

BOARD MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
April 13, 2026

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 273 met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:30 P.M., at Beloit Elementary School Library with the following members present: Joe File, Amber Krier, Kelsey Adams, Craig Cousland, Jake Ludwig, 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: Charlie Burke, Chris Billinger with Nabholz, Terry Berndt with Nabholz, Amanda Thiessen, Charle Green, Meredith Johnson, Brian Debey, Danny Henk, and Kyla Drake.

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the agenda with the addition of 7a) May Board Meeting (A.I.). Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

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

Contracts:

Chelsa Anderson, School Based Liason 2026-27 school year,
David Blochlinger, Assistant Principal, Beloit Elementary School, 2026-27 school year;

Resignations:

Dee Hayden, Paraeducator, Beloit Elementary School;
Lindsey Marshall, Paraeducator, Beloit Jr-Sr High School;
Brandon Smith, Paraeducator, Lakeside Jr-Sr High School;
Rachel Ellenz, School Psychologist, Special Education Cooperative, May 1, 2026;
Michelle McVey, Paraeducator, Beloit Elementary School, end of 2025-26 school year;
Kathy Wilson, Secretary, Beloit Jr-Sr High School, effective July 1, 2026;
Elizabeth Holway, Gifted Teacher, Beloit Special Education Cooperative, end of 2025-26 school year;
Kimberlyn Eilert, First Grade Teacher, Beloit Elementary School, end of 2025-26 school year;
Trace Leners, Jr-High Physical Education Teacher, end of 2025-26 school year;
Chirine Ouzin, Special Education Teacher, Sylvan School, end of 2025-26 school year,
Alexa Romero, Business Teacher, Beloit Jr-Sr High School, end of 2025-26 school year;
Camryn Winkel, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, Rock Hills Elementary School; end of 2025-26 school year;
Taegan Meier, Junior High Girls Basketball Coach.

Transfer:

Taegan Meier, Jr High English Teacher to High School Business/Technology Teacher.
Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

PAID FEBRUARY 25, 2026:

BlueCross BlueShield of KS	6,850.27	AEDSuperstore	1,431.99
		Amazon Capital Services	2,397.99
		Amanda Anderson	252.00

PAID MARCH 3, 2026:

Delta Dental of KS	9,425.03	Athco, LLC	9,675.83
		Beloit Country Club	1,493.09
		Beloit Elementary School	274.92

PAID MARCH 20, 2026:

MG Trust	900.00	Beloit Jr-Sr H.S. Petty Cash	929.84
American Fidelity Assurance Co	8,259.40	Boettcher Supply, Inc	2,485.71
Meredith Johnson, Treasurer	432.00	Breanna Brown	292.60
First National Bank & Trust	177,227.92	Brummer Construction	16,570.00
Flex Made Easy - ACH	3,537.50	BSN Sports	14,166.00
Flex Made Easy	6,359.12	CBS Door and Hardware	1,482.00
KPERS	53,234.72	CDW Government, Inc	577.27
KPERS-WAR	2,107.66	Central Valley Ag	1,195.80
KPERS-Optional Life	431.90	Dawn Chandler	477.66
KS Dept of Revenue	31,987.92	City of Beloit	18,047.41
KS Employ Security Fund	800.29	Jana Coil	135.45
Med Air Service Assoc-B2B	621.60	Linda S. Cox	424.90
Salina Surgical Center, LLC	470.14	Craig Home Care	453.22
Security Benefit Life Ins Co	850.00	Crumbaker Oil & Feed, LLC	6,147.82
Sun Life	11,487.43	Culligan of Downs	98.00
Trustmark Voluntary Benefits	1,352.49	Cunningham Fiber	1,113.01
USD 273 Health Reserve	111,642.45	Discount School Supply	626.92
FTC-Fiduciary Trust Co of NH	1,200.00	Dollar General	209.40

Total	412,902.54	DS Busline, Inc	49,061.80
		Lynne Easter	164.10
		Ashley R. Eck	74.55

PAID MARCH 25, 2026:

BlueCross BlueShield of KS	141,688.02	Lynn Feldmann	56.75
BlueCross BlueShield of KS	140,816.81	Flex Made Easy	66.50
		Joelle Friess	470.40

Total	282,504.83	Michelle Hahn	251.72
		Heartland Seating, Inc	1,000.00

PAID MARCH 30, 2026:

Nemaha Sports Construction	237,673.87	Heineken Electric Co	1,013.74
Card Services	9,434.89	Hiserote Trash Removal	425.00
		Bernetta Hlad	154.00

Total	247,108.76	Elizabeth Holway	597.10
		Meagan Housh	93.80

PAID APRIL 13, 2026:

Acellus Educational	711.00	HTK Architects	3,223.68
Ackerman Supply, Inc	571.61	Jackson's Glass Shop	361.78
		Allison Johnson	67.90

J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc	78.96	Ray's AppleMarket	3,038.19
Courtney Kadel	57.00	Reliance Standard	1,138.52
KASB	15,815.52	Desiree Richards	641.20
KS State School for Blind	1,609.00	Angela K. Ringler	219.10
KDEC	300.00	Salina Steel Supply, Inc	943.84
Kendall Bank	2,075.06	Salina Wrecker Service	135.00
Kingdom Cartridge	538.00	Schendel Pest Control	360.00
Pamela Kohler	107.30	Scholastic Book Club	417.88
Kansas Gas Service	3,544.46	School Specialty	498.99
Krier's Auto Parts, Inc	2,516.39	Schroeder Building & Supply	13,500.00
Lakeshore Learning	355.49	Lisa Shiroky	84.00
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc	966.14	Hector Soler	125.00
Loving Guidance, LLC	670.00	Solomon Valley Home Center	2,807.76
Karen MacCrory	106.75	Calleah Stevens	18.90
Renee J. Mason, RPT	667.10	Erin Suelter	406.00
Amanda McGuire	395.70	Superior Publishing Co, Inc	38.00
McPherson College	2,742.50	Darby Sweat	886.20
Becky Byarlay-McQueen	742.00	Thompson's O.K. Tire, Inc	164.51
Taegan Meier	148.00	Trane US, Inc	379.75
Jayden Merrell	8.03	Jeff Travis	134.54
Hailey Meyer	27.00	United School Administrators	400.00
Mid-America Ace	675.00	USD 107 Rock Hills	2,519.87
Midwest Bus Leasing, Inc	12,019.00	Vision Communications	676.25
Mitchell Co Solid Waste	20.00	Waconda Trader	274.40
Motor Mouth Therapy	7,720.00	Watts & Sons	297.25
Nabholz	421,144.85	Wheat Fields Floral	56.00
Fort Hays Tech - NC	130.00	WoodRiver Energy, LLC	2,983.16
Nex-Tech Wireless	2,202.97	Xerox Financial Services	5,431.53
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc	267.40	Zachary's Ace Hardware	263.66
Oak Creek Building & Design	1,108.20	Zayo Education, LLC	806.77
KS One-Call System, Inc	9.31	Total	726,960.26
OPAA!	61,442.11		
Pawnee Mental Health	4,762.43		
Pearson Clinical	164.13	FUND SUMMARY:	
Audrey L. Pingel	11.58	GENERAL FUND	108,309.41
Pitney Bowes, Inc	246.27	SUPPLEMENTAL GEN	16,693.57
Positive Promotions	688.80	AT-RISK (K-12)	349.89
USPS	200.00	CAPITAL OUTLAY	46,007.50
Pur-O-Zone, Inc	870.26	BOND CONSTRUCTION	439,023.53
Quill Corporation	837.02	FOOD SERVICE	60,284.80

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP	1,345.00	TEXTBOOKS	148.00
PARENT EDUCATION FUND	1,761.94	COOP SPECIAL ED	31,872.64
CAREER & POSTSECND ED	3,998.59	MEDICAID	1,191.36
GIFTS & GRANDS	5,162.39	SMART START (MCPC)	9,606.62
HEALTHCARE SVCS	1,205.02	TOTAL	726,960.26

The Board and guests toured the Beloit Elementary School to see the HVAC work that has been accomplished.

The Superintendent introduced Amanda Thiessen, who presented data on “Win Time” (What I Need), an intervention and enrichment program at Beloit Elementary School. The Superintendent also provided a projection for the upcoming year’s general fund, indicating a potential increase of \$190,751, or approximately 2.69%. In addition, the Superintendent discussed proposed salary and wage adjustments for the next school year. Three options were presented; however, the Superintendent recommended that the Board consider approving a \$1,200 increase to the base salary schedule, along with a 2% increase for all other employees not on the salary schedule.

Plans are underway to offer the summer enrichment program again this year, with Cris Adams and Stephanie Litton serving as instructors. Two voting zone boundary maps were also made available for Board review. The Superintendent reported that district representatives met with health insurance brokers, who advised that premium increases for the coming year may range from 5% to 10%. The brokers also suggested that transitioning to a partially self-funded plan could help offset costs. The district’s KESA plan has been submitted, incorporating minor revisions requested by the state. Discussion also included the Southern Cloud school district facilities.

Due to the district hosting the regional track meet on Thursday, May 21, 2026, the last day of school will be adjusted from May 21 to May 20, 2026. The Superintendent proposed designating May 21, 2026, as a staff workday, with the final day for teachers being May 22, 2026. A Board member relayed a patron request for more detailed descriptions of district expenditures in the Board minutes. After discussion, the Superintendent and Board agreed that current practices meet established standards, and no changes are necessary at this time. The start time of the May Board meeting may be adjusted due to a scheduling conflict with a music/band concert. The Superintendent also provided a legislative update, including discussion of a cell phone bill, a \$6 million allocation to special education, and a reduction in the MHIT grant from \$16 million to \$10 million for the upcoming school year. Finally, the Superintendent confirmed Board member availability for graduation, noting that all members will be in attendance except Amber Kreir and Joe File.

Student Council report was given by Charlie Burke.

JAG-K report was given by Kyla Drake.

Site Council report was given by Charle Green.

PTO report was given by Janet Porter.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the last day of school for students to be Wednesday, May 20, 2026; make Thursday, May 21, 2026 a work day for all employees and make Friday, May 22, 2026 teacher's last day. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Adams, to approve the start time for the May 11, 2026 board meeting to 8:15 P.M. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Cousland, to approve Deb Beals and Cindy Loy to paint this summer for the district at \$12.50 per hour. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Ludwig, to approve Dawn Harmon to help as custodian this summer for the district at \$12.50 per hour. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Krier, to approve Marshall Musil to mow this summer for the district at \$12.50 per hour. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Ludwig, to approve Cris Adams and Stephanie Litton to coordinate the Summer Enrichment School program at a rate of \$2,500 each per summer. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Thompson, to approve \$16,643.10 bid from Jackson Glass for exterior windows at the Beloit Jr-Sr High School. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Thompson, to table item 13) Summer Project – Classroom Flooring. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Krier, to approve the bid from IronClad Concrete Coating for locker room flooring as follows: Jr High Women's Locker Room - \$10,617.75 and Jr High Men's Locker Room - \$9,438.00. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Adams, to approve the JAG-K agreement for the 2026-27 school year for \$16,911.00. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Cousland, seconded by Thompson, to approve Option 2 of the Voting Zone boundary maps following Highway 14 and Highway 24. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the \$50,000.00 bid for resurfacing the Jr-Sr High School parking lot from Vincent Truesdale. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Krier, to approve the \$30,888.00 bid for the transformer at the Trojan Stadium from Senger Construction, LLC. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Krier, to approve 70 students per grade level for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the 5-year 8 Man All-Star game MOU as presented. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Thompson moved that the Board of Education go into executive session at 9:10 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 9:15 P.M. in this room with Jeff Travis, Casey Seyfert, Christie Gerdes and Cassie Kopsa remaining. The motion was seconded by Ludwig.
Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

The Board entered into open session.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Cousland to approve Rachel Ellenz’s last day on her School Psychologist contract to be April 30, 2026. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Krier to adjourn the board meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education