

**Strafford R-VI Board of Education
Regular Meeting
August 18, 2026**

Vice President Luke Rhodes called the public meeting to order at 5:45pm. Those present were Beth Keith, Austin M. Owens, Luke Rhodes, Brian Smithson, Brett T. Ward, Ashley VanHorn. ABSENT: Kim Edwards.

Vice President Luke Rhodes declared the public hearing adjourned at 6:00pm and called the regular meeting to order. Those present were Beth Keith, Austin M. Owens, Luke Rhodes, Brian Smithson, Brett T. Ward, Ashley VanHorn. ABSENT: Kim Edwards.

The Board and attendees observed a moment of silence and stated the Pledge of Allegiance. The motion was made by Ashley VanHorn to approve the agenda as presented. Brett T. Ward seconded. Carried 6-0.

Dusty Killingsworth, Coach Morey, Coach Mullings, Coach Dodson and Coach Osman updated the board on the upcoming fall season. Ryan Stewart gave an update on the Max Evans addition. Tyler Clark reviewed the Safety Program Evaluation with the Board. Dr. Hedger & Dr. Gardner reviewed the CSIP update with the Board.

The motion was made by Austin M. Owens to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

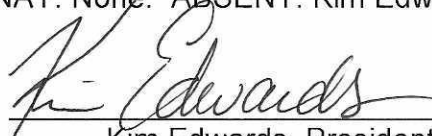
- Approval of the July 16, 2026 Minutes;
- Approval of Bills and Payroll;
- Transfer from General Revenue Fund to Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$0;
- Treasurer's Report;
- Approval of the FY26 Annual Secretary of the Board Report;
- Set the 2026 Tax Levy as follows:
 - Unadjusted General \$3.10
 - Unadjusted Debt Service \$1.00
 - Adjusted General \$3.10
 - Adjusted Debt Service \$0.70
- Approval of the August Monthly Personnel Report;
- Set the October Board meeting for Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Brian Smithson seconded. Carried 6-0.

The motion was made by Ashley VanHorn to approve the Local Compliance Plan. Luke Rhodes seconded. Carried 6-0.

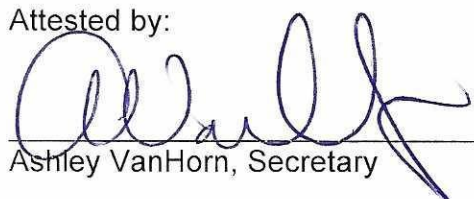
Administrator Reports were presented by Miranda Schaefer (ECC), Crystal Tebbenkamp (Elementary) and Doug Fields (High School). The Registrar and Communications Reports were presented by Marcy Easterly. Dr. Mark Hedger presented the Superintendent Report including an update on Back-to-School activities, the Master's Cohort and an enrollment update.

The motion was made by Luke Rhodes to enter into executive session at 6:50pm as allowed under Section 610.021 (1), (2), (3), (6) for a closed meeting with closed record and closed vote discussions of Legal, Real Estate, Personnel and Pupil/Personnel. Ashley VanHorn seconded. YEA: Beth Keith, Austin M. Owens, Luke Rhodes, Brian Smithson, Ashley VanHorn and Brett T. Ward. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kim Edwards.



Kim Edwards, President

Attested by:



Ashley VanHorn, Secretary