

BOARD MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
March 9, 2026

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 273 met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:30 P.M., at the Board of Education Office with the following members present: Joe File, Amber Krier, Kelsey Adams, Craig Cousland, Jake Ludwig, Jon Stillwell and Tony Thompson. Also present were Jeff Travis, Superintendent; Tiffany Schroeder, Clerk; Janet Porter, Beloit Elementary School Principal; Garry Lowry, Beloit Elementary School Assistant Principal; Casey Seyfert, Beloit Jr-Sr High School Principal; Christie Gerdes, Beloit Special Education Cooperative Director; Cassie Kopsa, Special Education Assistant Director and Brady Dean, MCPC Executive Director.

President File called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Guests present were: Elizabeth Holway, Charlie Burke, Donna Conn, Katelyn Binder, Amanda McGuire, Danny Henk, Brian Debey and Lynn Easter.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the agenda with the addition 8a) Executive Session (I.I.) and to the consent agenda e) Termination – Rachel Elsen, Teacher Aide, Mitchell County Early Learning Center. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Adams, to approve the consent agenda with this motion, the following were approved:

Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting;

Payment of Bills and Claims

Approval of Revenue Journals

Approval of Activity Funds

Personnel

Contracts:

Brent Gentry, Part-Time Custodian, Beloit Jr-Sr High School;

Mila Kemp, Lead Teacher, Mitchell County Early Learning Center;

Madalyn Johnson, Lead Teacher, Mitchell County Early Learning Center;

Calleah Stevens, Paraeducator, Tipton Community School;

Kaitlyn Elder, Agriculture Education Teacher for the 2026-27 school year, Beloit Jr-Sr High School;

Resignation:

Tanna Cunningham, Paraeducator, Lakeside Elementary School;

Retirement:

Stephanie Draayer, Special Education Teacher, Special Education Cooperative, at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Termination:

Rachel Elsen, Teacher Aide, Mitchell County Early Learning Center

Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

PAID FEBRUARY 3, 2026:

Delta Dental of KS	10,688.60	Crumbaker Oil & Feed, LLC	3,882.30
		Culligan of Downs	98.00
		Cunningham Fiber	1,572.99

PAID FEBRUARY 20, 2026:

MG Trust	900.00	Dash Medical Gloves	214.50
American Fidelity Assurance Co	8,259.40	Deep Space Sparkle	379.00
Meredith Johnson, Treasurer	432.00	Carli Denning	287.00
First National Bank & Trust	181,002.13	Dollar General	142.15
Flex Made Easy - ACH	3,537.50	DS Busline, Inc	49,377.82
Flex Made Easy	6,359.12	Ashley R. Eck	66.85
KPERS	54,386.25	Joelle Emerson	459.20
KPERS Retirement WAR	2,022.84	Everway	12,364.53
KPERS-Optional Life	431.90	Flex Made Easy	66.50
KS Dept of Revenue	32,638.84	Fouts Insurance Agency	3,661.20
KS Employ Security Fund	820.25	Geyer Instructional	210.00
Med. Air Service Assoc-B2B	621.60	Michelle Hahn	276.08
Salina Surgical Center, LLC	439.54	Martin Hesting	49.99
Security Benefit Life Ins Co	850.00	Hiserote Trash Removal	425.00
Sun Life	11,491.21	Bernetta Hlad	140.00
Trustmark Voluntary Benefits	1,352.49	Holm Buick GMC	7,226.10
USD 273 Health Reserve	114,088.54	Elizabeth Holway	667.80
FTC-Fiduciary Trust Co of NH	1,200.00	Meagan Housh	78.40
Total	420,833.61	HTK Architects	3,223.68
		Korryn Hubert	25.50
		IMA, Inc	10,000.00

PAID MARCH 9, 2026:

Abram Ready-Mix	2,185.00	Ryan Isbell	15.59
Amazon Capital Services	1,081.17	IXL Learning	129.00
Amanda Anderson	229.60	Courtney Kadel	189.00
Kyle Beisner	509.60	KASB	6,239.20
Beloit Medical Center, PA	160.00	KS State School for Blind	592.00
Big T's Diner & Catering	750.00	KS State School for Deaf	1,170.00
Boettcher Supply, Inc	675.66	Kendall Bank	2,075.06
Breanna Brown	266.00	KS Parents As Teachers Assoc	200.00
Julia Budreau	44.80	Kansas Gas Service	6,902.26
Coughlin Companies, LLC	462.24	Krier's Auto Parts, Inc	80.68
CDW Government, Inc	3,759.47	KVSV Radio	140.00
Central Valley Ag	676.92	Liberty Hardwoods, Inc	818.12
Dawn Chandler	458.98	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc	1,607.40
City of Beloit	24,555.93	Long Stem Gardens	37.99
Linda S. Cox	435.40	Loving Guidance, LLC	670.00
Craig Home Care	93.00	Shelton Lund	25.50
		Renee J. Mason, RPT	765.80

Robert McCreight	52.35	Solomon Valley Home Center	979.49
McDonald Hopkins, LLC	31.00	Speech Corner	121.95
Amanda McGuire	460.13	Erin Suelter	1,046.59
Julia McMains	49.69	Sunflower Restaurant Supply	85.00
McPherson College	3,874.73	Darby Sweat	751.80
Becky Byarlay-McQueen	785.40	Jacee Tice	54.55
Jayden Merrell	7.58	Trane US, Inc	379.75
Hailey Meyer	102.00	Jeff Travis	406.00
Midwest Bus Leasing, Inc	12,019.00	USD 107 Rock Hills	4,340.70
Motor Mouth Therapy	7,720.00	USD 273 Education Foundation	2,700.00
Nabholz	176,829.05	Waconda Trader	333.20
Marlene Nelson	231.00	Brianna Walter	42.00
Nex-Tech Wireless	2,194.63	Watts & Sons	1,177.51
Kansas One-Call System	1.33	Waxie Sanitary Supply	385.87
OPAA!	58,763.08	WoodRiver Energy, LLC	5,688.12
Pearson Clinical	431.74	Carlton Wright	132.00
Pitney Bowes, Inc	270.15	Xerox Business Solutions	5,332.31
Pitney Bowes, Inc	217.41	Xerox Financial Services	5,431.53
USPS	450.00	Zachary's Ace Hardware	437.68
Prairie Fire Coffee	780.70	Total	473,842.92
Pur-O-Zone, Inc	3,127.43		
Quill Corporation	389.45	FUND SUMMARY:	
Ray's AppleMarket	2,841.68	GENERAL FUND	117,083.33
Reliance Standard	1,111.80	SUPPLEMENTAL GEN	5,662.95
Desiree Richards	613.90	CAPITAL OUTLAY	18,150.08
Angela K. Ringler	406.00	BOND CONSTRUCTION	194,371.78
Anna Rubey	13.29	FOOD SERVICE	58,512.73
Salina Steel Supply, Inc	554.59	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP	670.00
Schendel Pest Control	360.00	PARENT EDUCATION FUND	1,449.87
Lori Schmitt	140.00	CAREER & POSTSECND ED	4,104.52
School Specialty	1,199.60	HEALTHCARE SVCS	11,178.30
Schroeder Building & Supply	13,500.00	COOP SPECIAL ED	48,339.57
Casey Seyfert	466.20	MEDICAID	2,326.92
Sedgwick Co Extension Office	1,000.00	SMART START (MCPC)	11,992.87
Lisa Shiroky	126.00	TOTAL	473,842.92

The Superintendent introduced Amanda McGuire, who presented the annual report for the Parents As Teachers program. The program currently serves 18 families and 33 children, with an additional 12 families on the waiting list. The Superintendent provided an update on Southern Cloud dissemination. Southern Cloud district is no longer permitted to sell its buildings; therefore, this responsibility now falls to USD 273. Any remaining financial assets from the Southern Cloud district will be distributed among the districts based on each district's assessed valuation percentage.

The Superintendent also reviewed two district boundary map options. The Superintendent gave a legislative update, including discussion of the cell phone bill and the potential elimination of the MHIT grant. Additionally, he discussed the implementation of a new, teacher-driven evaluation tool, as well as current technology orders. The Superintendent recommended relocating the April Board of Education Meeting to the Elementary School to allow Board members to view the progress on the bond project. He also reported that, according to Heineken Electric, the cost of the transformer at Trojan Stadium is \$30,888. Finally, a scheduling conflict was noted for the May Board of Education meeting due to a band and music concert. The Board will need to discuss and determine an alternate meeting date and time.

Student Council report was given by Charlie Burke.

JAG-K report was given by Katelyn Binder.

Site Council report was given by Janet Porter.

PTO report was given by Donna Conn.

The Superintendent gave an update regarding the bond. Over spring break, the rooftop units will be installed at the high school. To date, there hasn't been a need to use any of the bond contingency funds.

Lynn Easter gave a presentation regarding building an inclusive playground on the grounds of the elementary school.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Stillwell, to approve the technology purchases including 165 chrome books for \$44,550; Chrome licenses for \$5,280; 33 laptops for \$26,970 totaling \$76,808. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Thompson moved that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:17 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters on non-elected personnel and their contractual obligations because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed and that the Board of Education reconvene into open session at 8:27 P.M. in this room with Jeff Travis remaining. The motion was seconded by Ludwig. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

The Board entered into open session.

A motion was made by Stillwell, seconded by Cousland, to approve the Consultation to Superintendent job description and contract. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Thompson, to approve the KASB Membership and Seasonal Pass renewal for \$12,715.52. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Krier, to approve the KASB Legal Assistance Fund contract for \$3,100.00. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Thompson moved that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:34 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters on non-elected personnel and their contractual obligations because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed and that the

Board of Education reconvene into open session at 8:44 P.M. in this room with Jeff Travis, Casey Seyfert, Janet Porter and Garry Lowry remaining. The motion was seconded by Ludwig. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

The Board entered into open session.

Thompson moved that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:44 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters on non-elected personnel and their contractual obligations because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed and that the Board of Education reconvene into open session at 8:59 P.M. in this room with Jeff Travis, Casey Seyfert, Janet Porter and Garry Lowry remaining. The motion was seconded by Ludwig.

Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

The Board entered into open session.

Thompson moved that the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:59 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters on non-elected personnel and their contractual obligations because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed and that the Board of Education reconvene into open session at 9:04 P.M. in this room with Jeff Travis, Casey Seyfert, Janet Porter and Garry Lowry remaining. The motion was seconded by Ludwig.

Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

The Board entered into open session.

Thompson moved that the Board of Education go into executive session at 9:06 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters on non-elected personnel and their contractual obligations because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed and that the Board of Education reconvene into open session at 9:16 P.M. in this room with Jeff Travis and Casey Seyfert remaining. The motion was seconded by Adams. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

The Board entered into open session.

Thompson moved that the Board of Education go into executive session at 9:16 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters on non-elected personnel and their contractual obligations because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed and that the Board of Education reconvene into open session at 9:21 P.M. in this room with Jeff Travis and Casey Seyfert remaining. The motion was seconded by Adams. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

The Board entered into open session.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Cousland to adjourn the board meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays.

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education