



SCHOOL NEWS



High School Basketball

HS Girls Varsity	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Clifton-Clyde	15	6	15	21	57
Centralia	26	14	17	12	69

Sub-State Final vs Centralia March 7th

Sevy Wurtz, 36; Paige Joy, 13; Eden Close, 4;
Calyn Baker, 3; Ellie Wurtz, 1

The 2026 basketball season ended one step short of State for the Clifton-Clyde Lady Eagles, as they fell to Centralia in the Sub-State final on Saturday, March 7th by a score of 69-57.

Centralia jumped out to an early 12-4 lead, and behind shooting 73% for the first half, pushed their lead out to 40-21 at halftime. The Lady Eagles tried to mount a comeback after halftime, but Centralia had built a lead and did

just enough to hold it. A late 13-0 run by the Lady Eagles got them close to trailing by single digits, but the Lady Panthers held on for the win.

Senior Sevy Wurtz ends her Clifton-Clyde High School career as the all-time leading scorer on the women's side, and finished this game with 36 points, 6 rebounds, and 3 assists. Paige Joy, a sophomore, had 13 points.

The Lady Eagles finished the season with a record of 18-9.

USD 224 Board of Education meets

The Clifton Clyde USD 224 Board of Education met Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at Clifton-Clyde High School.

Members Present: Derek Drake, AJ Goeckel, Shawn Taddiken, Kirstin Wernecke, Audra Walter, and Cade Winter.

Members Absent: Grant Knoettgen.

Others Present: Tim Beims, Addie Walter, Jaiden Rudolph, Eden Close, Olyvia Sanders, Laura Close, Lacie Rudolph, Scout Skocny, Superintendent Art Baker, Principal Eric Sacco, and Clerk Denise Cyr.

Call to Order: President Taddiken called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approve the Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Goeckel, seconded by Walter, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0. The consent agenda includes the following: adopt the agenda, approve minutes, accept the treasurer's report, approval of gifts and grants, approval of bills, and correspondence review.

USD 224 Celebrations/Recognitions-Tim Beims with CloudCorp attended to present the CCHS students with their Cloud County Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge awards.

Administrator Reports: Mr. Baker set a meeting with a JAG-K representative for March 5th.

Frontline is loading our district census data and is hoping to have that completed by the end of the week. The

board decided to have Frontline draw up board member boundaries using our current six districts with one at large position and then also an option with three districts with two offsetting representatives with one at large position.

The local administrators met with Larry Lysell, Superintendent of USD 334 Southern Cloud. USD 334 is continuing to try to sell all properties and believes they will have a small surplus of funds when the district closes at the end of the fiscal year. The surplus funds will be disbursed to the five districts that are taking on portions of USD 334 boundaries.

Old Business: Facilities Discussion - Mr. Baker had a zoom meeting with representatives from McCown/Gordon. McCown/Gordon worked with USD 109 on their newest high school gymnasium and also on the Bethel College Wellness Center. McCown/Gordon said to estimate \$285 per square foot with an additional 15-25% on top of that for supplies, equipment, fees, etc. Mr. Baker will contact representatives so that a few board members can tour the two facilities and possibly Trinity Catholic High School in Hutchinson.

Cade Winter updated the board as he attended the City of Clifton board meeting to discuss the south curb repair at the grade school.

2026-2027 District Calendar: A motion was made by Wernecke, seconded by Drake, to approve calendar option 2 as the 2026-2027 school district

calendar. Motion carried 6-0.

New/Miscellaneous: State FBLA - A motion was made by Winter, seconded by Wernecke, to approve the state FBLA trip to Topeka on March 29-31, 2026. Motion carried 6-0.

CCHS Curriculum Guide: The board conducted the first reading of the revised curriculum guide. The guide will be approved at the April board meeting.

Strategic Plan - Summer Maintenance Projects - The board reviewed summer maintenance projects.

Surplus Property: A motion was made by Goeckel, seconded by Drake, to approve disposing of a Woodmaster Drum Sander and a Rockwell-Delta Wood-Turning Lathe by sealed bids and to set the sealed bids opening for 10 a.m. on April 2, 2026. Motion carried 6-0.

Handbook Updates: The board conducted the first reading of the revised handbooks. The handbooks will be approved at the April board meeting.

Executive Session - Negotiations - A motion was made by Walter, seconded by Wernecke, to enter into executive session to discuss a proposal for certified staff salary incentives pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:45 p.m. and invited in Mr. Baker and Mr. Sacco. Motion carried 6-0.

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Society & Club News

The SanLoLeyte VFW #7515 Auxiliary met February 18, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Clyde Post Home.

The secretary's January 2026 Minutes were approved.

Communications: General Orders #7, District #4 Convention is April 18 in Russell, Department Convention is June 11-14 in Topeka, President's Feb. message (program reports due March 31).

Treasurer's January 2026 report given and filed subject to audit. A bill for VFW sympathy cards was approved.

Committee Reports: Chaplain sent 2 sympathy cards; Americanism - information on 4-Chaplains Day and Iwo

Jima Flag Raising Day; Poppy - 160 poppies given out in 2025-2026 year; Historian - articles, pictures in local newspapers; Membership - 178 members; Scholarship - Local scholarship entries will be judged in March, and info on Cloud County Community College scholarship given; Youth - motion approved to purchase patriotic book for elementary school library.

The 2026-2027 District delegates and alternates were approved.

Meeting was adjourned per ritual. Next meeting will be March 18, 6:30 p.m. At Clyde VFW #7515 Post Home.

Mary Jane Hurley, secretary

USD 224 Sports/Activities Calendar Week - March 15th - 21st

15	16 No School - Spring Break	17 No School - Spring Break St. Patrick's Day	18 No School - Spring Break	19 No School - Spring Break	20 No School - Spring Break First Day of Spring	21
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