Arkansas City Public Schools

BOE BRIEFS

An informal report from the Board of Education Meeting

November 10, 2025

Board Thanks the Community and Committees

The USD 470 Board of Education and administration extend their sincere gratitude to the Arkansas City community for supporting both bond propositions. This outcome represents an exciting step forward for our students and schools, paving the way for safer, more modern, and more inspiring learning environments.

The Board and administration also wish to recognize the dedication of the Steering and Campaign Committees. Their leadership, time, and hard work played a vital role in earning the community's trust and support.

Dual Enrollment Recommendations

Arkansas City High School and Cowley College leaders recently met to review the college's new four-day instructional schedule and its impact on ACHS dual-credit students. Both teams reaffirmed their strong partnership and developed a student-centered plan that supports success, maintains academic rigor, and ensures appropriate supervision.

The Board approved the plan, which allows dual-credit students to be excused from reporting to ACHS during times when their Cowley classes are not in session, provided parent consent is obtained. Students enrolled in online courses will still report to campus as scheduled. The agreement also includes ongoing academic support, such as Friday tutoring opportunities at Cowley, and reinforces clear expectations for communication and accountability between both institutions. Representatives from ACHS and Cowley College attended the meeting to share information and answer questions.

School Visitor Check-in/Out

The Board discussed enhancing safety procedures for parent and student check-in/out,

especially at schools without double-entry security systems. Principals have been asked to move visitor sign-ins to exterior doors and coordinate with security staff to strengthen perimeter safety until bond-funded upgrades are completed

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Resignations:

- Lilian Cibils – SAT at Adams

Reassignments/Transfers:

- N/A

Hirings:

- Danielle Meyer – SAT at Roosevelt
- Kaylee Navarrette – SAT at Adams

OTHER BUSINESS

- Tim Milby, President of the Arkansas City Ministerial Alliance, addressed the Board about the possibility of re-establishing an optional baccalaureate service for the graduating class.
- The Board of Education gratefully accepted several generous donations, including $50 from Shaylee Jagels for the Adams Elementary Bear Mascot, $150 from Premier Body & Paint for the Adams Elementary Book Fair, and $25 in office supplies from Barbara Hernandez for Roosevelt Elementary.
- The Board approved issuing a Request for Proposals for two work pickups and two nine-passenger SUVs to support district operations and transportation needs. The RFP will follow Kansas State Contract specifications to ensure quality, safety, and best value for the district.
- The Board approved issuing a Request for Proposals for one new forklift to support district warehouse and maintenance operations. The new equipment will replace an aging unit and ensure safe, efficient handling of deliveries and materials across district facilities.
- The Board and administration will initiate a post-election implementation plan following voter approval of the bond propositions. This will include forming a steering committee to oversee project rollout, establishing a transparent timeline with public milestones, and launching a communication plan to keep families, staff, and community members informed of progress and next steps.
- The Board reviewed efforts to improve ADA compliance and traffic flow at Arkansas City Middle School. In response to parent concerns, the district assessed parking and pickup procedures and designated a new priority pickup

area for students with limited mobility. Additional signage, markings, and staff supervision are being implemented to ensure safe and accessible traffic patterns for all families.

- The Board reviewed options for continuing E-Rate consulting services following Greenbush's decision to discontinue its program. The district's Business Office and Technology Department are evaluating proposals from other Kansas service centers, including the Orion Service Center, to ensure continued support with federal filings, compliance, and technology funding.
- The Board discussed ways to better support and retain building administrators who manage demanding workloads. Ideas included conducting a feedback survey to identify top challenges, creating opportunities for open discussion and idea sharing, offering job rotation for aspiring leaders, and celebrating progress within buildings to boost morale and recognition.
- The Board held an executive session to discuss potential property for the school district.
- The Board held an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel.
- No action was taken following the executive sessions.