

## **CREST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 479**

### **August 11, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Crest Unified School District #479 was held at the Crest Board Office, Colony, on Monday, August 11, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Travis Church.

#### **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present** —Nathan Beckmon, Travis Church, Jamie Henderson, Kevin Nilges, Lance Ramsey and Laura Schmidt.

**Board Members Absent** - Seth Black

**Others Present** – Superintendent Shane Walter, MS/HS Principal Travis Hermreck, Board Clerk Elizabeth Donnelly, Payroll Clerk Lynette Prasko and Technology Director Jeremy Dupont.

#### **Approval of Agenda –**

Agenda item E7 was moved before E1 then continue the agenda with the subsequent items. It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded Mr. Nathan Beckmon to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: 6-0

#### **Approval of Consent Agenda –**

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded Mr. Kevin Nilges to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the July 14th regular board meeting, bills in the amount of \$447,881.94. Enrollment Report and Budget Expenditure Report. Vote: 6-0

#### **Information Items**

##### **ANW Special Education Minutes –**

The minutes of the July 9, 2025, ANW Special Education Cooperative meeting were reviewed.

##### **Superintendent/Principal Report –**

Mr. Walter informed the board about Teacher In-service August 18th -21st (Workday on the 20th), community Open House August 20th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and students' first day on August 22nd. Car Show on the 23rd.

A special THANK YOU is extended to the Patterson Family Foundation Mr. Walter expressed his appreciation for their generous donation of \$103,687.00 to be used within our Career and Technical Education pathways for equipment.

#### **Items of Business**

##### **Facility Improvements –**

Mr. Jeremy DuPont shared a virtual interactive demonstration of security cameras. It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to approve both quotes from Sandifer Engineering & Controls for security cameras for district buildings in the amount of \$16,656.88 and additional access controls for secure entries in the amount of \$13,428.33. Vote: 6-0.

At 7:15 p.m., Mr. Jeremy DuPont exited the meeting.

Mr. Walter updated the board on the improvements that are being completed for the school facilities and discussed the parking lot project.

#### **KSHSAA Spring Cooperative Agreement Discussion–**

Mr. Walter discussed the Southern Coffey County request to consider a cooperative agreement through KSHSAA to be part of Crest baseball and softball; will reach out to SCC to see how many kids would be participating once schools are back in session.

#### **Strategic Plan Discussion–**

Mr. Walter discussed Strategic Plan status.

#### **Childcare Handbook –**

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Lance Ramsey to adopt the 2025-2026 Crest Childcare Handbook & Contract as presented. Vote: 6-0

#### **Budget Building Needs Assessment–**

Mr. Walter presented the Needs Assessment to use for determining the district's budget including funding additional classroom support to help improve State Assessment scores.

#### **Permission to Publish Notice to Exceed RNR and Budget Hearing Dates**

It was moved by Mrs. Laura Schmidt and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to publish notice to exceed revenue neutral rate with the RNR hearing to be held at 6:40 p.m. on September 8th, 2025 and publish budget hearing to be held at 6:50 p.m. on September 8th, 2025. Vote: 6-0

#### **Crisis Plan Discussion–**

Mr. Walter discussed the storm shelter for community use.

#### **Negotiations – Executive Session –**

It was moved by Mr. Travis Church and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to enter into an executive session to discuss board/teacher negotiation items pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. The open meeting was to resume in the board room at 8:16 p.m. Mr. Walter, Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Prasko were invited to attend. Vote: 6-0

The open meeting reconvened in the board room at 8:16 p.m.

#### **Ratify Negotiated Agreement-**

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to ratify the 2025-2026 Negotiated Agreement as presented. Vote: 6-0

#### **Classified and Administrative Salaries –**

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Lance Ramsey to approve the Classified and Administrative Salaries as presented. Vote: 6-0

#### **Personnel – Executive Session –**

It was moved by Mr. Travis Church and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing district staffing. The reason for the session was the non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA. The meeting was to resume in the board room at 8:22 p.m. Mr. Walter and Mr. Hermreck were invited to attend. Vote: 6-0

At 8:20 p.m., Mr. Travis Hermreck exited the executive session.

The open meeting reconvened in the board room at 8:22 p.m. and it was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Lance Ramsey to hire Abby Hermreck as Middle School Head Volleyball Coach.

Vote: 6-0

It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to hire Beth Davis as Part-time Cook Helper. Vote: 6-0

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to hire Terri Louk as Bus Driver. Vote: 6-0

**Adjournment –**

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Vote: 6-0

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Board President

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Board Clerk

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