Arkansas City Public Schools

BOE BRIEFS

An informal report from the Board of Education Meeting

November 24, 2025

Board Celebrates Good News Items

USD 470 honored its October Top DAWGS for their dedication and positive impact across the district. These staff members go above and beyond each day to support students, colleagues, and families:

- Rachel Abram, PreK teacher at Adams
- Catalina Castillo, ESL SAT at Frances Willard
- Chet Pobolish, PE teacher at ACHS
- Caique Trivelato, data manager in Technology

A special thank you to Steamy Joe for donating $10 gift certificates to each honoree and helping celebrate the great work of our staff.

The board also recognized three ACHS students (Kennedy Barnes, Jolie Williams, and Josh Abrams) and their sponsor (Sarah O'Donnell), who represented the ACHS Career Internship program at the KASB Convention in Wichita over the weekend.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Resignations:

- Jordan Collison – Bus Aide
- Megan Hay – ESOL SAT at ACMS
- Shelby Inasy – SAT at Adams
- Destiny Stewart – Asst. Girls Basketball Coach at ACHS
- Carlotta White – SAT at C-4

Reassignments/Transfers:

- Blake McDonald – Asst. Boys Basketball Coach at ACMS to Asst. Girls Basketball Coach at ACHS

Hirings: N/A

OTHER BUSINESS

- Donna Fagg addressed the Board regarding the potential purchase of the Ark City Clinic building on Radio Lane.
- Frances Willard admin and staff shared an update on school demographics and current efforts to support families, boost academic progress, improve attendance, and strengthen partnerships across the school and community.
- Greg Vahrenberg of Raymond James shared an updated bond financing analysis and reviewed options for moving forward with the district's voter-approved bond projects. He outlined the next steps in the bond process and explained how the timing and structure of the bond sale support long-term planning and strong financial stewardship for USD 470. He also highlighted more than $4 million in savings achieved through early repayment of the district's previous bond.
- The board adopted Resolution 25-05 to move forward with offering General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025, to investors.
- The board tabled a proposal to purchase the former medical clinic building on Radio Lane to meet growing needs for technology and administrative offices.
- The board reviewed certified mill rates for USD 470 and was informed that overall rates decreased slightly from what was originally budgeted.
- Updates were shared on proposed changes to CTE course offerings for the 2026-27 school year, including revisions to course descriptions, the addition of new learning opportunities, and the removal of state-deleted courses. These items will return in December for board action.
- Board members received an update on ongoing work with Dr. Britton Hart to refine strategic goals focused on student success, high-quality staff, and strong family and community engagement.
- The Board held an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel; no action followed.