

ANW Special

Education meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of ANW Special Education Interlocal #603 was called to order Wednesday, July 9, by president Dawn Wilson at 6 p.m. at the ANW boardroom. Present were Dawn Wilson #101, Joyce Allen #258, Chuck Bishop #366, Heather Guernsey #413, and Jamie Henderson #479. Absent was Nicole Goodwin #387, Robin Griffin-Lohman #257 and Taeler Carr #256.

Administration present: director Korenne Wolken, assistant director Tara Glades, and coordinators Julie Defebaugh, Camille Kerr, and Emily Williams. Others present were Kim Heslop, Whitney Ikehorn, Nikki Harding (via Zoom), Leighton (via Zoom) and board clerk Kristi Houston.

The agenda was amended to add new business items vii) AUP- First Read; viii) HOPE Student Handbook - First Read; and ix) Central Office Handbook-First Read. Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Henderson to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Introductions to new board member Heather Guernsey were made.

Motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Bishop to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Association report: Kim Heslop reported on negotiations; bucket auctions at preservice; new teacher luncheon; retreat for their executive board.

Public open forum, none. Correspondence to the board, none. Board members report, none.

Board training topic: director Wolken gave a demo of an employee’s portal in Skyward.

Director Wolken reported on the following:

ANW has three teacher apprentice applications approved by the Kansas Teacher Apprentice Program.

U.S.I. Services as our new insurance broker will handle all our supplemental insurances. Our 403(b) retirement plan will still be under Diana Bredehoft who was our previous broker.

Our prepaid training hours with Skyward have all been used. If we need more, it will be an additional cost. Preservices have been planned out for our support staff and licensed staff. Our MIS manual has been submitted to KSDE which was required to be done by June 30.

Nikki Harding of The Inclusive Leadership Lab worked with ANW’s Administrative team this past year. The admin team shared what they gained from this training. Nikki Harding spoke about the professional development program she utilizes.

Wolken spoke about her upcoming trip to Washington D.C. and their group’s plans and meetings with legislators.

Currently, there are three open licensed positions with interviews scheduled for two of them. Then will work on applicants for open support staff positions.

Motion was made by Chuck Bishop, seconded by Joyce Allen to approve the annual resolutions i through xi as presented: clerk of the board, Kristi Houston;

deputy clerk, Tessa Morris; treasurer, Shelley Stuber; board attorney, Kurt Kluin; auditor, Rodney Burns, CPA, LLC; bank depository, Community National Bank & Trust; purchasing agent, director Wolken and/or designee; receiver of federal funds, director Wolken; Title IX Coordinator, Tara Glades; meeting date, time, and location, second Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. at 710 Bridge, Humboldt; waiver of G.A.A.P. (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) as is recommended by auditor. Motion carried.

Under unfinished business:

Professional development contracts. Motion was made by Guernsey, seconded by Bishop to approve Cultivate Education for 12 days for \$18,000. Motion carried. Motion was made by Henderson to approve The Inclusive Leadership Lab, option B with an eight-day amendment for \$35,658. Motion carried.

KASB board policy update approvals. Looked at June policy change recommendations from KASB. Some are not applicable to ANW. No action taken.

Under new business:

Election of ANW BOE Vice-President. Since Cassie Cleaver is no longer on the ANW Board, a new vice-president is needed. Motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Bishop to nominate Henderson as vice-president. Motion carried.

Support staff handbook-first read. A draft of the support staff handbook was presented for a first reading.

Mileage reimbursement rate; state increased to .70. Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Henderson to increase the mileage rate to .70 effective July 1, 2025. Motion carried.

Support staff raises. Table until after executive session. Non-bargaining unit raises. Table until after executive session.

AUP first read. A draft of the Technology Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) was presented for a first reading.

HOPE student handbook first read. A draft of the 2025-26 H.O.P.E. Academy student handbook was presented for a first reading.

Central Office handbook first read. A draft of the 2025-26 central office handbook was presented for a first reading.

A motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Bishop to enter into executive session from 8:35 to 8:50 p.m. to discuss negotiation items exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) due to employee-employer negotiations with

the board of education, director Wolken, assistant director Glades, coordinators Kerr and Williams present. Motion carried. Executive session ended at 8:50 p.m.

Motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Bishop to extend executive session from 8:51 to 9:01 p.m. with the board of education, director Wolken, assistant director Glades, coordinators Kerr and Williams present. Motion carried. Executive session ended at 9:01 p.m.

A motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Bishop to enter into executive session from 9:03 to 9:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel exception under KOMA of an individuals’ employee performance in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed the board of education, director Wolken and assistant director Glades present. Motion carried. Executive session ended at 9:15 p.m.

Motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Bishop to extend executive session from 9:15 to 9:20 p.m. with the board of education, director Wolken and assistant director Glades present. Motion carried. Executive session ended at 9:20 p.m.

Motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Bishop to extend executive session from 9:20 to 9:30 p.m. with the board of education, director Wolken and assistant director Glades present. Motion carried. Executive session ended at 9:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Bishop to extend executive session from 9:30 to 9:35 p.m. with the board of education, director Wolken and assistant director Glades present. Motion carried. Executive session ended at 9:35 p.m.

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Allen to approve Skyward bonuses as presented. Motion carried.

Support staff raises. Motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Bishop to increase support staff hourly wage \$1 with an added micro-credential incentive of 0.25 per hour up to two per year with a maximum of four total. Wage change will only be made at semesters. Motion carried. Non-bargaining unit raises. No action taken. Bargaining unit raises. No action taken.

Motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Wilson to approve the licensed and classified personnel reports as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Bishop to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



REMEMBER WHEN the Wildcats played football on Athletic Field? The field, where the Wildcat teams of the past played since 1922, now called DeLay Stadium, was dedicated in 1970. Calvin DeLay was a teacher and superintendent at Yates Center for 23 years. Join us as we

rededicate the stadium in a ceremony following the Wildcat Jamboree Friday evening, Aug. 30. The activities start at 6 p.m. with some Wildcat football. Come fill the stadium or just bring a lawn chair and set on the track, and help kickoff the Sesquicentennial Celebration.

County

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Ward noted that another engineering firm the county uses, Schwab Eaton, are currently implementing a new computer program and was not interested in additional bridge inspections at this time. The commission approved the \$1,500 for the inspections.

He also presented a form that he needed to return that the county has Civil Rights Compliance Policies in place in order to make the county eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency and Kansas Department of Health and Environment monies. The county does have policies in place.

Ward also updated the commission on research he is doing on a company that provides road stabilizing material. At this time he does not have an idea of how much it may cost and is continuing to see if it would be possible to use on high traffic roads in order to alleviate constant maintenance issues. Ward then called for a five minute executive session for non-elected personnel.

Next up was Darin Tidd, county resident. Tidd came to the commission with road issues just north of Ursine and 200 Roads. Due to it being a third class road and the heavy oil field traffic, the road that lays next to the Neosho River is unusable for him to get trucks and equipment in to harvest crops. Ward and the com-

missioners stated that it would repaired and passible during dry times.

Tidd also requested a new culvert on property north of Violet and 80th Road. Tidd said the 12 foot culvert was too narrow for his equipment and wanted a 30 foot whistle. Commissioners agreed to the request.

In a couple commission items, they approved a number of monetary requests for local events through the tourism board. They also went into a ten minute executive session for confidential/trade secrets.

Noxious weed supervisor Jarred McVey presented the commission with an updated map for spraying in the county. Switching to his maintenance hat, McVey updated the commissioners on Yates Center Sesquicentennial activities this weekend. He said the courthouse will be open from noon to 3 p.m. for guests and a presentation in the courtroom Saturday.

Emergency medical service (EMS) and emergency management manager John Atkin IV brought both his hats as well. He discussed how he is approaching the 90 day probationary period versus experience getting comfortable with department protocols. After he and the commission talked about the difference of a few ambulance runs versus many during the first 90 days he assured the commission that

he would word the EMS wage sheets to reflect both considerations.

Revisiting the new alert system, commissioners were told that a 90 day notice was required by the county’s current provider, Nixel, before the contract could be terminated as everyone is in agreement to switch to the new Genesys alert system. The county voted to give Atkin permission to begin the switch over that will take place in February of 2026.

Commissioners noted that the public hearing for the budget and the RNR hearing will take place Tuesday, Sept. 16 beginning with the rural fire department meeting at 10 a.m. and the county meetings to begin at 10:15. This week’s meetings had to be rescheduled due to technical errors.

Commissioners then moved to approve \$4,616.36 in vouchers. The next regular meeting will take place in the commissioner room Tuesday, Sept. 4 beginning at 9 a.m.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING						
The governing body of <u>Woodson County Rural Fire District No. 1</u> Woodson County						
will meet on September 16, 2025 at 10:05 AM at 114 N Main, Yates Center, Kansas for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information is available at Woodson County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.						
BUDGET SUMMARY						
Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.						
FUND	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate for 2025 Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Proposed Budget Year for 2026 Budget Authority for Expenditures	Proposed Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate*
General	125,185	3.846	162,500	4.309	182,192	149,528
Debt Service						4.251
Totals	125,185	3.846	162,500	4.309	182,192	149,528
						4.252
						Revenue Neutral Rate**
Less: Transfers	25,000		0		0	
Net Expenditures	100,185		162,500		182,192	
Total Tax Levied	131,932		149,528			
Assessed Valuation	34,302,562		34,702,234			35,173,579
Outstanding Indebtedness,						
Jan 1,	2023		2024		2025	
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0	
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0	
Other	0		0		0	
Lease Pur. Princ.	0		0		0	
Total	0		0		0	
*Tax rates are expressed in mills.						
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KS4 79-2988						
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