

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OTTERVILLE R-VI- BOARD ROOM
February 18, 2026
6:00 PM

MEMBERS:

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Ryan Coday

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

The Board of Education met in Regular Session on February 18, 2026, with all members present except for Ryan Coday.

Guests present were Andrea Blankenship and Jenna Sawford.

President Ryan Keele called the meeting to order.

A motion by Eric Friedly seconded by Mark Blankenship to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6/0.

A motion by Jacob Nolting, seconded by Jessica Helmig to approve January 2026 financials. Motion carried 6/0.

Administrative Reports:

Athletics:

1. District Basketball begins the week of February 23, 2026. The girls will play in Jamestown and the boys will play in Northwest.

Principal Report:

1. Attendance: elementary 93.1%, high school 96.5%-overall attendance 94.8%.
2. Professional Development update
3. Instructional focus update.

Superintendent:

1. Reported on the results of the Culture and Climate survey that was completed by the staff.
2. Discussed the options of different school conferences.

Old Business:

1. None.

New Business:

1. Information regarding health insurance with MEUHP was presented to the board. Two options were presented, a motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Sean Main to approve Option 2. Motion carried 6/0.
2. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Eric Friedly to accept the resignation of Doneta Handley at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 6/0.
3. A motion by Jacob Nolting, seconded by Mark Blankenship to approve the surplus items from Pre-School. Motion carried 6/0.
4. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Mark Blankenship to approve Aaron Craig as Assistant Baseball coach and Braedyn Eads as a volunteer Assistant Coach. Motion carried 6/0.
5. A motion by Eric Friedly, seconded by Jessica Helmig to approve the Sped Compliance paperwork. Motion carried 6/0.

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 Eric Friedly. Motion carried 6/0. Roll call vote followed:

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

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

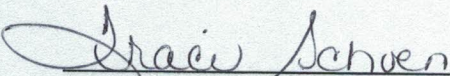
Ryan Keele-yea
Sean Main-yea
Mark Blankenship-yea
Jacob Nolting-yea
Jessica Helmig-yea
Eric Friedly-yea

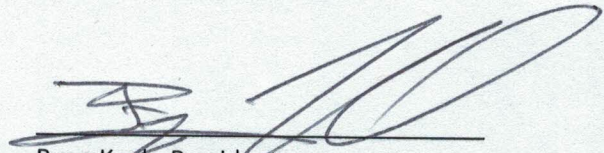
The following motion occurred upon Re-convening to Open Session:

1. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Eric Friedly to hire Melissa Stone as Principal for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 6/0.

A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Sean Main to adjourn. 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