

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
GIRARD, KS
August 13, 2026

The Board of Education of Unified School District 248 met in the Board Office on Thursday, August 13th, 2026. Acting President, Dave Goble, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present were: Roger Breneman, Aaron Coester, Dave Goble, and Adam Paoni. Also present were: Superintendent, Todd Ferguson; Board Clerk, Randee Hanks; Board Treasurer, Charlene Bolinger; GHS Principal, Jeff Wilkie; GHS Assistant Principal, Chris Swartz; GMS Principal, BJ Pruitt; RVH Principal, Tina Daniel; RVH Assistant Principal, Joni Benso. New teaching staff included: Chuck Boyles; Shannon Cecil; Lauren Dugan; Katelyn Lewis; Abby Onelio; Judson Tillotson; and Paul Walrod; as well as Tucker Hudson, with Hometown Girard.

Absent were: Board Members, Lori Johnson; and Kelly Peak.

Roger Breneman moved, Adam Paoni seconded the motion for approval of the agenda, approval of the minutes from the July 9th, 2026 Board Meeting, approval of the treasurer's report and the bills be approved for payment, amounting to \$3,022,614.55.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

Adam Paoni moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to approve the following donations: 21st Century Grant- \$69,449.00; and Dan Smith- \$8,369.30 for GHS Baseball.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

Introduction of the 2026-2027 New USD 249 Teaching Staff: RVH Teachers, Shannon Cecil and Katelyn Lewis; GMS Counselor, Lauren Dugan; and GHS Teachers, Chuck Boyles, Abby Onelio, Judson Tillotson, and Paul Walrod.

Adam Paoni moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the resignation of Board Member, Henry Ashbacher. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Roger Breneman moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to "Establish date for the 2026-2027 Budget Revenue Neutral Hearing- September 10th, 2026 at 7:00 pm".

Motion carried 4 – 0.

Aaron Coester moved, Adam Paoni seconded the motion to "Establish date for 2026-2027 Budget Hearing- September 10th, 2026 at 7:05pm" Motion carried 4 – 0.

Adam Paoni moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the 2026-2027 District Classified Handbook as presented. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Superintendent, Todd Ferguson, presented the Facilities/Construction updates.

Aaron Coester moved, Adam Paoni seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:40 pm for a period of 10 minutes, for discussion of Non-Elected Personnel under KOMA, with Board Members, Superintendent and Building Administrators present.
Motion carried 4 – 0.

Back to regular session at 6:50 pm.

Roger Breneman moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to approve the Meet and Confer items as presented. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Adam Paoni moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the classified, director and administrator raises as presented. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Adam Paoni moved, Aaron Coester seconded the motion to accept the following resignations: Jessica Buckingham, GHS Secretary; and Margaret Scott, RVH Para.
Motion carried 4 – 0.

Adam Paoni moved, Roger Breneman seconded the motion to approve the following recommendations: Abby Lehman, GHS Secretary; Lindsey Ronco, RVH Para; and Deborah Glaser, RVH Para. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Principals' Report in the Board Packet.

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

Southeast 637 Interlocal Report.

Roger Breneman moved, Adam Paoni seconded the motion for adjournment of the meeting at 6:55 pm. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Randee Hanks
Clerk