

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
GIRARD, KS
February 12, 2026

The Board of Education of Unified School District 248 met in the Board Office on Thursday, February 12th, 2026. President, Dave Goble, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present were: Henry Ashbacher, Roger Breneman, Aaron Coester, Dave Goble, Lori Johnson, and Adam Paoni. Also present were: Superintendent, Todd Ferguson; Board Clerk, Randee Hanks; Board Treasurer Charlene Bolinger; GHS Principal, Tim Davied; GHS Assistant Principal, Chris Swartz; RVH Principal, Tina Daniel; Assistant RVH Principal, Joni Benso; RVH Teachers, Ariel Beam, and Maggie Niederklein; and Amanda Lancaster, with Diehl, Banwart, Bolton, CPA's.

Absent were: Board Member, Kelly Peak; and GMS Principal, BJ Pruitt.

Roger Breneman moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion for the approval of the agenda with the addition 8G- Donation, and 16C-Resignation; approval of the minutes from the January 8th, 2026 Board Meeting, approval of the treasurer's report and the bills be approved for payment, amounting to \$1,479,962.71. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Lori Johnson moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to approve the following donations: Girard Public Rec- \$2,000 for Special Olympics T-shirts; Thompson Brothers Welding- \$2,500 TIG Welder for Girard FFA; Lance Cullen- \$1,500 for GHS Basketball goals; Booster Club- \$1,300 for GHS softball; Jerome Troike Memorial- \$5,000 for Girard FFA; Jerry Buckle Memorial- \$420 for GHS Golf; and Booster Club- \$1,000 for GHS Football.
Motion carried 6 – 0.

RVH Teachers, Ariel Beam and Maggie Niederklein, presented the RVH Teacher PD Presentation.

Lori Johnson moved, Adam Paoni seconded the motion to approve the USD 248 AI Policy as presented. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to approve the USD 248 Tuition reimbursements as presented. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Aaron Coester moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the supplemental stipend for GHS band. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Lori Johnson moved, Henry Ashbacher seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:48 pm for a period of 10 minutes, for discussion of Non-Elected Personnel under KOMA, with Board Members and Superintendent present. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Back to regular session at 6:58 pm.

Amanda Lancaster entered the meeting.

Roger Breneman moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to approve the USD 248 Audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 as presented by Amanda Lancaster with Diehl, Banwart, Bolton CPA's. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Henry Ashbacher moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion to approve the retirements of GHS Theatre teacher, Patricia LaRoche and GMS Counselor, Karen Kelso; and the resignation of RVH Kindergarten teacher, Machia Davenport. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Lori Johnson moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the employment recommendations of GHS Principal for the 2026-2027 school year, Jeff Wilkie; RVH Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, Shannon Cecil; and to approve the Superintendent's Contract extension, which would employ Mr. Ferguson through the 2027-2028 School Year. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Principal's Report in the Board Packets.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, presented the Superintendent's Report.

Lori Johnson presented the Greenbush Board Member report, Dave Goble presented the Southeast 637 Board Member report.

Roger Breneman moved, Lori Johnson seconded the motion for adjournment of the meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Randee Hanks
Clerk