

Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2026 6:00 PM

Board of Education Office, 1619 S. Old Hwy 75, Sabetha, KS 66534

Attendance Taken at 5:59 PM. Tim Aberle: Present, Todd Grimes: Present, Stan Keim: Present, Kathy Lippert: Present, Jim Scoby: Present, Leslie Scoby: Absent, Ann Shaughnessy: Present. Present: 6, Absent: 1.

Leslie Scoby will be absent.

1. Call Meeting To Order

Discussion: Kathy Lippert called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. In attendance was Superintendent Rob McKim and Board Clerk Kaitlin Shafer along with the guests listed on the attached sign-in sheet. Kathy led the pledge of allegiance and Stan Keim led prayer.

2. Approve Agenda As Presented Or Amended

Action(s):

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Tim Aberle and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

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

3. Public comment:

Description:

- Members of the Public
- Student Council
- PTO
- Site Council
- Booster Club
- PHEA
- USD 113 Foundation
- Legislative Update
- Other Student Groups

4. Administrative Reports:

Description: Whitney McGinnis - Axtell

Nate Bauman - SHS

Matt Garber - SMS

Andrew Lillie - SES

Curtis Hamilton - DTL

5. Consent Agenda

Description:

- Approve Minutes from April, May, July, and August.
- Approve Financial Reports:
 - APS
 - SHS
 - SMS
 - SES
 - USD #113
- Approve payment of August bills for the amount of \$1,939,538.05.
- Approve August payroll for the amount of \$412,861.73.
- Approve the changes to the FY27 Classified Handbook
- Approve the following donations:
 - \$275 - Steiner Implement, Inc. - SES Bluejay Way All Stars Fund
 - \$3500 - GMCF Bosworth Family Fund - SES Accelerated Reader
 - \$602.40 - GMCF Career Symposium Fund - USD 113 Career Symposium
 - \$5962.58 - GSCF SHS FFA and Industrial Art Support Fund - Wood shop equipment
 - \$300.00 - Kansas Insurance Group - Bluejay Way Allstars Fund
 - \$241.80 - Eagles Booster Club - APS Cheer Poms
 - \$1959.20 - Eagles Booster Club - APS Football Field Paint
 - \$400 - Eagles Booster Club - APS Kindergarten/1st Grade/2nd Grade Field Trip
 - \$899.82 - Class of 2024 - APS Recess Storage and Scorers Table
- Resignations
 - Paul Middendorf, Sub Custodian; Becky Rokey, Food Service; Lynda Barrett, Food Service; Caleb Renyer, SMS Boys Wrestling Coach; Christa Schuette, Assistant Track Coach
- Contracts
 - Gina Sallman, Substitute Teacher; Krista Wasinger, Substitute Teacher; Rosalie Kuckleman, AHS Volleyball assistant; Beth Benkendort, Substitute Teacher; Jayson Tynon, APS Summer Weights
- Disposal items

- Surplus and outdated kitchen equipment
- Surplus shop equipment at SHS
- Field Trip Requests
 - Oct. 7 - AHS - Seniors attending the Marshall County Civic Engagement Day
 - Sept 15 - SHS - HOSA workshop in Manhattan, KS
 - Oct. 20 through Oct. 24 - SHS - FFA to attend the National Convention in Indianapolis
- Facility Use Requests
 - APS
 - Aug - Oct Sundays - Axtell Adult Ladies League
 - Aug - Sept Sunday afternoons - 3rd - 5th grade Volleyball practice

Action(s):

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Ann Shaughnessy and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

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

6. Approve allowing FFA to purchase and place a shipping container just North of the SHS shop.

Discussion: Rob McKim discussed the attachment below. Nate Bauman discussed plans to clean up the area in the photos on the attachment. Kathy Lippert asked if there are exterior cameras in this area. Ann Shaughnessy asked about the price. The funds are coming from the FFA budget. Chris Bauerle answered any questions.

Action(s):

Motion to approve FFA placing a storage container on USD 113 property. This motion, made by Jim Scoby and seconded by Tim Aberle, Carried.

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

7. Approve Axtell High School hosting the TVL Scholars Bowl contest on January 27.

Discussion: Rob McKim spoke about how this will affect the school and staff. This will cause school to be out for one day and require staff to be present. This is something that is rotated, and it will be done once every 11 years.

Action(s):

Motion to approve Axtell High School hosting the TVL Scholars Bowl contest on January 27. This motion, made by Ann Shaughnessy and seconded by Stan Keim, Carried.

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

8. Approve Supplemental General Fund (LOB) resolution

Discussion: Kathy Lippert read resolution FY27-1-9-8.

Action(s):

Motion to adopt Resolution FY27-1-9-8 as presented. This motion, made by Tim Aberle and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

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

9. Discuss FY27 Budget requirements including Capital Outlay mill levy, Budget needs assessment, State assessment results from 25-26, etc.

Discussion: Todd Grimes asked about the negative balances showing on the Capital Outlay Plan. Kathy Lippert asked what is specific for this school year. Todd Grimes asked about SHS track and if it was on this report — it is not. Tim Aberle asked about fuel — It does not come out of Capital Outlay, it comes from LOB.

10. Adopt the 2026-2027 Budget

Discussion: Jim Scoby discussed head count. He stated that spending per head has gone up. He stated that spending needs to be cut back. He is not satisfied with 8 mills. Todd Grimes reminded that inflation also needs to be considered. They discussed facilities being updated in the future and needing the funds to cover this.

Jim Scoby stated that he is not in support of the amount of spending on technology. Ann Shaughnessy stated that the teachers are intentional about the usage, and these concerns with technology have been discussed in the technology meeting and encouraged Jim Scoby to attend. Jim Scoby asked if there are options for student sharing vs. individual devices. Todd Grimes gave a parent concern that was brought to him, and he suggested that the public be informed about how technology is used. Tim Aberle shared what he took away from the technology meeting. Kathy Lippert asked when the board members might see the research the buildings are doing to gather the amount students are spending on technology time. The technology team is working on this information currently to present it to the board.

Action(s):

Motion that we adopt the budget of the 2026-2027 school year after review of the Budget Needs Assessment, state assessment scores, capital outlay projections; and taking into account public comments from the RNR Hearing and Budget Hearing from earlier this evening. This budget will include an LOB percentage of 33 and an 8 mill Capital Outlay levy. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Ann Shaughnessy, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 1, Absent: 1

11. Superintendent's Report

11.A. Enrollment Preview for 26-27

Discussion: Rob McKim went over the attachments below. 26-27 will not been finalized until September 21, 2026. Todd Grimes asked for comparable information for schools the same size as USD 113. Tim Aberle asked about students being part-time, he asked how they count in this report.

11.B. Student technology update (State Board of Education and District Committee)

Discussion: Rob McKim stated that the device recommendation they hope to make is the type of technology and if they take it home. The goal is the December meeting, but they are also awaiting the State Board of Education decisions.

12. **Board Business**

12.A. Public Comment Response

12.B. Recognition

Discussion: Kathy Lippert gave recognition to the Eagles Booster club for donations. Ann Shaughenssy gave recognition to the Admin team for the work they do. Kathy Lippert also wanted to recognize the board members willing to attend the technology meetings.

13. **Adjourn**

Board President

Board Clerk

HEAD COUNT ENROLLMENT																
	SES	SMS	SHS	Sabetha	+/-	Axtell Elem.	AHS	Axtell	+/-	TOTAL	Axtell and Sabetha Total	+/-	WES	WHS	Wetmore	
2005-06	363	177	228	768				203		1148			124	53	177	
2006-07	361	187	223	771				200		1154			128	55	183	
2007-08	391	189	206	786				189		1156			132	49	181	
2008-09	386	170	226	782				190		1160			132	56	188	
2009-10	364	173	238	775				194		1148			125	54	179	
2010-11	363	178	231	772				168		1121			124	57	181	
2011-12	381	176	227	784				166		1121			113	58	171	
2012-13	397	181	238	816				178		1164			110	60	170	
2013-14	369	175	242	786				176		1136			108	66	174	
2014-15	353	188	242	783				181		1144			119	61	180	
2015-16	373	181	244	798	15	140	63	203	22	1173	1001		112	60	172	
2016-17	361	174	245	780	-18	130	54	184	-19	1125	964	-37	111	50	161	
2017-18	368	165	244	777	-3	125	49	174	-10	1092	951	-13	94	48	141	
2018-19	378	178	249	805	28	128	41	169	-5	1127	974	23	99	54	153	
2019-20	393	168	240	801	-4	122	42	164	-5	1110	965	-9	93	51	145	
2020-21	385	164	232	781	-20	121	40	161	-3	1080	942	-23	96	42	138	
2021-22	402	161	231	794	13	115	43	158	-3	1087	952	10	92	43	135	
2022-23	394	166	232	792	-2	109	44	153	-5	1069	945	-7	90	34	124	
2023-24	376	165	220	761	-31	118	47	165	12	926	926	-19				
2024-25	360	173	217	750	-11	114	49	163	-2	913	913	-13				
2025-26	353	168	217	738	-12	116	42	158	-5	896	896	-17				
2026-27	349	175	213	737	-1	110	44	154	-4	891	891	-5				

BASE aid \$5,776

5 year
10 year

(\$329,232)
(\$248,368)

-4
-30

(\$23,104)
(\$173,280)

-61
-73

(\$352,336)
(\$421,648)

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Updated 9-10-26	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27
Kdgt	72	63	70	61
1st	71	72	66	69
2nd	69	70	64	68
3rd	76	63	70	62
4th	64	71	63	69
5th	73	65	68	58
6th	69	74	65	65
7th	66	70	75	71
8th	69	65	67	74
9th	62	65	68	67
10th	62	67	65	66
11th	75	67	61	65
12th	68	67	65	59
Pre-K (IEP)			12	
Pre-K (At-risk)	29	33	17	36
Total (funded)	925	912	896	
Pre-K	4	44	37	
Total Headcount	929	956	933	

	23-24		24-25		25-26		26-27	
	Axtell	Sabetha	Axtell	Sabetha	Axtell	Sabetha	Axtell	Sabetha
Kdgt	13	59	13	50	10	60	12	49
1st	10	61	12	60	13	53	11	58
2nd	9	60	9	61	11	53	11	57
3rd	12	64	7	56	9	61	11	51
4th	12	52	12	59	8	55	9	60
5th	10	63	11	54	11	57	8	50
6th	19	50	10	64	12	53	12	53
7th	9	57	18	52	10	65	13	58
8th	11	58	8	57	17	50	10	64
9th	12	50	11	54	8	60	16	51
10th	14	48	13	54	10	55	9	57
11th	12	63	14	53	10	51	10	55
12th	9	59	11	56	14	51	9	50
Pre-K (IEP)					5	7		
Pre-K	12	17	13	20	10	7	13	23

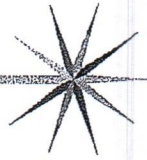
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1619 Old US Hwy. 75
Sabetha, KS 66534
Location: BOE Office
Date: September 14, 2026
Board Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.

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LOCAL OPTION BUDGET

Resolutions to Adopt

K.S.A. 72-5143



Unified School District No. 113, Nemaha County, Kansas.

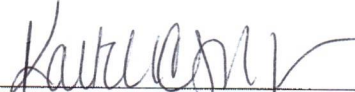
RESOLUTION FY27-1-9-8

Be It Resolved that:

The above-named school board shall be authorized to make a Local Option Percentage in an amount of 33 percent for the 2026-2027 school year.

CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the board of education of Unified School District No. 113, Nemaha County, Kansas, on the 14th day of September, 2026.


Clerk of the Board of Education