

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OTTERVILLE R-VI- BOARD ROOM
January 21, 2026
6:00 PM

MEMBERS:

PRESENT:

Ryan Keele
Sean Main
Mark Blankenship
Jacob Nolting-Zoom
Jessica Helmig
Eric Friedly
Ryan Coday

ABSENT:

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

The Board of Education met in Regular Session on January 21, 2026, with all members present.

President Ryan Keele called the meeting to order.

A motion by Mark Blankenship seconded by Sean Main to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Executive Session. Motion carried 7/0.

A motion by Sean Main 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 Mark Blankenship. Motion carried 7/0. Roll call vote followed:

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

A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Sean Main to Re-Convene to Open Session. Motion carried 7/0. Roll call vote followed:

Ryan Keele-yea
Sean Main-yea
Mark Blankenship-yea
Jacob Nolting-yea

Jessica Helmig-yea
Eric Friedly-yea
Ryan Coday- yea

Emily Omohundro, attorney with EdCounsel, joined the meeting by Zoom to discuss the proposal for EGS-EdCounsel Guide Service.

A motion by Eric Friedly, seconded by Ryan Coday to approve December 2025 financials. Motion carried 7/0.

Administrative Reports:

Athletics:

1. Homecoming, January 23, 2026.

Principal Report:

1. Attendance: elementary 96.4%, high school 97.5%-overall attendance 97%.
2. Observations are ongoing and continue to work with Candace Rob with RPDC.
3. Update on 6th grade, Professional Development and Book Blast has started.

Superintendent:

1. Principal evaluation will be at the February 2026 meeting.
2. Update on the ballfield.
3. Updated the board on the State of the State from Governor Kehoe. The Teacher Baseline Grant will be funded for the 2026-2027 school year.
4. Will be posting the high school math position.

Old Business:

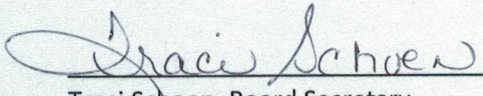
1. None.

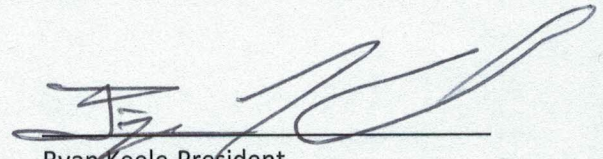
New Business:

1. A motion by Eric Friedly, seconded by Ryan Coday to approve April 2026 ballot. Motion carried 7/0.
2. A motion by Jacob Nolting, seconded by Mark Blankenship to approve the proposal for EdCounsel Guide Service as presented. The agreement 5 years. Motion carried 7/0.
3. Discussion on Co-Op for softball. No action taken.
4. President Ryan Keele will meet with Mr. Kruse to discuss his evaluation. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Ryan Coday to approve a 4-year rolling contract agreement with Mr. Kruse beginning the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 6/0. (Jacob Nolting had to leave the Zoom meeting).
5. A motion by Ryan Coday, seconded by Eric Friedly to retract the resignation of Kay Reynolds. Motion carried 6/0.

6. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Eric Friedly to adopt the 2026-2027 calendar. Motion carried 6/0.
7. A motion by Eric Friedly, seconded by Mark Blankenship to adopt the Lifelong Learner curriculum for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 6/0.

A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Mark Blankenship to adjourn. Motion carried 6/0.


Traci Schoen, Board Secretary


Ryan Keele-President