

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OTTERVILLE R-VI- BOARD ROOM
March 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 March 18, 2026, with all members present.

Guests present were April Gaskell, CTSA President, Andrea Blankenship and Jenna Sawford.

President Ryan Keele called the meeting to order.

Correspondence presented to the board was a thank you note from CTSA for Board Appreciation month.

A motion by Mark Blankenship seconded by Sean Main to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Kruse presented a full budget presentation. A motion by Eric Friedly, seconded by Ryan Coday to approve February 2026 financials. Motion carried 7/0.

Administrative Reports:

Principal Report:

1. Attendance: elementary 94.2%, high school 93.8%-overall attendance 94%.
2. The High School Fun Day/Rewards trip will be to Heckart Center on May 6.
3. Reviewing all student data and working on increasing the focus on academic needs for all students.
4. Staff evaluations have been completed.

Superintendent:

1. Still waiting on health insurance renewal options. No bids for renewal have been received.
2. Update on CSIP and the action plan. Discussed a plan for the 2026-2027 school year.
3. Orientation packet for new board members was discussed.
4. Board communication protocol was discussed.

Old Business:

1. None.

New Business:

1. Salary schedule was discussed for the 2026-2027 school year. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Jessica Helmig to offer a 4% increase to the Principal, Certified Staff and Classified Staff. Will percentage rate will be reviewed annually. Motion carried 7/0.
2. Mowing bids were opened by President Ryan Keele. The following bids were received:
 - a. CW&H Service
 - i. Weekly mowing \$180.00 and spray when needed \$80.00
 - b. Zlawncare
 - i. Weekly mowing \$300.00
 - c. TW's Mowing Service
 - i. Weekly mowing and weed eat \$375.00 and spray when needed \$180.00
 - d. Lonestar Lawns LLC
 - i. Weekly mowing \$485.00

A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Jacob Nolting to accept the bid from Zlawncare. Motion carried 7/0.

3. A motion by Jacob Nolting, seconded by Ryan Coday to accept the amended extra duty stipend pay with the addition of FCCLA in the amount of \$2,000.00 and E-Sports in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 7/0.
4. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Sean Main to amend the 2025-2026 school calendar to the last day of school being May 13, 2026, with a dismissal at 12:00 pm. Motion carried 7/0.

A motion by Jacob Nolting 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

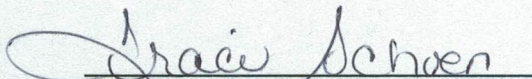
A motion by Jacob Nolting, seconded by Mark Blankenship to Re-Convene to Open Session. Motion carried 7/0. Roll call vote followed:

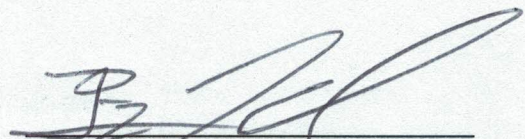
Ryan Keele-yea
Sean Main-yea
Mark Blankenship-yea
Jacob Nolting-yea
Jessica Helmig-yea
Eric Friedly-yea
Ryan Coday-yea

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

1. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Ryan Coday to accept the resignation of Ashley Wittman. Motion carried 7/0.
2. A motion by Jacob Nolting, seconded by Jessica Helmig to accept the resignation of Bree Schoen at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 7/0.
3. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Jacob Nolting to accept the resignation of Cara Harrington at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 7/0.
4. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Mark Blankenship to accept the resignation of Michelle Phillips effective April 30, 2026. Motion carried 7/0.
5. A motion by Eric Friedly, seconded by Sean Main to hire Jennifer Walker for the Special Education position for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 7/0.
6. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Jacob Nolting to hire Corissa Hayward for the 6th grade teacher position for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 7/0.
7. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Jacob Nolting to hire Victoria Stemberger for the Business position for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 7/0.
8. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Eric Friedly to hire Samantha Price for the 4th grade teacher position for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 7/0.
9. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Eric Friedly to hire all Probationary teachers as presented for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 7/0.
10. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Ryan Coday to offer tenure contracts as presented for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 7/0.
11. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Eric Friedly to hire Melissa Stone as Principal for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 7/0.

A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Sean Main to adjourn. Motion carried 7/0.


Traci Schoen, Board Secretary


Ryan Keele-President