reza moved to close the Gold Account, Petty Cash account, and Flower fund account as suggested by the auditor and move the funds into gifts and grants. Jason LaRue seconded. Motion carried. 5 – 0.**

## **Adjournment**

**Courtney Reza moved the meeting be adjourned. Daniel Dunn seconded. Motion carried: 5-0. Meeting adjourned 7:59 pm.**



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**Jason LaRue, Board President**



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**Kathy Purcell, Board Clerk**

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