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Bond proposal

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iting the proposal to approximately $23 million required difficult choices. In developing his recommendation, he chose to retain auditorium and fine arts improvements while excluding career and technical education (CTE) expansion from the initial bond question.

Although recognizing the importance of CTE, Eslinger noted the district's previous investment in athletics, including a new gymnasium and improvements to the football field and track. He said the fine arts programs also deserved attention.

The auditorium improvements would include updated sound and lighting equipment, a new enclosed control booth and modifications to improve the performance space.

Eslinger suggested placing CTE expansion in a second bond question for voters to consider separately.

Possible Second Bond Question

The $23 million proposal would maintain the district's current bond mill levy of approximately 11.269 mills as the existing bond nears retirement.

Board members discussed a possible second question totaling approximately $5 million for CTE expansion and selected deferred maintenance, bringing the combined proposal to $28 million.

Financial projections indicated that the additional $5 million would increase the levy by approximately one mill, costing the owner of a $200,000 home an estimated $1.92 monthly, or $23 annually.

Proposed CTE improvements include approximately 4,000 square feet of additional space and renovations to existing facilities. Eslinger also announced plans to seek state approval for two additional CTE pathways.

Hartman asked whether those pathways could be accommodated without the proposed expansion. Eslinger confirmed they would build upon existing programs and fit within available space. Hartman indicated that she wanted that information made clear publicly.

Deferred maintenance was another consideration. District representatives previously identified more than $34 million in projected maintenance needs over 20 years. The proposed bond improvements would address approximately $9.6 million of those expenses.

Board members expressed particular interest in costly HVAC replacements, security improvements and other projects difficult to finance through annual capital outlay funds. Several favored further developing a second question combining CTE and high-priority maintenance while keeping the total near $5 million.

Concerns about timing and community support

Although several board members supported the revised direction, the timing of another election prompted considerable discussion.

Board member James Blue questioned whether the changes were sufficient to reverse the previous election's more than two-to-one defeat. He raised concerns about the March timeline, the unresolved Prairie Heights situation and the district's public perception while several significant issues remain under discussion.

Blue also suggested considering shorter repayment periods or a later election. Eslinger and project representatives explained that reducing the proposed 30-year financing period to 20 or 25 years would limit the amount available for improvements at the same mill levy.

Other members argued that retaining the 1918 building and maintaining the existing bond mill rate addressed two of the most frequently expressed community concerns.

Construction representatives cautioned that postponing an election until November 2027 could result in additional cost increases, reducing the work that could be completed.

The discussion also focused on community engagement, which board members acknowledged had been limited during the previous process. Eslinger encouraged board members to take a more active role in explaining any future proposal through meetings with residents and community organizations.

Board meeting rescheduled

The board approved moving its November regular meeting from November 9 to Tuesday, November 17, at 6 p.m. in the Council Grove Junior-Senior High School auditorium.

Eslinger cited scheduling conflicts with school activities and the need for adequate seating for anticipated public attendance.

No final decision was made on the bond amount, projects, a second question or election date. The November 17 meeting will provide another opportunity to review the proposals and determine whether to continue pursuing a March 2027 bond election.

Throughout the discussion, the weight of the decisions facing board members seemed evident. They must balance educational needs, financial realities, community concerns and the long-term future of the district. There are no easy answers, and members expressed differing views about how best to proceed.

Behind those decisions are dedicated community volunteers who devote countless hours to serving their district.

Although they may disagree on the path forward, their discussions reflect a shared responsibility: determining what is best for the students while remaining accountable to the patrons and taxpayers they were elected to represent.

KSU bus carrying 7th graders involved in crash

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma (KOCO) -- A Kansas State University bus carrying children on a middle school field trip was involved in a crash near Interstate 35 on Tuesday in southeast Oklahoma City.

According to a school counselor on the bus, 24 seventh-grade students from St. John Catholic School in Lawrence, Kansas, were on board when the bus pulled out of a parking lot and was hit by a semi-trailer near an Interstate 35 off-ramp near Southeast 44th Street.

The bus has significant damage to its front end and blocked traffic off the highway. EMSA was called to the scene to make sure everyone was OK, and no injuries were reported.

The students are in Oklahoma for a three-day school trip, according to the school counselor.

"The students are OK. They did amazingly well. So, obviously, very shaken up. The sound, the thing was very startling, but they really stayed calm," Lauren Yoshinobu said. "It's unsettling, but they're doing very well. Amazing group of kids."

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Notice of unpaid Personal Property Tax Warrants Chase County Kansas. In compliance with KSA 19-547, I hereby give notice that the following is a list of unpaid personal property taxes that have been returned by the Chase County Sheriff. These taxes were executed on Oct 6, 2026

Bernice Albers
Chase County Treasurer

2025 8-3604	BAILEY, ANGELA 2979 DIAMOND CREEK RD BURDICK KS 66838	16.53
2025 7-3489	CARR, ASHLEY 2589 240TH RD EMPORIA KS 66801	31.19
2025 5-5606	D&G FARMS 9531 LEE BLVD LEAWOOD KS 66206	1,273.74
2025 5-5610	DARRAH 125 N MARKET ST #1015 WICHITA KS 67202	2.60
2025 5-0870	HETT OIL & GA 2994 SUNFLOWER RD LINCOLNVILLE KS 66858	2,173.12
2025 5-0920	HETT OIL & GA 2994 SUNFLOWER RD LINCOLNVILLE KS 66858	763.35
2025 5-0652	HETT OIL & GAS 2994 SUNFLOWER ROAD LINCOLNVILLE KS 66858	82.17
2025 5-0659	HETT OIL & GAS 2994 SUNFLOWER RD LINCOLNVILLE KS 66858	77.26
2025 5-0661	HETT OIL & GAS 2994 SUNFLOWER RD LINCOLNVILLE KS 66858	8.27
2025 5-0662	HETT OIL & GAS 2994 SUNFLOWER RD LINCOLNVILLE KS 66858	189.01
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2025 5-0675	HETT OIL & GAS 2994 SUNFLOWER RD LINCOLNVILLE KS 66858	368.22
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2025 3-3422	MARTIN, VIRGIL E 315 MAIN ELMDALE KS 66850	124.86
2025 3-3634	MCCOMBER, RONALD 523 WALNUT ST STRONG CITY KS 66869	27.28
2025 5-0573	MILLER, DIANE 773 E MARSHALL BLVD SAN BERNARDINO CA 92404	80.42
2025 5-0576	MILLER, DIANE 773 E MARSHALL BLVD SAN BERNARDINO CA 92404	55.76
2025 5-0814	MILLER, LAURA 831 E. BURNS AVENUE RIDGE CREST CA 93555	80.42
2025 5-0815	MILLER, LAURA 831 E. BURNS AVENUE RIDGE CREST CA 93555	55.76
2025 5-0595	SH OIL PO BOX 771188 WICHITA KS 67277	220.35
2025 5-0724	SH OIL PO BOX 771188 WICHITA KS 67277	75.62
2025 5-0964	SH OIL PO BOX 771188 WICHITA KS 67277	84.49
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2025 5-0993	SH OIL PO BOX 771188 WICHITA KS 67277	84.49
2025 5-0996	SH OIL PO BOX 771188 WICHITA KS 67277	83.11
2025 5-0999	SH OIL PO BOX 71188 WICHITA KS 67277	76.85
2025 5-1002	SH OIL PO BOX 71188 WICHITA KS 67277	301.66
2025 5-1005	SH OIL PO BOX 71188 WICHITA KS 67277	76.85
2025 5-1013	SH OIL PO BOX 771188 WICHITA KS 67277	84.49
2025 8-3115	STACKLEY, MYRNA 1963 US HWY 50 STRONG CITY KS 66869	141.28
2025 3-3544	WEBER, CLINT 1945 C RD ELMDALE KS 66850	159.93
2025 7-3544	WEBER, CLINT 1945 C RD ELMDALE KS 66850	15.55
Grand Total		8,178.50

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the Delinquent Personal Property Taxes, interest and fees in the named taxpayer for the year 2025. Interest has been calculated to October 19, 2026.
Bernice Albers
Chase County Treasurer
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