

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

February 9, 2026

Roberta Carter, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with all members present. Others present: Mike Kastle, Interim Superintendent; Jolene Hall, Chetopa K-12 administrator; Renee Gillard, St. Paul administrator; Josh Brennon, District technology; Dan and Susan Vitt; Morgan Vitt and Terri Ross, clerk.

After adding 8.06 spring sports coaches and 8.07 bus disposal to the agenda, a motion, "I make a motion to approve the agenda as amended" was made by Shelby Spielbusch and seconded by Josh Baker. The motion passed, 7-0.

The consent agenda included the minutes of the January 8, 2026, January 21, 2026, and January 28, 2026 meetings; February bills; January VISA bill; and January activity accounts. A motion, "I make a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented" was made by Josh Baker and seconded by Barbara Evans. The motion passed, 7-0.

Dan Vitt was present to discuss a grant that will be used to improve the facilities at the ball fields in St. Paul. He is requesting a letter of support from the Board of Education. A motion, "I make a motion to provide a letter of support for the grant application" was made by Josh Baker and seconded by Barbara Evans. The motion passed, 7-0.

The SEK Interlocal report: Josh reported that the meeting will be Wednesday.

Under technology, Josh Brennon reported: had to purchase some computer parts, a power supply for the scoreboard and a monitor; Two Trees will work on the wifi upgrade at Chetopa on Friday; and we will need to order two more access points to finish the job.

Under principal reports, Mrs. Gillard reported: Mrs. Meigs is taking students to Chanute to participate in the Youth Entrepreneurship Contest; Jennifer Richardson did a site visit for the PSU literacy grant; held the first spelling bee after not doing it for years; Eden Born, Jace Hummel and Abiegail Unruh will participate in the county spelling bee; students attended a welding contest and received a \$1000 scholarship for attending; moving forward with the beef initiative and working on guidelines for donations with Mr. Vitt and Mr. Harris; Brandi McRay, Heather Beachner and Morgan Vitt are working with Mr. Vitt on the grant; completed dental screenings; interims are completed; working on spring sports; STUCO is sponsoring a Crush Sales for Valentine's Day; upcoming events include homecoming, 100th day of school, FFA week, powerlifting meets and parent teacher conferences; and students had access to counseling service and support due to the passing of a former student. Mrs. Hall reported: Paxson family benefit went well; basketball is winding down, pink night had more kids this year; homecoming is February 20; sub-state basketball is February 23 and 24; JH basketball is over; regional wrestling is February 21 and Dr. Williams has agreed to be the coach; should have enough for baseball and softball; will start archery in PE this week; FCCLA qualified for state in all events; students will do activities for FFA week; Samantha Johnson got a scholarship at a welding contest; had a site visit for the PSU literacy grant; contacted about building mapping for Labette County schools; interims are done; and the students will present their portfolio at the parent teacher conference.

Under superintendents report, Mr. Kastle reported: he has been in education since 68; retired more than once; several staff have come by to meet him; will be in Chetopa on Mondays and St. Paul on

Tuesdays and will be working Wednesday and Thursdays this month; budget is looking good so far for this year; need to draft a letter for negotiations in March; St. Paul needs track uniforms; and he is already committed to several track meets as a starter.

Under board matters, a motion, "I make a motion to adopt the KASB policy changes" was made by Shelby Spielbusch and seconded by Barbara Evans. The motion passed, 7-0. A motion, "I make a motion to employ Dr. Bobbi Williams as a coach's aide for wrestling at a fee of \$300" was made by Barbara Evans and seconded by Brock Aday. The motion passed, 7-0. A motion, "I make a motion to accept the resignation of Dani Cummings as the athletic director of St. Paul HS effective on January 29, 2026" was made by Josh Baker and seconded by Shelby Spielbusch. The motion passed, 7-0. A motion, "I make a motion to hire Tami Hennigh as the head athletic director for the remainder of this year and to be compensated accordingly" was made by Shelby Spielbusch and seconded by Josh Baker. The motion passed, 7-0. A motion, "I make a motion to offer a contract to Michael Kastle as Interim Superintendent from February 2 to June 30 at a total compensation salary of \$15,000" was made by Barbara Evans and seconded by Jennifer Stewart. The motion passed, 7-0. A motion was made by Josh Baker and seconded by Shelby Spielbusch to approve Brian Reed, SPSHS track assistant; Marcia Gard, MS track assistant; Ashley Ewan, SPSHS softball assistant; and Jaime Gonsalves, SPSHS baseball assistant. The motion passed, 7-0. A motion, "I make a motion to accept the bid of \$500 from Blake Wellington for the disposal of bus 24" was made by Shelby Spielbusch and Jennifer Stewart. The motion passed, 7-0.

In accordance with Kansas statute 75-4319, a motion, "I make a motion to go into executive session with the Board, Mr. Kastle, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Gillard until 8:00 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 Josh Baker and seconded by Shelby Spielbusch. The motion passed, 7-0. A motion, "I make a motion to go into executive session with the Board, Mr. Kastle, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Gillard until 8:10 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 Josh Baker and seconded by Shelby Spielbusch. The motion passed, 7-0.

The open meeting resumed at 8:10 PM. A motion, "I make a motion to move forward with the proposed plan for the superintendent of schools for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school year" was made by Maggy Robison and Jennifer Stewart. The motion passed, 7-0.

A motion, "I make a motion to adjourn" was made by Brock Aday and seconded by Barbara Evans. The motion passed, 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roberta Carter
Barbara Evans
Josh Baker
Maggy Robison
Brock Aday
Shelby Spielbusch
Jennifer Stewart