

USD 217 Board of Education
Regular Meeting
BOE Room – Hays Educational Building
Monday, January 12, 2026

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Jason LaRue Nick Link Phoebe Brummett Daniel Dunn Reyna Delgado Maria Wiebe

Others Present:

Randy Rockhold, Superintendent, Tracy Flanagan, Principal, Traci Overpeck, Board Treasurer, Sherry Pinkley, and Kathy Purcell, Board Clerk

Approval of Agenda

Phoebe Brummett moved to approve the agenda with corrections. Daniel Dunn Seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Oath of Office

The oath of office was pledged by Jason LaRue, Daniel Dunn, and Maria Wiebe.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of December 8, 2025 minutes

Jason LaRue moved to approve the consent of agenda items. Reyna Delgado seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Treasurer's Report

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

Jason LaRue moved items a and b accepted with subject to change if needed in February. Nick Link seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Activities Director –

Homecoming will be January 30th and Senior night will be February 6.

Grounds/Maintenance – Randy Rockhold

Mr. Rockhold presented items that will need to be addressed in the near future with drawings, bids, and proposals of how to accomplish the projects. More discussion will follow in future meetings.

Superintendent

Mr. Rockhold informed the board that the insurance had made a proposal on the property that burned. After many discussions with three different appraisers he feels that this is the best we are going to get.

Principal

KESA Accreditation – looking at Standards alignment

Administrative Responsibilities

a. KOMA for employer-employee negotiations

Jason LaRue moved the Board and administration enter executive session for KOMA employer-employee negotiations for 5 minutes. Nick Link seconded. Motion carried 6 - 0.

7:32 pm entering executive session for KOMA employer-employee negotiations for 5 minutes were Jason LaRue, Phoebe Brummett, Nick Link, Reyna Delgado, Maria Wiebe, Danie Dunn, administrators Randy Rockhold and Tracy Flanagan. Out at 7:37 pm.

Jason LaRue moved that the board enter executive session for KOMA non-elected personnel exception for 15 minutes. Reyna Delgado seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

b. KOMA for non-elected personnel

7:38 pm entering executive session for KOMA non-elected personnel exception were Jason LaRue, Phoebe Brummett, Nick Link, Reyna Delgado, Maria Wiebe, Danie Dunn, and Randy Rockhold. Out at 7:53 pm.

Jason LaRue moved the board continue in executive session for KOMA non-elected personnel exception for an additional 10 minutes. Daniel Dunn seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

7:54 pm entering executive session for KOMA non-elected personnel exception were Jason LaRue, Phoebe Brummett, Nick Link, Reyna Delgado, Maria Wiebe, Danie Dunn, and Randy Rockhold. Out at 8:04 pm.

Old Business

1. House Purchase –

Phoebe Brummett moved we accept the last proposal/check from the insurance company on the property that was burned. Nick seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

2. Superintendent's Information – no action

New Business

1. USD 218 Elkhart petition concerning HPEC – tabled until February

2. Policies concerning 2026-2027 Coop with Elkhart for sports particularly driving to practices and policy – tabled for more recommendations
3. Staff Structure – dealt with in executive session
4. Resignation –

Jason LaRue moved to accept the resignation of Nataly Cruz as administrative secretive with appreciation for her service. Reyna Delgado seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

5. KASB Board Policies –updates to policy are for language due to legislature policy
Jason LaRue moved to accept the policies as presented by KASB. Daniel Dunn seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Before adjourning Phoebe Brummett reminded board members a new vice president needs to be elected in February and the Superintendent's evaluation will be conducted.

Adjournment

**Maria Wiebe moved the meeting be adjourned. Daniel Dunn seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.
Meeting adjourned 8:33 pm.**



Jason LaRue, Board President



Kathy Purcell, Board Clerk

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STATE OF KANSAS

Morton COUNTY

} s.s.

Unified School District 217

(Legal Title of Tax Supported Unit)

I do solemnly swear, or I do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of Board of Education

(Office or Employment)

So help me God, or, and this I do under the pains and penalties of perjury.

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature of Deponent or Affirmant

Subscribed and sworn (affirmed) to before me this 12th day of January, 2026

My commission expires March 31, 2026

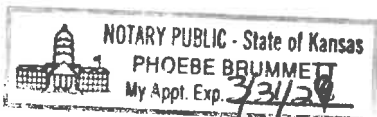
[Handwritten Signature: Phoebe Brummett]

Notary Public or other Authorized Officer

Filed with me this _____ day of _____, A. D. _____

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[Handwritten Signature]

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Subscribed and sworn (affirmed) to before me this 12th day of January, 2026

My commission expires March 31, 2029

[Handwritten Signature]

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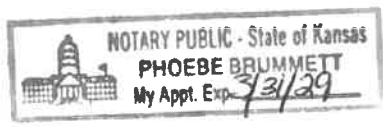
Maura Wiche
Signature of Deponent or Affirmant

Subscribed and sworn (affirmed) to before me this 12th day of January, 2026

My commission expires March 31, 2029 Phoebe Brummett
Notary Public or other Authorized Officer

Filed with me this _____ day of _____, A. D. _____

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State of Kansas
Department of Administration
DA-204 Rev. 6/02

Employee's Name: _____
(please type or print)
Social Security Number: _____
Agency Number: _____

STATE OF KANSAS EMPLOYEE'S OATH

K.S.A. 75-4308 et seq requires that the following oath from K.S.A. 54-106, be signed by new employees before entering the duties of employment and before funds for services may be disbursed:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of my office or employment. So help me God.



Employee's Signature

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 9th day of
February 2026. My commission expires March 31, 2029.
Notary Public Phoebe Brummett.

