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USD 224 Board of Education meets

The Clifton-Clyde USD 224 Board of Education met Monday, April 6, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at Clifton-Clyde Middle School.

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

Member Absent: Grant Knoetgen.

Others Present: Ryan Baxter, Danen Kistner, Kieran Wurtz, Luke Nobert, Paige Joy, Sevy Wurtz, 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 Drake, 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-Winter Sports: Danen Kistner and Kieran Wurtz shared with the board the winter sports accomplishments.

Administrator Reports: Mr. Baker reviewed the 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 that Frontline created for the district to review using the 2020 census data.

Old Business: Facilities Discussion - Mr. Baker, Mr.

Wurtz, Taddiken and Winter visited the facilities at Bethel College Wellness Center and Trinity Catholic High School in Hutchinson over spring break. McCown/Gordon representatives will be in the district on Wednesday to do a site visit.

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

Handbook Updates: The board reviewed the updates. The handbook updates will be approved at a later date as we are waiting on clarification on the new legislation on electronic communication devices in schools.

CCHS Curriculum Guide: A motion was made by Drake, seconded by Winter, to approve the CCHS 2026-2027 Curriculum Guide as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Sealed Bids on Surplus Property: A motion was made by Walter, seconded by Wernecke, to accept the sealed bid from Blade Winter for the Woodmaster Tools 38" Drum Sander in the amount of \$600.00 and the Rockwell-Delta 3/4 HP Wood-Turning Lathe in the amount of \$300.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Open Enrollment for FY27 Non-Resident Students/District Capacity: A motion was made by Winter, seconded by Drake, to approve the FY27 Open Enrollment Non-Resident Student/District Capacity as presented. Motion carried 6-0. The district capacity will be posted on the website by June 1st per board policy.

New/Miscellaneous: Technology Purchases - A motion

was made by Goeckel, seconded by Walter, to approve the technology wiring project and the sonic wall firewall and licenses using e-rate funding as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

FY26 Calendar Adjustment: A motion was made by Goeckel, seconded by Wernecke, to change the 2025-2026 District Calendar to state that May 19, 2026, school will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. and the afternoon will be a 1/2 teacher workday with no 1/2 workday on May 20, 2026. Motion carried 6-0.

Executive Session-Personnel: A motion was made by Walter, seconded by Winter, to enter into executive session to discuss job performance, staff resignations, hiring of staff, and supplemental contracts pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:00 p.m. and invited in Mr. Baker and Mr. Sacco. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Goeckel, seconded by Wernecke, to extend the executive session for the same reasons and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:11 p.m. and invited in Mr. Baker and Mr. Sacco. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Classified Staff for 2026-2027: A motion was made by Goeckel, seconded by Walter, to approve the classified personnel for 2026-2027 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

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Quarterly Update

The Clyde Area Foundation is now accepting applications for its spring granting period. Applications are due by May 1, 2026, and may be picked up at either United Bank and Trust or Elk State Bank in Clyde or you can download the application by going to <https://forms.gle/BaVQQznc-jDckGKcT9>.

You should also be able to get to the application through the city of Clyde's website and the Clyde Area Foundation Facebook page.

The Foundation has been once again approved for a Patterson Family Foundation matching grant. Information on this year's fundraising ef-

forts will be coming later in the summer. The Foundation trustees expect to kick off these efforts in the fall around another chili and bingo fundraiser. Please be working on your chili recipes as Clyde's reigning chili king, Charles Cyr, is eager for competition. Please consider a membership in the Foundation for \$15 per person per year. This membership allows you a vote on trustee positions at the annual meeting as well as showing your support of the future of our community. Please visit with Dana Sandmann at Koch CPA, Chartered to make your membership contribution.

Clifton library hosting events for National Library Week

Celebrate National Library Week with Clifton Public Library from April 19-25, embracing the theme "Find Your Joy". Join us for an exciting week of activities!

Monday, April 20, Library Board Meeting; Tuesday, April 21, Savor cookies and lemonade; Wednesday, April 22, Make Earth Day crafts; Thursday, April 23, Create personalized bookmarks; Friday, April 24, Attend Early Eagle Storytime at 10:30 am, and coaster decorating in

the afternoon; and Saturday, April 25, Coaster decorating continues.

During this week, we encourage all residents to visit their library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library helps our community find joy!

For more information, stop by the library at 104 East Parallel Street, Clifton, or call us at (785) 455-2222.

Our hours are 1-5 pm Monday through Friday, and 10 am to 1 pm on Saturdays.

Briefly

The Brantford Community Center will be hosting an informal gathering from 2-4 PM on Sunday, April 26, at the former Brantford school-

house, located 3-1/2 miles east of Agenda on Hwy 148.

The event is open to the public and refreshments will be provided.