

Kensington News

By Erica Barnes

Back to School Bash

Kicked off the new year

Thank you to everyone who helped make Back to School Bash a success!! It takes a village and we sure have a great one!

Thanks to all who donated food, to those who volunteered to help work, student athletes who helped serve and for all who came, ate, and donated to support Thunder Ridge students, staff and athletes this year.

The fall sports season kicks off this week with VB in Downs on Friday as well as FB Jamboree at home on Friday! #HornsUp

You can further support our Thunder Ridge schools by becoming a BOOSTER to the Steering Committee. All raised funds are allocated to enrich student/staff experiences at Thunder Ridge! For \$25 your name or business will be prominently displayed on home game programs and a banner in the gym. Contacts: Brooke McDowell and Deidra Tweedy.

TR Schedule of Events

This year's schedule looks a little different with all 3 buildings having early dismissal every Friday at 2:30pm.

Wed. 27- School Picture Day

Thurs. 28- 8:30am MS Cheer to Spirit Spreader Clinic @ Colby

Fri. 29- 4pm VB Tri @ Downs; 6:30pm FB Jam-



Football boys helped serve the meal Sunday, August 24.

boree w/ Logan & St. John's

Mon. 1- Labor Day-NO School

Tue. 2- 4pm VB Tri @ Plainville

Thurs. 4- 4pm/6pm MS VB/FB @ Rock Hills; 4:30pm VB Tri @ Plainville

Fri. 5- 7pm FB @ Sylvan Grove

USD 110 is still looking to fill a few positions! Apply online at www.usd110.net.

New Addition to the Family!

Carolyn Billings has become great-grandma again! Molly & Lance McMahan have welcomed a sweet baby boy. His name is Cooper Banks MaMahan; weighed 8# and 12 oz and measuring 20 3/4 inches long. He was born on Friday, 8-8-25. My daughter, a new grandma, Sheila Jansonious, is down at Olathe, Ks, helping out. Carolyn



Volleyball girls dished up the desserts!

plans on going down to visit, when they get settled.

Kensington Library

Please be sure to view our latest StoryWalk! Walk around the library and read the fun, back to school story: "There Was An Old

Lady Who Swallowed Some Books!"

With USD 110 back in session, we are now open Monday 8am-7pm, Tuesday through Thursday 8am-4pm, and Friday will be 8am-3pm. Saturday is 9am-



TR Teacher, Andrew Makings, with son, Elliott, ready for the kiddie parade!

2pm as usual.

News items needed

Reminder: Please send your news to Erica at ebarnes8185@gmail.com (put NEWS in the subject line please!) by SUNDAY

afternoon. To see the full, in-color edition, visit the Kensington website online at www.Kensingtonks.net.

USD #110 BOE Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of USD #110 was called to order by President Staci Foreman at 7:00pm. Other members present were Kathy Holling, Bridget Wyrill, Tina Dennis, and Ali Hadley. Also present were Jeff Yoxall, Beth Norris, Melissa Westbrook, and Heidi Struckhoff.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Additions to the agenda under Action Items: H. Part-Time Librarian. Ali Hadley moved to approve the agenda as amended. Bridget Wyrill seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

III. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Melissa Westbrook with Insurance Smart presented the renewal from EMC for the district's property/casualty insurance policy. Melissa Westbrook left the meeting at 7:04pm.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kathy Holling moved to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2025, Regular Meeting. Ali Hadley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Staci Foreman moved that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, and the board return to open session at 7:15pm. Justification for the executive session is the exception relating to non-elected personnel under KOMA (Kansas Open Meetings Act). Bridget Wyrill seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Jeff Yoxall and Beth Norris were invited to the executive session. Heidi Struckhoff left the meeting at 7:05pm. The board returned to open session at 7:15pm. Heidi Struckhoff returned to the meeting at 7:15pm.

Staci Foreman moved that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, and the board return to open session at 7:25pm. Justification for the executive session is the exception relating to non-elected personnel under KOMA. Bridget Wyrill seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Jeff Yoxall and

Beth Norris were invited to the executive session. Heidi Struckhoff left the meeting at 7:15pm. The board returned to open session at 7:25pm. Heidi Struckhoff returned to the meeting at 7:25pm.

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Property and Casualty Insurance Approval: Kathy Holling moved to approve the EMC insurance renewal as presented. Tina Dennis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Graduation Time and Place: Tina Dennis moved to hold graduation on Saturday, May 9, at 3:00pm. Ali Hadley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Transportation: No action taken.

D. High School Secretary: Bridget Wyrill moved to approve Kim Terrell as High School Secretary for the 2025-2026 school year. Ali Hadley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Supplemental Positions: Kathy Holling moved to approve Kylie Reimer as HS Assistant Volleyball Coach. Bridget Wyrill seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Ali Hadley moved to approve Miranda Kirchhoff as MS Head Track Coach. Tina Dennis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Donations: Smith County Drug & Alcohol, Kensington Lockers, First St. John Lutheran Church: Jeff Yoxall shared several donations that have been received: \$500 from Smith County Drug & Alcohol Council for MS classroom supplies; \$500 from Kensington Lockers for HS Volleyball backpacks, and \$1,000 from First St. John Lutheran Church for student needs. Tina Dennis moved to approve the donations with thanks. Bridget Wyrill seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

G. Outdated Transportation Vehicles: Jeff Yoxall shared the need to dispose of both an old bus and suburban. He suggested first putting out for sealed bids, and taking them to a salvage yard if there is no interest. Kathy Holling moved to accept sealed bids on the 2001 Thomas bus and the 2001 Chevrolet

Suburban. Tina Dennis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

H. Part-Time Librarian: A letter was shared from the TRMS teachers expressing concerns regarding the lack of a school librarian. Tina Dennis moved to advertise for the position of a part-time librarian at the Middle School. Ali Hadley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Enrollment: Jeff Yoxall shared an update on enrollment numbers. They seem to be holding steady for now.

B. September Board Meeting/Budget Hearing: Jeff Yoxall informed the board about the September meetings. There will be a special meeting for the Budget Hearing at 6:45pm on September 8th, followed by the regular meeting at 7:00pm.

C. Principals' Reports: PreK-8 Principal Beth Norris reported on the following:

- New staff members
- 9-12 Principal Jeff Yoxall reported on the following:

- Chromebooks, Yondr bags, open doors for classrooms Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Jeff Yoxall reported on the following:

- School finances
- E. Other: None.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS: Ali Hadley moved to approve the bills as presented, with any additional amounts to be paid as needed to finish the month-end transactions. Kathy Holling seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS: Tina Dennis moved to approve the following reports as presented: Treasurer's, Clerk's, Food Service, and the Unencumbered Cash Balances Report. Bridget Wyrill seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

X. REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS: Staci Foreman shared an update from Justin Abbott on NCKSEC para wage rates.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Bridget Wyrill moved to adjourn the meeting. Ali Hadley seconded. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be September 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. APPROVED

GriefShare

First St John Lutheran Church

332 North Adams Street

Kensington, Ks 66951

The remaining Grief-Share sessions have been discontinued August 25 & October 27, 2025



The Smith Co. Pioneer Office will be closed on Monday, September 1st.

Happy Labor Day

CENTER THEATRE 785*282*3819

Nightly @ 7:30P.M.

Bad Guys 2 PG 1h-44m

Movie starts at 7:30pm Starting Friday, August 22nd to Thursday, August 28th.

COMING SOON: FREAKIER FRIDAY

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Ticket Prices: Adults: \$5.00 Children 11 & under: \$4.00

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Comprehensive Family Health Care

<u>Office Hours</u> Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	<u>Quick Care</u> Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM
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We welcome new patients!

Ferrill Conant, M.D. Hannah Haack, M.D. Stephen Moll, M.D. Justin Overmiller, M.D. Leah Wiehl, M.D. Jill Kuhlmann, APRN	Perry Desbien, APRN Hallie Theobald, PA-C Lindsay Rut, PA-C Guerrero Lopez, PA-C Abi Hager, PA-C Sarah Sadler, CRNA
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