

The Board of Education of Phillipsburg USD 325 met in regular session Monday, June 8, 2026 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office, 240 S. 7th Street, Phillipsburg. Members present when the meeting was called to order were; Shawn Hoover, President; Danielle Bohl, member; Rick Dusin, member, Terek Molzahn, member; and Jesse Pfortmiller, member. Justin Taylor, member, arrived at 6:17 p.m. Brock Johnson, Vice-President, was absent.

Officials present: Michael Gower, Superintendent; and Angela Thompson, Clerk.

Other interested persons: Crystal Laurin, Elementary School Principal; Terra Keeten, Middle School Principal; and Todd Bowman, High School Principal.

CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Hoover, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA

Shawn Hoover moved the consent agenda including the May 11, 2026 regular meeting minutes, treasurer’s report, and warrants, be approved as presented. Jesse Pfortmiller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you card

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS
BEFORE THE BOARD

None

REPORT TO THE BOARD
BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent reported that the district had received the following donations:
- Craig Johnson Memorial - \$3,790 to FFA
- First National Bank - \$9,625 for Newlin Gym Wall Mats

Jesse Pfortmiller moved the Board accept the donations as listed. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Superintendent updated the Board on summer projects including installation of new windows at the elementary school, replacement of asphalt with concrete at the elementary school, installation of new exterior doors at the middle school, exterior painting at the high school, repair of the Newlin Gym floor, and installation of an American flag provided by Rotary in memory of Dan Heinze, Sr. Mr. Gower shared options for repair of the parking area on the east side of the middle school. Following discussion, Shawn Hoover moved the Board approve the bid for concrete from B&B Redimix in the amount of \$87,860.00. Danielle Bohl seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

DISTRICT HEALTH
INSURANCE RENEWAL

Following discussion, Jesse Pfortmiller moved the Board approve renewal of the District Health Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield Kansas to offer to district employees, as recommended by the Superintendent. Terek Molzahn seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

WORKERS COMPENSATION
AGREEMENT

Following discussion, Justin Taylor moved the Board approve the renewal in the amount of \$32,777.00 from Iron Insurance Partners, Norton, KS (Risk Administration Services) for workers compensation insurance coverage from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

PROPERTY/CASUALTY
INSURANCE

Mr. Gower presented a proposal from Iron Insurance Partners (Kansas Insurance Cooperative for Schools – KICS). Following discussion, Jesse Pfortmiller moved the Board approve the proposal in the amount of \$152,233.50 from Iron Insurance Partners (KICS) for property/casualty insurance effective July 1, 2026. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

BUILDING HANDBOOK
AND POLICY REVIEW

The Board received copies of the recommended handbook and policy changes to review for approval at the July Board meeting. Discussion followed regarding new legislation requiring student personal electronic devices to be powered off and turned into a designated school employee for storage during the school day and the process for pick up of devices at the end of the day. The Board further discussed new legislation regulating 2-way messaging with students and recommended limiting the approved applications used for sharing activity/scheduling information to just one, BAND or Team Reach. The Board will approve policies and handbooks at the July meeting.

TEXTBOOK/TECHNOLOGY/
PROGRAM SUPPORT FEES

Following discussion, Jesse Pfortmiller moved the Board approve a \$5.00 increase to all Textbook/Technology/Program Support fees: \$45 for elementary and middle school students and \$75 for high school students. No fees will be waived. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

NCKSEC INTERLOCAL
#636 REPORT

Justin Taylor reported on the recent interlocal meeting.

PERSONNEL

None

END OF YEAR AUTHORITY

Danielle Bohl moved the Board pass a resolution stating that any unused budget can be transferred to the special education, driver education, capital outlay, in-service, contingency reserve and food service fund(s) at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools. Jesse Pfortmiller seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

REQUEST FOR USE
OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Information

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Shawn Hoover adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

MINUTES RECORDED:

DATE: