

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OTTERVILLE R-VI- BOARD ROOM
April 15, 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
Traci Schoen-Secretary

Guests present was April Gaskell.

The Board of Education met in Regular Session on April 15, 2026, with all members present.

Meeting called to order by President Ryan Keele.

A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Eric Friedly to certify the results of the April 7, 2026 election. Motion carried 7/0. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Eric Friedly for the board to dissolve for re-organization. Motion carried 7/0. The oath of office was given to Mark Blankenship, Daniel Ewers and Craig Nau.

Mr. Kruse asked for nominations for Board President. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Jessica Helmig to nominate Ryan Coday as President. Motion carried 6/0. Ryan Coday abstained. President Ryan Coday asked for nominations for Board Vice-President. A nomination by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Ryan Coday to nominate Mark Blankenship as Vice-President. Motion carried 6/0. Mark Blankenship abstained. President Ryan Coday called for nominations for Board Secretary. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Jessica Helmig to nominate Traci Schoen as Board Secretary. Motion carried 7/0. President Ryan Coday called for nominations for Board Treasurer. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Ryan Coday to nominate Jessica Helmig as Board Treasurer. Motion carried 6/0. Jessica Helmig abstained. President Ryan Coday called for nominations for the MSBA delegate. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Eric Friedly to nominate Daniel Ewers as delegate. Motion carried 6/0. Daniel Ewers abstained. President Ryan Cody called for nominations for MSBA alternate delegate. A motion by Eric Friedly, seconded by Mark Blankenship to nominate Craig Nau as alternate delegate. Motion carried 6/0. Craig Nau abstained.

A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Jacob Nolting to end the Re-Organization of the board. Motion carried 7/0.

A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Eric Friedly to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7/0.

A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Eric Friedly to approve the March 2026 financial reports and budget summary. Motion carried 7/0.

The following reports were given by Mrs. Stone and Mr. Kruse:

Principal:

1. The attendance for March was 94.5% elementary, 95.6% high school: overall attendance 95.0%.
2. Preparing for MAP/EOC testing beginning April 23, 2026-May 1, 2026.
3. Updated the board on Student Recognition and Achievements:
 - a. Jax Thierfelder earned 1st place in the 3rd grade spelling bee.
 - b. Phoenix Skaggs will have her artwork entered in the Congression Art Show at the State Capitol.
 - c. Kale Gaskell and Mason Keele will compete at the National FBLA Middle Level in San Antonio
 - d. Update on the activities for the month of May.

Superintendent:

1. Updated the board on the progress from EGS on the updating of all the handbooks for the 2026-2027 school year.
2. Staffing update.
3. Summer maintenance included the bathroom renovations as top priority.

Old Business:

1. A motion by Jacob Nolting, seconded by Mark Blankenship that Mr. Kruse receive a 4% salary increase on his 2026-2027 salary. Motion carried 7/0.
2. Mr. Kruse updated the board on the Show Me Central conference. The conference still must vote on accepting our bid for conference membership.

New Business:

1. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Jessica Helmig to set the June 2026 regular monthly meeting for June 24, 2026, at 7 am. Motion carried 7/0.
2. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Eric Friedly to approve the 2026 graduate list as presented. Motion carried 7/0.
3. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Jessica Helmig to approve the Extra Duty Stipends for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 7/0.
4. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Jessica Helmig to approve the Classified staff positions for the 2026-2027 with the removal of Susie Blankenship and Alyssa Nau. Motion 7/0.
5. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Jacob Nolting to hire Susie Blankenship for the 2026-2027 food service position. Motion carried 6/0. Mark Blankenship abstained.
6. A motion by Eric Friedly, seconded by Mark Blankenship to hire Alyssa Nau for the 2026-2027 food service position. Motion carried 6/0. Craig Nau abstained.
7. Presented teacher incentive ideas. The matter was tabled.
8. The CSIP plan was presented and discussed.

9. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Jessica Helmig to hire Melinda Strathman for testing services. Motion carried 7/0.
10. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Mark Blankenship to approve the Cigna health insurance and the Big Tree + Sedera supplemental insurance with a 25% increase on the board paid portion. Motion carried 7/0.

A motion by Eric Friedly 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 Craig Nau. Motion carried 7/0. Roll call vote followed:

Ewers-yea
Nau-yea
Blankenship-yea
Nolting-yea-Zoom
Helmig-yea
Friedly-yea
Coday-yea

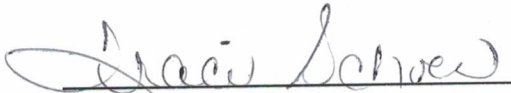
A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Craig Nau to Re-Convene to Open Session. Motion carried 7/0. Roll call vote followed:

Ewers-yea
Nau-yea
Blankenship-yea
Nolting-yea-Zoom (left the meeting after roll call vote)
Helmig-yea
Friedly-yea
Coday-yea

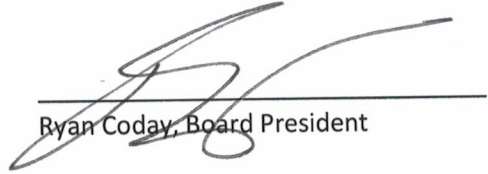
The following motions occurred after Re-Convening:

1. A motion by Eric Friedly, seconded by Daniel Ewers to hire Maleiah Martin for the 2026-2027 school year as the Kindergarten teacher. Motion carried 6/0.
2. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Jessica Helmig to hire Justina Spellmeyer as a Para-Professional. Motion carried 6/0.
3. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Eric Friedly to hire Ava Norman as a Para Professional. Motion carried 6/0.
4. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Mark Blankenship to amend the 3 goals. Motion carried 6/0.

A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Craig Nau to adjourn. Motion carried 6/0.

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Traci Schoen, Board Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ryan Coday", written over a horizontal line.

Ryan Coday, Board President