

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OTTERVILLE R-VI- BOARD ROOM
September 17, 2025
6:00 PM

MEMBERS:

PRESENT:

Ryan Keele
Sean Main
Mark Blankenship
Jacob Nolting
Jessica Helmig

Ryan Coday

Dan Kruse-Superintendent
Melissa Stone-Principal-Volleyball game supervision
Traci Schoen-Secretary

Guest-Kendra Hudson

ABSENT:

Eric Friedly

The Board of Education met in Regular Session on September 17, 2025 with all members present except for Eric Friedly.

President Ryan Keele called the meeting to order.

Thank you notes were presented for signatures to be sent to James Weber, for his work on the playground and Brent Guier, for his donation of the gate.

Kendra Hudson, Ag instructor/FFA advisor was present to discuss the FFA Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 that is to be used for the upgrading of the electrical system in the Ag room.

A motion by Mark Blankenship seconded by Ryan Coday to approve the consent agenda with the following adjustments: Move Career Ladder to New Business; Remove West Central Co-Op Agreement and SPED Local Compliance Plan. Motion carried 6/0.

A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Mark Blankenship to approve August 2025 financials. Motion carried 6/0.

Administrative Reports:

Athletics:

1. Volleyball and Football seasons are in progress. 14 varsity athletes and 13 Junior High athletes.

2. Uniform rotation will be every 5 years. Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys basketball uniforms will be replaced this year.
3. Discussed getting compost from State Fair for the ball field.
4. The netting on the batting cage was discussed.

Principal Report:

1. Elementary enrollment-107 students, High School enrollment 111. Increase of 19 students from the previous year.
2. Attendance: elementary 95.3%, high school 98.2%-overall attendance 96.9%

Superintendent:

1. The annual audit has been completed.
2. Discussed the CSIP survey results and the CSIP plan. Focus on academic achievement per CSIP.

Old Business:

1. The board members will assist with the serving of the holiday meal.
2. The results from the survey from the high school teachers regarding backpacks in the classroom were that they preferred not to allow them this year. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Mark Blankenship to approve the modification of the student handbook for the 2026-2027 school year to allow backpacks in the classroom. Motion carried 5/1.

New Business:

1. A motion by Jacob Nolting, seconded by Ryan Coday to approve the bid from Sedalia Electric for the electrical upgrade in the Ag room. Motion carried 6/0.
2. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Jacob Nolting to approve the graduation date of May 8, 2026, at 7 pm. Motion carried 5/1.
3. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Ryan Coday to surplus the old sports uniforms. Motion carried 6/0.
4. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Jessica Helmig to approve the resignations of Marsha Buescher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year and Kathy Thompson, effective September 11, 2025. Motion carried 6/0.
5. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Mark Blankenship to approve Career Ladder. Motion carried 6/0.

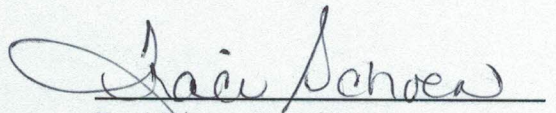
A motion by Jessica Helmig that the meeting be closed under RSMo, Section 610.021, Sub-Section 3 & 13 for the purpose of personnel discussion; RSMo, section 610.021, subsection 6 for the purpose of student issues; RSMo, section 610.021, subsection 1, for the purpose of legal issues; seconded by Ryan Coday. Motion carried 6/0. Roll call vote followed:

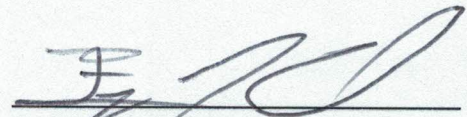
Ryan Keele-yea
Sean Main-yea
Mark Blankenship-yea
Jessica Helmig-yea
Ryan Coday-yea
Jacob Nolting-yea

A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Sean Main to Re-Convene to Open Session. Motion carried 6/0. Roll call vote followed:

Ryan Keele-yea
Sean Main-yea
Mark Blankenship-yea
Jessica Helmig-yea
Ryan Coday-yea
Jacob Nolting-yea

A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Jacob Nolting to adjourn. Motion carried 6/0.


Traci Schoen, Board Secretary


Ryan Keele-President

