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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 15, 2026

Call to Order

Mr. Dyes called the regular meeting of the Heritage Southwest Intermediate School District Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room #1 of the Administrative Services Center on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

Roll Call

Members present: Mr. Dyes, Mr. Ross, Ms. Dodd, Ms. Cripe
Members absent: Mr. Garber
Administrators Present: Mr. Hubbard, Ms. Wimberley, Ms. Spagnoli, Ms. Butchbaker, Mr. Jasper, Mr. Geesaman

Declaration of a Quorum

Mr. Dyes declared a quorum of the Board.

Pledge to the Flag

Pledge to the Flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Communi-cations to the Board

Captains of the Month for Accepting
Brookside: Mia Lopez – Lindsey Yoder, teacher; Raquel Burress – Pam Sova, teacher.
Each received an award.

Communi-cation from the Audience

None

Presentations

Special Education Update
Staff member, Tina Wimberley, gave the Board a handout and recapped program updates.
CTE and Post Secondary Update
Staff member, Mikki Spagnoli, gave the Board a handout and recapped program updates.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, to approve the minutes of March 18, 2026 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Ms. Cripe, supported by Mr. Ross, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, that the Board of Education hereby approves payment of bills which includes General Fund totaling $87,092.77 and Special Ed Fund totaling $560,190.91.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Mr. Ross, Ms. Cripe, Ms. Dodd, Mr. Dyes
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Hiring

Moved by Ms. Cripe, supported by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Rebecca DePas upon appropriate unprofessional conduct review and criminal background check as recommended by the administration.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Ms. Dodd, Mr. Dyes, Mr. Ross, Ms. Cripe
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

2nd Reading/ Adoption of Policies

Moved by Ms. Dodd, supported by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education approve the 2nd Reading/Adoption of Vol. 40, No. 2 Policies 0100, 1410, 2370.01, 2418, 4210, 5136, 5336, 6320, 6325, 7540.09, 8120.09, 8402 dated February 2026 and rescind Policies 3120.09 and 4120.09.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Mr. Dyes, Ms. Dodd, Ms. Cripe, Mr. Ross
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

UWSM Bridge to Bold Funding

Moved by Ms. Cripe, supported by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education approve the July 1, 2026 thru December 31, 2026 UWSM Funding Application-PAT-Home Visitor.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Ms. Dodd, Ms. Cripe, Mr. Ross, Mr. Dyes
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Moved by Ms. Dodd, supported by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education adjourn to Closed Session at 10:40 a.m. under Sec. 8.1 (a) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss Superintendent Evaluation.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Ms. Cripe, Mr. Ross, Mr. Dyes, Ms. Dodd
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Dodd, supported by Ms. Cripe, that the Board of Education adjourn to Open Session at 11:06 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Evaluation

Moved by Ms. Dodd, supported by Ms. Cripe, that the Board of Education adopt the Superintendent Evaluation as presented identifying the performance of Mr. Hubbard as Effective.Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

Moved by Ms. Dodd, supported by Mr. Ross, to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra Cripe, Secretary

These minutes are subject to board approval.