

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

March 9, 2026

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

A motion was made by Roberta Carter and seconded by Josh Baker to appoint Jolene Hall as temporary clerk. The motion passed, 6-0.

A motion, "I make a motion to approve the agenda" was made by Josh Baker and seconded by Jennifer Stewart. The motion passed, 6-0.

The consent agenda included the minutes of the February 9, 2026 meeting; March bills; February VISA bill; and February 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, 6-0.

Shelby Spielbusch arrived.

The SEK Interlocal report: Next meeting is Wednesday.

Under technology, Josh Brennon reported: having internet issues at Chetopa; have contacted ATT, Two Trees and Smoothwall to find a solution; and had to purchase 2 access points for Chetopa at a cost of \$1728.

Under principal's reports, Mrs. Hall reported: winter Fastbridge screener showed every student showed growth; last year's state assessments showed growth also; FFA week was last week and the FFA students worked with elementary students sharing information about ag; celebrated Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' birthday; parent-teacher conferences were last week; JH/HS students shared their IPS with parents; 9th and 10th graders went to Vo-Tech Day in Columbus sponsored by Coffeyville Community College; administrators went to PSU for Career Day and interviewed possible candidates for openings; USD 505 was recognized for 1st and 2nd in the 3 Rivers League Sportsmanship Award; track has started; senior trip is April 22-24; and discussed a list of upcoming events. Mrs. Gillard reported: FFA week was last week; held FFA district interviews; Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' birthday activities; parent-teacher conferences were last week; HS students showcased their IPS; NCCC had a table set up; spring sports meetings were held; Business students are doing well; 8 students qualified for state FBLA; FBLA coin war raised \$1099.02 to be donated to 505 Honor Flight; took 3 teams to the Kansas Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge and they took the top 3 places, 3 students will compete in the state YEC on April 29th; HS Scholars Bowl had 13 members this year; JH scholars bowl have been competing; spring sports have begun; St. Paul hosed a powerlifting meet and the students did well, Hayden will be competing at the state and national level; state assessments begin March 23; Mr. Jacquinot will be taking students to PSU for a construction expo; Mrs. Gonsalves will take a group to the TRL art day; in February, St. Paul lost a 2025 graduate so we provided counseling services for student and staff support; and St. Paul received 1st place in sportsmanship for TRL.

Under superintendent's report, Mr. Kastle reported: legislative updates; estimated state aid for 2026-27; staff is working on needs/wants list so we can start ordering mid-April; budget preparation this summer; recommendations for staff in April; Fire Marshal report; financial ability on unused funds; and his schedule for next month.

Under board matters, a motion, "I make a motion we adopt calendar option 3 for the 2026-2027 school term" was made by Barbara Evans and seconded by Shelby Spielbusch. The motion passed, 7-0. Recommendations for coaching assignments included Jessica Midgett, Chetopa MS track assistant and Jennifer Washburn as St. Paul assistant MS track. A motion was made by Shelby Spielbusch and seconded by Barbara Evans to accept the recommended list of coaches for spring sports. The motion passed, 7-0. A motion, "I make a motion to approve membership in the KASB and the KASB Legal Assistance Fund at a total cost of \$10,528.35" was made by Maggy Robison and seconded by 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 7:45 PM, for the purpose of matters related to negotiations" was made by Shelby Spielbusch and seconded by Josh Baker. The motion passed, 7-0.

The open meeting resumed at 7:45 PM. A motion, "I make a motion to submit a letter to the Teachers Association outlining items that the board wishes to negotiate for the 2026-2027 school year" was made by Josh Baker and seconded by 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 8:01 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 Shelby Spielbusch and seconded by Josh Baker. 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 8:11 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 Shelby Spielbusch and seconded by Josh Baker. 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 8:21 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 Shelby Spielbusch and seconded by Josh Baker. 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 8:28 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 Shelby Spielbusch and seconded by Josh Baker. The motion passed, 7-0.

The open meeting resumed at 8:28 PM. A motion, "I make a motion to accept the resignation from Faith Montemurro effective on February 27, 2026, with no penalty" was made by Jennifer Stewart and seconded by Maggy Robison. The motion passed, 7-0. A motion, "I make a motion to accept the resignation of Dani Cummings effective at the end of the current school year" was made by Maggy Robison and seconded by Barbara Evans. The motion passed, 7-0. A motion, "I make a motion to hire April Grissom for two hours a day as a custodian at Chetopa" was made by Barbara Evans and seconded by Shelby Spielbusch. The motion passed, 7-0. A motion, "I make a motion to allow Mr. Kastle and Mrs. Hall to negotiate with Mrs. Pease for mowing and spraying services on the Chetopa campus" was made by Shelby Spielbusch and seconded by Brock Aday. The motion passed, 7-0. A motion, "I make a motion to extend an offer to Dr. Bobbi Williams as Superintendent of Schools for

the 2026-2027 school year at a total compensation of \$49,600” was made by Brock Aday and seconded by Josh Baker. The motion passed, 7-0. A motion, “I make a motion to extend an offer to Jolene Hall as the Assistant Superintendent and K-12 Principal at Chetopa for the 2026-2027 school year at a salary of \$115,280 plus single lowest health plan” was made by Josh Baker and seconded by Jennifer Stewart. The motion passed, 7-0. A motion, “I make a motion to extend an offer to Jessica Midgett as the Assistant Principal at Chetopa with additional duties of Dean of Students, Athletic/Activities Director and other duties as assigned at a salary of \$68,000” was made by Jennifer Stewart and seconded by Maggy Robison. The motion passed, 7-0. A motion, “I make a motion to extend an offer to Jaunc Bradshaw as the Assistant Principal at St. Paul with additional duties of Dean of Students, Athletic/Activities Director and other duties as assigned at a salary of \$68,000” was made by Maggy Robison and seconded by Barbara Evans. The motion passed, 7-0. A motion, “I make a motion to combine Preschool and Kindergarten and extend a contract offer to Charidy Elliott at a salary to be set after negotiations are completed with a stipend of \$2500” was made by Barbara Evans and seconded by Jennifer Stewart. The motion passed, 7-0.

A motion, “I make a motion to adjourn” was made by Shelby Spielbusch and seconded by Brock Aday. The motion passed, 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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