

Unified School District No. 505, Labette County, State of Kansas

October 13, 2025

Roberta Carter, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with all members present, except Kelsey Fleming. Others present: Dr. Williams, Assistant Superintendent; Jolene Hall, Chetopa K-12 administrator; Renee Gillard, St. Paul administrator; Josh Brennon, District technology; Brock Aday; Janice Bone; Joel Vanleeuwen; and Terri Ross, clerk.

A motion, "I make a motion to approve the agenda as presented" was made by Seth Born and seconded by Kari Chambers. The motion passed, 6-0.

The consent agenda included the minutes of September 8, 2025 and October 1, 2025 meetings; October bills; September VISA bill; and September activity accounts. A motion, "I make a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented" was made by Josh Baker and seconded by Seth Born. The motion passed, 6-0.

Under SEK reports, Josh Baker reported: categorial aid is down 1,200; cash reserve is down; and they will possibly get a lawyer on retainer.

Under technology, Josh Brennon reported: purchased 2 keyboards (40); scoreboard part (65); new Mac for Dr. Williams (1699.99); and the Chetopa sign isn't working but it is under warranty.

Under principal reports, Mrs. Gillard reported: students attended 5 mile camp; ½ day in-service was over IPS; 5th grade went to the cemetery; had Bingo at grandparents day which had to be done in 2 sessions due to the number of students; had fall drills for fire, tornado and bus evacuation; homecoming went well; students placed 2nd in the creed contest at the Greenhand conference; have a student request to wrestle; Juniors take the ACT; October is bullying month; October 23 will have an assembly; and Freshman go to PSU on Nov. 5 to expose them to medical careers. Mrs. Hall reported: students had a great day at 5 mile; MTSS groups started; good turnout for PT conference; the teachers talked to parents about the student IPS goals; 9th grade take the pre-ACT; volleyball is almost done, go to Axtel for regionals; football has 2 more games; senior day is the last home game at 2:00 PM; received state assessment results; had Dr. Wood do a presentation during in-service; Chelle Boyd discussed ADHD; had fire prevention week with the firemen coming to the school; firemen had a dinner to promote Jr. firemen; Chetopa FFA received awards for their projects at the state fair; and 1 student was in the top 14 at the Greenhand conference.

Dr. Williams reported: refrigerators and freezers at Chetopa are failing; Josh suggested putting battery backups on them to stop power surges; and discussed the zoom meeting problems of the last meeting and suggested we use IDL next time.

Janice Bone reported on the state assessment results; had a new state assessment so the test can't be compared to last year; and LETRS training for teachers.

Under board matters, student handbook changes were discussed. This item was tabled until a later date. A wrestling cooperative agreement with Columbus was presented. A motion, "I make a motion to approve a cooperative agreement in wrestling with Columbus High School to allow Chetopa students to participate in the program" was made by Seth Born and seconded by Kari Chambers. The motion passed, 6-0. A motion, "I make a motion to purchase a new computer for the assistant

superintendent, which will become her personal property at the end of her contract with the district” was made by Seth Born and seconded by Josh Baker. The motion passed, 6-0. A motion, “I make a motion to change the December meeting of the Board of Education to Monday, December 1, 2025” was made by Josh Baker and seconded by Kari Chambers. The motion passed, 6-0. There were no donations for approval.

In accordance with Kansas statute 75-4319, a motion, “I make a motion to go into executive session with the Board, Dr. Williams and others called in as needed until 8:25 PM, to protect the parties involved for discussion of matters related to non-elected personnel including separations, new hires and employee performance and evaluation” was made by Seth Born and seconded by Josh Baker. The motion passed, 6-0. Mrs. Gillard was called in and exited at 8:00 PM. Mrs. Hall entered at 8:00 PM. The session ended at 8:25 PM. A motion, “I make a motion to go into executive session with the Board, Dr. Williams and Mrs. Hall until 8:35 PM, to protect the parties involved for discussion of matters related to non-elected personnel including separations, new hires and employee performance and evaluation” was made by Seth Born and seconded by Josh Baker. The motion passed, 6-0. The session ended at 8:35 PM and Mrs. Hall exited. A motion, “I make a motion to go into executive session with the Board and Dr. Williams until 8:40 PM, to protect the parties involved for discussion of matters related to non-elected personnel including separations, new hires and employee performance and evaluation” was made by Seth Born and seconded by Josh Baker. The motion passed, 6-0.

The open meeting resumed at 8:40 PM. A motion was made by Kari Chambers and seconded by Seth Born to approve the following positions: Jessica Taylor, part-time (20 hours) custodian at St. Paul; Jennifer Washburn, St. Paul middle school girls’ basketball coach; Mark Haight, St. Paul middle school assistant boys’ basketball coach; Dani Cummings, St. Paul HS prom sponsor; Vince Yanez, Chetopa HS and Chetopa JH head girls’ basketball coach; Marcus Smith, Chetopa HS and Chetopa JH head boys’ basketball coach. The motion passed, 6-0. A motion, “I make a motion to approve classified raises for hourly employees with an increase of \$.50 per hour and to pay for the lowest single health premium during their months of employment (9 months for all but custodial (12 months) and secretaries (12 months)), retroactive to July 1” was made by Seth Born and seconded by Kari Chambers. The motion passed, 6-0. A motion, “I make a motion to approve the following raises for building principals, board clerk, director of technology and superintendent of schools: Renee Gillard, \$2000, Jolene Hall, \$2000, Terri Ross, \$3000; Josh Brennon, \$4000, Craig Bagshaw, \$3000” was made by Kari Chambers and seconded by Josh Brennon. The motion passed, 6-0.

A motion, “I make a motion to adjourn” was made by Seth Born and seconded by Josh Baker. The motion passed, 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roberta Carter
Barbara Evans
Seth Born
Josh Baker
Maggy Robison
Kari Chambers