

BOARD MINUTES

April 14, 2025

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 273 met in regular session on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 6:30 P.M., at the Board of Education Office with the following members present: Joe File, Amber Krier, Kelsey Adams, Craig Cousland, Jacob Ludwig, and Jonathan Stillwell (6:34 PM). 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, Beloit Special Education Cooperative Assistant Director and Brady Dean, MCPC/MCELC Executive Director.

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

Guests present were: Elizabeth Holway, Leanne Litton, Robert McCreight, Olivia Wright, Eric Ingram, Danny Henke and Brian Debey.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Adams, to adopt the agenda with the following addition to the consent agenda: Resignation: Elizabeth Soule Teselle, Paraeducator, Lakeside Elementary School. Motion carried: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

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

Minutes March 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting & March 27, 2025 Special Board Meeting;

Payment of Bills and Claims;

Approval of Revenue Journals;

Approval of BOE, BES and BJSHS Activity Funds;

Contracts:

Jacee Hillegeist, Paraeducator, Beloit Elementary School;

Tyea Schlaefli, Paraeducator, Lakeside Elementary School;

Resignations:

Kelly Hilt, Special Education Teacher, Lucas Elementary School;

Madelynn Moore, Paraeducator, Rock Hills Elementary School;

Jody Vowinckel, Head High School Cheer Coach;

Elizabeth Soule Teselle, Paraeducator, Lakeside Elementary School.

Motion carried: 5 Yea, 0 Nays.

BILLS

PAID MARCH 4, 2025:

Delta Dental

77,760.25

Navia Benefit Solutions

Total

200.00

6,694.40

PAID MARCH 10, 2025:

Card Services

6,494.40

PAID MARCH 14, 2025:

Beloit Jr-Sr High School

1,999.75

PAID MARCH 20, 2025:

		Central Valley Ag	590.26
MG Trust	700.00	Dawn Chandler	318.54
American Fidelity Assurance	139.70	City of Beloit	17,541.58
American Fidelity Assurance Co	10184.40	Linda S. Cox	423.44
Meredith Johnson, Treasurer	530.00	Craig Home Care	340.50
First National Bank & Trust	172560.33	Crumbaker Oil & Feed, LLC	5,026.47
Flex Made Easy - ACH	1455.00	Culligan of Downs	94.00
Flex Made Easy	6195.74	Cunningham Fiber	1,547.69
Kansas Payment Center	558.00	Carli Denning	2,113.88
KPERS	50603.76	Dollar General	158.10
KPERS Retirement-WAR	2390.09	DS Busline, Inc	62,108.98
KPERS Optional Life	509.99	Lynne Easter	18.87
KPERS Summer Optional Life	26.27	Ron Elniff	980.21
KS Dept of Revenue	29796.29	Joelle Emerson	418.08
KS Employ Security Fund	765.09	First Book	454.21
MASA Global	742.00	Flex Made Easy	50.00
Security Benefit Life Ins Co	850.00	Fouts Insurance Agency	3,405.03
Sun Life	13042.98	Frasier, Johnson, & Martin	2,203.77
Trustmark Voluntary Benefits	2,150.44	Frontline Technologies	5,881.64
USD 273 Health Reserve	120,856.57	Gilmore & Bell PC	40,000.00
FTC - Fiduciary Trust Co of NH	1,200.00	Given Grace, LLC	60.00
Total	415,256.65	Goally	9.00

PAID MARCH 28, 2025:

BlueCross BlueShield of KS	146,389.20	Emma Griffiths	40.50
		Michelle Hahn	391.82
		Hiserote Trash Removal	320.00
		Bernetta Hlad	134.00

PAID APRIL 14, 2025:

Ackerman Supply, Inc	196.63	Elizabeth Holway	503.17
ACT Publications	900.00	Meagan Housh	84.76
Amanda Anderson	251.25	Korryn Hubert	51.00
Beloit Country Club	1,426.73	Wayne Huggins	2,002.79
Beloit Elementary School	274.77	Image Quest	1,243.00
Beloit Jr-Sr High School	377.30	Ryan Isbell	34.64
Beloit Medical Center, PA	820.00	Austin Jablonski	9.75
BJSHS Petty Cash	971.00	Vicki Jackson Catering	1,500.00
Boettcher Supply, Inc	973.67	Allison Johnson	28.14
Breanna Brown	166.83	Jostens	298.95
Building Controls & Service, Inc	2,998.06	J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc	153.96
Card Services	8,871.30	KASB	14,446.24
CDW Government, Inc	473.79	KS State School for Blind	292.50
		KS School for Deaf	1,062.60

Kingdom Cartridge	432.00	Schendel Pest Control	360.00
Kansas Gas Service	5,398.26	Tyea Schlaefli	27.67
Krier's Auto Parts, Inc	3,120.94	School Specialty	35.72
Jase Labertew	67.50	Chase Sisler	13.88
Lakeshore Learning	517.96	SLP Toolkit	1,350.00
Lathrop GPM, LLP	618.00	Brandon Smith	336.61
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc	1,247.76	Solomon Valley Home Center	1,302.87
Shelton Lund	39.00	SW KS Area Ed Svc Ctr	1,684.00
Karen MacCrory	33.37	Janelle Streit	460.96
Renee J. Mason, RPT	499.82	Erin Suelter	633.80
Amanda McGuire	807.06	Superior Publishing Co, Inc	36.00
Julia McMains	46.95	Darby Sweat	351.08
Megan McMillan	10.91	Jeff Travis	540.76
Becky Byarlay-McQueen	658.32	USD #272 Waconda	7,318.20
Mid-America Ace	675.00	USD #298 Lincoln	4,554.00
Midwest Bus Leasing	12,000.00	Waconda Trader	439.04
MC County Solid Waste	20.50	Brianna Walter	120.60
Dagen Morrell	108.00	Watts & Sons	304.48
Motor Mouth Therapy	1,920.00	Waxie Sanitary Supply	324.21
National Fire Suppression	2,214.00	Anita Wirth	30.82
National Screening Bureau	34.50	WoodRiver Energy, LLC	5256.84
Fort Hays Tech - North Central	99.48	Carlton Wright	66.00
Marlene Nelson	328.30	Xerox Financial Services	3,613.21
Tricia Nelson	1,543.98	Zachary's Ace Hardware	141.63
Nex-Tech Wireless	2,180.92	Total	317,744.58
OPAA!	55,701.37		
Bradee Panzer	42.88	FUND SUMMARY:	
Pearson Clinical	276.45	GENERAL FUND	136,956.11
Audrey L. Pingel	8.14	SUPPLEMENTAL GEN	15,876.22
Pitney Bowes, Inc	246.27	CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,998.06
Pitney Bowes, Inc	58.08	BOND CONSTRUCTION	40,000.00
Positive Promotions	3,436.87	FOOD SERVICE	55,093.37
USPS	568.00	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP	450.00
Purewater of NCK	18.00	PARENT EDUCATION FUND	7,252.92
Pur-O-Zone, Inc	208.95	CAREER & POSTSECND ED	4,124.11
Quill Corporation	1,658.91	GIFTS AND GRANTS	766.54
Ray's AppleMarket	3,132.84	HEALTH CARE RESERVE	1,147.52
Reliance Standard	1,097.52	COOP SPECIAL ED	40,573.46
Desiree Richards	810.70	MEDICAID	3,096.87
Angela K. Ringler	178.89	SMART START (MCPC)	9,409.40
Salina Steel Supply, Inc	1,332.40	TOTAL	317,744.58

The Superintendent discussed the summer enrichment program. The district has received a \$1,400 donation from Solomon Valley Bank for the program which will help pay for the two instructors salaries. The superintendent addressed the renewal of the district's health insurance. At this point, it looks like there will be a 19.1% increase in premiums. At this time last year, the district claims totaled \$1,496,000. This year, the claims total is already at \$1,182,000. The superintendent has started looking at salaries for next year. He is thinking of adding \$1,200 to the base and possibly a 2.25% increase for staff not on the salary schedule. The 3 year old preschool packets were made available to parents. 53 packets were picked up by parents and 51 of them have been returned already. Currently, we have 32 students enrolled in the 3 year old preschool. The superintendent would like to find another preschool teacher so the district could add two more sessions. Robert McCreight and Eric Ingram have been getting quotes for new technology for next school year. However, they have found out that the quotes are only good for 8-15 days. The district is looking at purchasing 130 chrome books, a VLAN project and VOIP project. VLAN is devices that allow you to connect to other devices such as security cameras and phone systems. The VOIP project is a new telephone system that will be internet based. The superintendent is in agreement with approving the board policies section G through GOAD. Activity busses are the next item the superintendent discussed. The large white activity bus is over 10 years old. Therefore, the bus company will replace this bus with a newer bus with 8,900 miles. The superintendent discussed KESA stating that the KESA team decided the district would focus on quality instruction for the 2026-27 school year. The 2024-25 graduation is set for Saturday, May 10, 2025. The superintendent asked which board members will be in attendance for the graduation. Amber Krier, Kelsey Adams, Joe File and Tony Thompson will be attending. There are several activities scheduled at the same time as the May school board meeting. Therefore, it was decided to have the May board meeting start at 5:30PM.

Olivia Wright gave the Student Council Report.

Leanne Litton gave the Site Council report.

Janet Porter gave the PTO report.

The superintendent gave an update on the school bond. Mr. Travis looked at mobile classrooms that will house two classrooms and two bathrooms. At this time, he is not exactly sure where this classroom would sit on the elementary school campus. There would need to be water and electrical hooked up to the mobile classroom.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the last day of school as a half day in order to allow staff to be available to help with the league track meet. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Stillwell, to approve Cris Adams and Stephanie Litton to teach the Summer Enrichment Program for the district for \$2,500 each this summer. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Krier, to approve the OPAA! yearly renewal. This will be year 2 of 5. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Stillwell made a motion to approve the purchase of 130 chromebooks and licenses from Imagequest for \$42,236.02 and the VLAN project along with supplies from CDW-G for \$15,816.50. The motion was seconded by Cousland. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Adams, to approve the board policies section GA through GOAD. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the board policy IDEA – Student Privacy Policy. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Stillwell, to approve the board policy JBC – Enrollment. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Stillwell, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the board policy JBCC– Enrollment of Nonresident Students. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Ludwig, seconded by Cousland, to approve the board policy JDDC–Bullying. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Krier, seconded by Adams, to approve the board policy JGCA– Local Health and Wellness. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Stillwell, that the meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00P.M. Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education