May 20, 2026

The School Board of District 261 met in regualr session on May 20, 2026 in the Media Center at 6:00 pm. Chairperson B. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with members Olson, Johnson, Anderson, Stevens, and Wing present. Absent: Molly Hovland and Dallas Rylander. Also present were Superintendent/HS Principal Jon Moore, Elem/MS Principal Megan Peterson, Jason Kuehn, Suzanna Ecker, Josey Koefod and Stacie Rylander.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the agenda. (Stevens/Wing MCU)

Recognition of visitors. Teacher representatives attending were Joesy Koefod and Stacie Rylander.

Motion to approve the following consent agenda (Anderson/Olson):

- Approval of April 15th, 2026 minutes.
- Financial Reports for April 2026
- Approval of bills: April Handpayables: $32,298.02, April Wire Payments: $247,903.72, and May bills: $156,587.22
- Approval of personnel changes: Resignation of Jeremiah Miller, MS Science teacher. Hiring of Brad Nelson as Dean of Students. Hiring of Shelby Arroyo as Elementary Special Education Teacher. Hiring of Laurie Herrick as Elementary Teacher. Hiring of Michael Deruyck as Middle School Science Teacher.
- Acknowledge Donations: To Supermileage, Douglas Machine $250.00. To Robotics, Massman Automation $1,000.00 and Luke's Tree Service $200.00. To the Fishing Club $200.00 from Rylander Insurance.

Susan Wing reported on the Lakes Country Service Coop.

Leslie Anderson reported on Region1.

Ben Johnson reported on Grant County Collaborative.

<u>Elem/MS Principal's Report</u>
Mrs. Peterson reported on the following:

- Climate and Culture
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Elementary 3rd grade teacher hired.

- MS Science teacher hired.
- Long Term Sub coverage has been filled.
- Pre-K classroom for 2026-27 and wrap around care.
- Elementary events: Day of Caring, Track and Field, Elementary Skills Day, and the 1st grade participation in the upcoming Memorial Day Program.
- Middle School Q4 celebration and award.
- Credit Recovery model
- Arrow Ambassadors
- MCA Post-test editing

Superintendent/HS Principal Report

Mr. Moore reported on the following:

- New Dean of Students, Brad Nelson
- Integrating events for special education students; color run, track and field day, dances, prom (sensory appropriate activities).
- Students are registered for classes for the upcoming year.
- New curriculum for Math next year.
- Special Education Cooperative creating universal systems for all member districts.
- Band and choir concerts were fantastic.
- Congratulations to FFA at state and going to nationals in the fall.
- Spring sports are wrapping up.
- Day of Caring
- Baccalaureate and the Awards Banquet
- HS Suite Shots field trip
- Graduation
- CORE training
- Spark27
- Legislative updates
- Building and grounds

Josey Koefod spoke on an exciting year in 2nd grade. New reading curriculum that provided incredible learning opportunities, field trip to Bonanzaville, Little House on the Prairie books integrated into curriculum, and the field and forrest day with the 9th grade class at Glendalough State Park.

Stacie Rylander spoke on PreK. Wrapping up the year included many fun activites; Bubble Day, releasing butterflies at the city park, PreK Track and Field Day, PJ and Movie Day. Hosted events throughout the year included PreK Art Show and Dance as well as Touch-a-Truck. Upcoming summer play date all around Grant county include Ashby on June 15th.

Discussion Items

Sports and Activities

Action Items

Approving Supt Jon Moore as Identified Official with Authority. (Wing /Stevens MCU)
Approving Call for Bids on Dairy Product, Vehicle Fuel & Maintenance. (Stevens/Olson MCU)
Consider moving the time for the June, July and August School Board meetings to 7:30 am on the currently approved meeting dates. (Stevens/Wing MCU)

Motion to adjourn (Wing/Stevens MCU). Johnson called the meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

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Leslie Anderson, Clerk