

USD 113 Prairie Hills Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, October 13, 2025 6:00 PM

Axtell School Commons area, 504 Pine St, Axtell, Kansas 66403

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM. Phillip Buessing: Present, Todd Grimes: Present, Stan Keim: Present, Kathy Lippert: Absent, Doug Renyer: Present, Jim Scoby: Present, Leslie Scoby: Present. Present: 6, Absent: 1.

1. Call Meeting To Order

Discussion: Also in attendance were Superintendent Rob McKim, Board Clerk Deb Damman, and others listed on the attached sign-in sheet.

President Leslie Scoby led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

2. Approve Agenda As Presented Or Amended

Discussion: The agenda was amended to add a new agenda Item 10: Discuss SAABA proposal concerning facility improvements at Somerset Park.

Action(s):

I move to approve the agenda as amended. This motion, made by Stan Keim and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3. Public Comment: READ BY BOE PRESIDENT:

The board appreciates patrons taking time to talk to us about our policies and procedures. We are setting aside this time to hear from the public. Your comments should be directed towards board policies or the procedures our administrators establish to carry out those policies.

This is not an appropriate time or place for patrons to make comments of a personal nature about any district employee or student. Persons making comments which violate the privacy rights of district employees and students will be asked to stop speaking or cease their remarks. If a patron or parent has a concern with one or more employees, the board will refer that person to the appropriate administrator, and the board will follow up at a future meeting.

Persons speaking will be allowed three (3) minutes each to express their opinions. In cases where a large number of patrons have similar opinions, a single speaker should be chosen to represent the larger group.

Thank you for taking your time to discuss district business with the board.

- Members of the Public
- Student Council

- PTO
- Site Council
- Booster Club
- PHEA
- USD 113 Foundation
- Legislative Update
- Other Student Groups

Discussion: President Scoby read a statement regarding public comment.

Colin Shaunessy and Lucas Talbot provided an update on the activities of NHS, Student Council, and Eagle Pals. Handout is attached to these minutes.

Rhonda Havenkamp -- thanked the Board for allowing 3 students to play softball at Sabetha and asked the Board to consider it again this year.

4. Administrative Reports:

Description:

Whitney McGinnis - Axtell
 Nate Bauman - SHS
 Matt Garber - SMS
 Andrew Lillie - SES
 Lisa Suhr

Discussion: Mrs. Suhr said she would be asking the Board for feedback on KESA.

5. Consent Agenda

Description:

- Approve Minutes from September 8, 2025 Special Board Meeting - RNR Hearing, September 8, 2025 Special Board Meeting - Budget Hearing, and September 8, 2025 Regular Meeting
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 - APS
 - SHS
 - SMS
 - SES
 - USD #113
- Approve payment of September bills for the amount of \$1,028,056.96
- Approve September payroll for the amount of \$1,181,536.18
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- Contracts: SMS Assistant Track - Eric Renyer; PT Temporary Custodian - Doug Leiker; PT Temporary Custodian - Susan Leiker; Cory Joy - Transfer from MS Girls basketball assistant to MS Girls basketball head; Jeremy Haverkamp - MS Girls basketball assistant; Caleb Renyer - SMS Assistant Wrestling Coach; Wrestling boys assistant - Walker Lowdermilk; Wrestling girls assistant - Katie Cox; Joe Claycamp - SHS custodian; Anthony (Tony) Howser - Co-Junior High Scholars Bowl Head Coach; Julie Lane - Co-Junior High Scholars Bowl Head Coach; Change from 75-25 percent split of Axtell AD salary to 85-15 split. (Jason Tynon and Katie Sandmann); Rosie Strahm - Food Service Director;
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Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Phillip Buessing and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

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6. Assessment Data Presentation - Mrs. Suhr

Description: Data Presentation Link

Discussion: Mrs. Suhr spoke on one of the Core Beliefs, Data-based decision making using a balanced assessment.....

- FastBridge math, reading, scores from 2022 through 2025
- 24-25 state assessment scores in math, language arts, science
- Kansans Can Star Awards for 24-25

7. Sabetha and Axtell FFA request to attend the National Convention

Discussion: Mr. McKim explained that the FFA National Convention is in Indianapolis, and both Axtell and Sabetha are asking permission to attend.

Action(s):

I make a motion to allow the FFA of Sabetha and Axell to attend the National Convention. This motion, made by Stan Keim and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried.

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8. Approve the purchase of computer laptop upgrades for certified staff

Discussion: Mr. McKim explained that the laptops are 5 years old and some are starting to have problems. \$150,000 is in the Capital Outlay plan, and the bid is about \$116,000.

Action(s):

I move to approve the purchase of computer laptops for certified staff for \$116,640. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried.

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9. Discuss and approve Cooperative agreements for Axtell softball, baseball, and Junior high football.

Discussion: Mr. McKim reminded the board that last year was the first year for the cooperative agreement, and Axtell is asking to extend that agreement and also possibly for baseball.

Todd Grimes asked that it be very well communicated that in middle school, all participants should have playing time.

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the cooperative agreements between Sabetha and Axtell for baseball and softball, provided there is parent transportation. This motion, made by Phillip Buessing and seconded by Stan Keim, Carried.

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10. Superintendent report

10.A. Update on SMS gym floor

Discussion: Bleachers can currently be pulled out if several people work at it at once, but the floor does need to be repaired in the future.

Stan Keim wanted to make sure the problem is identified before it is fixed.

10.B. Headcount and enrollment numbers for USD 113

Discussion: Mr. McKim presented headcount and enrollment figures by school, and by grade.

Mr. Grimes asked for data as to why kids left the district. He has concerns if kids living in our community but enrolling elsewhere.

President Scoby would like to see a round table started to give ideas to make our district more exciting to draw in more students.

10.C. Accreditation Certification for 25-26

Discussion: The District has been accredited for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

11. Board Business

11.A. Response to public comment

11.B. Board recognition/appreciation

Discussion: Mrs. Scoby thanked donors for their contributions to the school.
Mr. Buessing thanked the Booster Club for repairing the ice machine, cleaning the flooded school, and providing dirt work.
Mr. Grimes appreciates hearing from the students.
Mr. Grimes appreciates the concern expressed regarding health issues.
Mr. Scoby asked Ann Shaughnessy about sharing birth information for the Axtell community. Ann said she does reach out to those parents, and said that Axtell's housing availability is a problem.

12. a. **Executive session – attorney-client privilege**

Discussion: Executive session from 7:03 to 7:18, then from 7:19 - 7:29 p.m.

Action(s):

I move to enter into executive session to discuss matters involving attorney-client privilege with Mr. McKim and Luke Sunderland for 15 minutes. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I move to return to regular session. This motion, made by Phillip Buessing and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

12. b. **Executive session - personnel**

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I make a motion to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. McKim for 10 minutes. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Phillip Buessing, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I move to return to regular session. This motion, made by Phillip Buessing and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

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13. **Adjourn**

Discussion: Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Action(s):

I make a motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Stan Keim, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Board President

Board Clerk

Sabetha, KS 66534

Location: Axtell School Commons Area

Date: October 13, 2025

Board Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.

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Axtell Public School - Home of the Eagles

2025-2026 Student Council Activities

August

- Student Council Retreat/Information Night
- 3 on 3 Tournament/Fund Raiser (August 9th)
- First Day of School – serving donuts/drinks K-12
- First Day of School – Assist with K-5 Boot Camp

September

- Homecoming – September 19th
- Homecoming Dance – September 20th – Location: Axtell American Legion
- Update Tee Shirt Store

October

- Recognize Breast Cancer Month – wear Pink
- Update Tee Shirt Store

November

- Veteran's Day – November 11th
- Blue Valley Communications – Christmas Families
- Plans for Christmas decorating/activities

December

- December 7 – Axtell Home Tours
- Christmas decorating
- Shop for Blue Valley family for Christmas

January

- Welcome to 2026
- Activities pending

February

- Winter Formal – February 21, 2026 – Axtell American Legion

March

- Planning for Awards Night April 29th

April

- Awards and Athletic Banquet

May

- TBD – End of the Year Activities?

Monthly Meetings during Seminar

StuCo & NHS - Monthly planning for Eagle Pals Activities