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**MINUTES
USD # 325 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026**

The Board of Education of Phillipsburg USD 325 met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2026 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, Vice-President; Rick Dusin, member; Brock Johnson, member; Terek Molzahn, member; Jesse Pfortmiller, member; and Justin Taylor, member.

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

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

CALL TO ORDER Shawn Hoover, President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA Shawn Hoover moved the consent agenda including August 10, 2026 regular meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and warrants be approved as presented. Danielle Bohl seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS None

COMMUNITY
PRESENTATIONS None

REPORT TO THE BOARD BY
THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent reported that the district had received the following donation:

- Tamko - \$900 to PHS Cheer

Jesse Pfortmiller moved the Board accept the donation as listed. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Superintendent shared current enrollment numbers of 170 K-4 students, 147 K-8 students, 163 9-12 students, and 57 PreK students. The September 21st count will be the official number.

Mr. Gower discussed capital outlay projects including painting and finishing the concrete driveway at the elementary school. The long-term vision includes new visitors seating and restrooms/locker rooms at the stadium, and converting the weight room to a wrestling room at the high school.

Mr. Gower shared the School Improvement and Site Council Committee member list for the 2026-2027 school year.

Jesse Pfortmiller presented the Blue Gold Backers proposal to form a group of volunteers including parents and fans to promote Panther Athletics through social media, fundraisers and community involvement. Social media activities will adhere to all school and KSHSAA guidelines, and all fundraising activities will run strictly through the Phillipsburg Athletic Department. Following discussion, Danielle Bohl moved the Board approve the formation of the Blue Gold Backers as proposed. Justin Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gower reported that four framed posters with the national motto had been donated to the district, one for each building. Following discussion, Shawn Hoover moved the Board accept the posters and display them in each school building. Rick Dusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

PERSONNEL

Shawn Hoover moved the Board enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes, until 6:05 p.m., for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual(s). Mr. Gower was asked to be present. Jesse Pfortmiller seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:05 p.m. No action taken.

2026-2027 BUDGET HEARING

Following discussion, Danielle Bohl moved the Board approve the 2026-2027 Budget based on the state and building needs assessment information provided to and evaluated by the Board. Jesse Pfortmiller seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

LOCAL OPTION BUDGET PERCENTAGE

Following discussion, Jesse Pfortmiller moved the Board authorize by resolution the LOB of 32.4% for the 2026-2027 School Year. Terek Molzahn seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. (A copy of the resolution is attached to, and becomes a part of, these official minutes.)

NCKSEC INTERLOCAL #636 REPORT

Justin Taylor reported on recent activity.

RESIGNATION / RETIREMENT APPROVAL

Shawn Hoover moved the Board approve the following retirement:

Weinman, Mitzi – Retiring November 1, 2026

Justin Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

REQUEST FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Information

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

MINUTES RECORDED:

DATE: