

Kensington News by: Erica Barnes

School is Back in Session!

Teachers report Monday, August 10 and the first day of school is Wednesday, August 12, 2026. This year a 4 day/week calendar will be implemented running Monday through Thursday. However, the following Fridays we will have school: August 14 and September 11, 2026. NO school on Labor Day, September 7. The school day hours are now 8:00am to 4:00pm.

District Fees can be paid at any building. Make checks payable to USD 110. Lunch fees must be paid by a separate check from any District Fees, please and thank you. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ OVER OUR HANDBOOK.

Celebrating the Biggest

Little Town of it's Size!

Join us in Kensington for an Old Fashioned Saturday Night on August 15, 2026. The theme this year is "Party in the USA." Let's party like it's 1776!

Activities begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday with Pasture Golf. Contact Jeff at 785-476-5185 to register. "Uncle Sam Sweet Sparkler Cookie Decorating Class" from 9:30 to 11:30 AM is to be held in the American Legion Hall. Spots still available! Must Pre-Register Online.

Yard Olympics begin at 1:00 pm. Cornhole, Ladder Golf, & Polish Horseshoes at \$20 per 2 person team. Register via Facebook or contact Jordan Dettmer. Must be in 9th grade or older to participate. Prizes Given!

5:00 pm the SALs Beer Garden Opens. EVENING ENTERTAINMENT includes: "The Traveling Tee Box" inflatable golf simulator (FREE) from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Kiddie Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. (6:15 registration at City Office) This year's theme "Party in the USA."

7:00 p.m. is the Little Girl Dance Camp, MS & HS Cheer & Dance Performances, Traditional Egg Toss Contest with Street Dance to follow with music by "Manda Lynn & the Lost Boys."

Food booths include: Taco Riendo (lunch & evening), RC Rub Grub - BBQ, Hunter Family Food Stand, Lion's Club Hamburgers, Buck's Snow Shack, Triple C Lemonade, Snowy Peaks & Cozy Eats.

ACTIVITY/Vendor booths: Nex Tech Train - FREE, Face Painting - FREE, Football Dunk Tank, Scouts - Beef Sticks, TRMS Cheer - Dirty Sodas, United Church - Homemade Ice Cream & Dime Toss.

Kensington is the place to be Saturday, August 15!

Kensington Library Used Books Sale

Gently Used and Deleted Books SALE going on now. Extended through Saturday, August 8! Library hours are Mondays 2-7pm and Tue.-Sat. 9am to 7pm. When school resumes August 12, we will be open 8am to 4pm when school is in session. Stop in and support our library by making a donation and shopping the book sale. It's been a great summer and we appreciate

your patronage.

American Legion in Kensington

POST 166 in Kensington with an IMPORTANT UPDATE!

Starting SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, we will be serving on Saturday night instead of Fridays. SAME TIME: 6:00PM - 8:00 PM. Same menu plus Weekly Specials & Chris' specialty burgers! * MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Friday nights become Saturday nights on August 22. Great food and fellowship while SUPPORTING A GREAT VETERANS ORGANIZATION!

Condolences

Extending many prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Trent Hesterman, age 38, of Kensington, KS. He went to be with

Jesus on July 23, 2026. Gone too soon, but will never be forgotten.

Sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Pastor Robert "Bob" Sinclair. Former Pastor of the St. John Lutheran Church, Athol, Bob was united with his heavenly father on Sunday, July 19, 2026. He passed at the age of 72, in Nampa, Idaho.

News Items Needed

You are invited to share your good news! Submit to Erica Barnes at ebarnes8185@gmail.com by Sunday afternoon please. Put NEWS in the subject line.



Keri & Jo Davis Haysville, Ks Don & Janet Cassville, Mo. ***	tion in concrete of USA marking center! ***	Concordia, Ks. ***	***	William & Christian Johnson Sioux Falls, SD. ***	saw the sign & came by. Eric D. Elkton, VA. ***
Trueman & Joyce Wal- lenmefer Prairie, Home, Missouri ***	What a neat place to see travelling! Stevanie huff Slaghterville, Ok. ***	Very Awesome to be here Kyle Kloster Casper, WY. ***	Our 63 day, 11000 mile tour of North America in- cluding the three "center Points" Ah, but only here is the marker in the correct Place	Larry & Linda Kloster Casper, WY. ***	Attendance fro 785 BT Callie Younger ***
Terry & Pam Nelson Kathryn & Leland Bow- man Clifton, Ks. ***	The Mathers Caldwell, ID. ***	Nice stop on our trip! Mike & Jill Traverse City, MI. ***	Ruby, ND. Belle Fourse SD., and Lebanon, Ks., John & Kristin Rajen Moncia, Indiana, ***	Lovely little stop off the road! Steve & Tammy Childers enroute to SD. ***	Awesome spot in the middle ***
Brior & Jennifer Winfrey Yukon, Okla. (Boomer Sooner) ***	Fiene Family Andale, Ks. ***	Hunts Carthage, Indiana ***	Very Wonderful Roger H. Casper, Wy. ***	Pam & Don Wernstrom Montague, MI. ***	All the way from OHIO!! Ryan & McKenzie ***
Love the4 little inden-	Shelton, Ratliff, & Rum- mel ***	Very nice Hymn Katherine Budke Concordia, Ks. ***	Very Wonderful Roger H. Casper, Wy. ***	Lovely Location Hope & Chad Morgan Graham, NC. ***	Marty, Anne, Johnson, & Gloria ***
	Very nice loved the Hymn! Mary Guidry	Ballston Spa, NY Nice set up		Travelling from CA-Va.	To God Be The Glory! Tom & Kathy Gireene Wichita, Ks.

BOE #110 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, Tina Dennis, Bridget Wyrill, Justin Abbott, and Ali Hadley. Also present were Jeff Yoxall, Beth Norris, and Heidi Struckhoff.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Amendments to the agenda under Action Items: D. FACS Position & Music Position; I. Approval of Handbooks. Ali Hadley moved to approve the agenda as amended. Bridget Wyrill seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Bridget Wyrill moved to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2026, Regular Meeting. Kathy Holling seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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 7:12pm. Justification for the exception relating to non-elected personnel under KOMA (Kansas Open Meetings Act). Bridget Wyrill seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Jeff Yoxall and Beth Norris were invited to the executive session. Heidi Struckhoff left the meeting at 7:02pm. The board returned to open session at 7:12pm. Heidi Struckhoff returned to the meeting at 7:12pm.

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 7:17pm. Justification for the executive session is the exception relating to non-elected personnel under KOMA. Bridget Wyrill seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Jeff Yoxall and Beth Norris were invited to the executive session. Heidi Struckhoff left the meeting at 7:12pm. The board returned to open session at 7:17pm. Heidi Struckhoff returned to the meeting at 7:17pm.

VI. SELECTION OF MONTHLY MEETING TIME AND DATE:

Kathy Holling moved that the second Monday of each month be designated as the regular monthly board meeting day, with a starting time of 7:00pm. Meetings will be held in the Board of Education Room in the Elementary School unless otherwise scheduled. Tina Dennis seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Consent Agenda: Tina Dennis moved to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, as recommended by Jeff Yoxall:

1. Clerk of the Board: Heidi Struckhoff
2. Treasurer of the Board: Dale Stephens
3. Truancy: Greg Koelsch, High School; Beth Norris, Elementary/Middle School
4. KPERS: Heidi Struckhoff
5. Title 1 Programs: Jeff Yoxall
6. Title VI, VII, IX, ADA: Beth Norris
7. Section 504: Greg Koelsch, High School; Beth Norris, Elementary/Middle School
8. F/R Application Hearing Officer: Heidi Struckhoff
9. F/R Application Determining Officer/Food

Service Rep: Jessica Haney

10. Activity Funds Manager: Greg Koelsch, High School; Beth Norris, Elementary/Middle School

11. Homeless Children Coordinator: Jeff Yoxall

12. Freedom of Information Officer: Jeff Yoxall

13. Impact Aid Representative: Heidi Struckhoff

14. Designation of Depository of Funds: Farmers National Bank, Kensington/Phillipsburg

15. Designation of Communication and Processes: The Board President and Superintendent of USD 110

16. Designation of District Newspaper: Phillips County Advocate

17. Waiver of GAAP Accounting Procedure:

WHEREAS the USD 110, Thunder Ridge Schools in Kansas, has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended June 30, 2027, to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the USD 110 Thunder Ridge Schools or the members of the general public of USD 110 and

WHEREAS there are no revenue bond ordinances or resolutions, or other ordinances or resolutions of the municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the year ended June 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by USD 110 of Phillips County, Kansas, in the regular meeting duly assembled this 9th day of July, 2026, that the Board of Education waives the requirements of K.S.A.

75-1120a(a) as they apply to the USD 110 for the year ended June 30, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT USD 110 shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of the USD 110 Thunder Ridge Schools to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

18. Mileage Reimbursement: 72.5 cents/mile

19. Petty Cash Limits: \$1,500

20. Adopt 1116 hour calendar 2026-2027

21. Approve Title 1 Program: Targeted Assistance Program Grades K-8

22. Textbook Rental: \$25 per student

23. Student Fees: \$15

voluntary Activity Fee

24. Milk Prices 2026-2027:

All milk: \$0.50

Juice: \$0.25

25. Meal Prices 2026-

2027:

Noon Meals: Breakfast:

K-8 - \$2.70 K-12 - \$2.10

9-12 - \$3.00

Adults - \$4.10

26. Credits to Graduate:

(23)

27. KSHSAA Membership: Approve

28. Board Attorney: KASB

29. Disposal of Records: Heidi Struckhoff

Ali Hadley seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Classified Position Approval: Justin Abbott moved to approve the list of classified positions as presented. Tina Dennis seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

C. Classified Wages: Kathy Holling moved to increase classified employee rates by 2.6% and as presented. Bridget Wyrill seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

D. FACS Position & Music Position: Justin Ab-

bott moved to approve Melanie Schlatter as Long-Term Substitute for FACS. Tina Dennis seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Kathy Holling moved to approve Sierra Portenier as Long-Term Substitute for K-12 Music. Bridget Wyrill seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

E. Approval of HBGC Two-Way Communication Policy and JCDC Cellphone/Device Policy: Jeff Yoxall shared the required policies on two-way communication and student electronic communication devices. Justin Abbott moved to approve policy HGBC as presented. Bridget Wyrill seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Ali Hadley moved to approve policy JCDC as presented. Tina Dennis seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

F. Class Schedules: Jeff Yoxall shared class schedules for the High School, and Beth Norris shared the Middle School schedule. Neither are quite finalized yet.

G. Negotiations: Bridget Wyrill shared the items agreed upon during Negotiations, including increasing the base salary to \$40,000, and verbiage regarding overload pay and plan time. Bridget Wyrill moved to ratify the changes to the 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement as presented. Ali Hadley seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

H. Crisis Transportation Plan Approval: Tina Dennis moved to approve the Crisis Transportation Plan as presented. Kathy Holling seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

I. Approval of Handbooks: Bridget Wyrill moved to approve the 2026-2027 Certified, Classified, High School, Middle School, and Elementary Handbooks as presented. Tina Dennis seconded. Mo-

tion carried 6-0.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Principal Reports: None.

B. Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Jeff Yoxall reported on the following:

• Update on EOY transfers and budget trends over time

C. Strategic Planning: Discussion was held. A work session meeting for goal development will be held on Monday, August 3rd, at 6:00pm.

D. Other: None.

IX. APPROVAL OF BILLS: Kathy Holling moved to approve the bills as presented, with any additional amounts to be paid as needed to finish the month-end transactions. Ali Hadley seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

X. MONTHLY REPORTS: Tina Dennis moved to approve the following reports as presented: Treasurer's, Clerk's, Food Service, and the Unencumbered Cash Balances Report. Justin Abbott seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

XI. REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS: Staci Foreman shared that she'd like a Facebook post to be made introducing our several new staff members for the upcoming school year.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Justin Abbott moved to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Holling seconded. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be August 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. APPROVED