Strafford R-VI Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 22, 2026

President Kim Edwards called the public meeting to order at 6:00pm. Those present were Beth Keith, Kim Edwards, Austin M. Owens, Luke Rhodes, Brett T. Ward, Ashley VanHorn, Dr. Mark Hedger and Dr. Michelle Gardner. ABSENT: Brian Smithson.

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

Ryan Stewart gave an update on the Max Evans Addition. Michele Robnett updated the Board on the 2025-26 student assessment results. Dr. Hedger reviewed the CSIP update with the Board.

The motion was made by Ashley VanHorn to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- Approval of the August 15, 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 Monthly Personnel Report;
- Approval of Overnight Trip Request;
- Approval of the PDC Handbook;
- Set the November 2026 Board meeting for November 19, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Austin M. Owens seconded. Carried 6-0.

The motion was made by Ashley VanHorn to approve the Request for Qualifications for Construction Manager At-Risk as recommended. Luke Rhodes seconded. Carried 6-0. The motion was made by Kim Edwards to approve the Amended 2026-27 Budget Message as recommended. Austin M. Owen seconded. Carried 6-0. Dr. Hedger reviewed the MSBA 2026B Policy Update with the Board.

Administrator Reports were presented by Miranda Hagin-Schaefer (ECC), Crystal Tebbenkamp (Elementary), Marci Brown (Middle School), Doug Fields (High School) and CJ August (Special Education). The Registrar and Communications Reports were presented by Marcy Easterly. Dr. Mark Hedger presented the Superintendent Report including an update on the Administration Team leadership training and an upcoming Strafford Chamber of Commerce school presentation.

The motion was made by Luke Rhodes to enter into executive session at 7:19pm as allowed under Section 610.021 ((3) & (6)) for a closed meeting with closed record and closed vote discussions of Personnel and Pupil/Personnel. Ashley VanHorn seconded. YEA: Kim Edwards, Beth Keith, Austin M. Owens, Luke Rhodes, Ashley VanHorn and Brett T. Ward. NAY: None. ABSENT: Brian Smithson.

K. Edwards

Kim Edwards, President

Attested by:

Luke Rhodes

Luke Rhodes, Vice President