

CREST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 479

July 14th, 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, July 14th, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Travis Church.

Roll Call

Board Members Present –

Seth Black, Travis Church, Jamie Henderson, Kevin Nilges, and Laura Schmidt.

Board Members Absent – Nathan Beckmon and Lance Ramsey

Others Present – Superintendent Shane Walter, Elementary Principal Stephanie Edgerton and Board Clerks Lynette Prasko and Elizabeth Donnelly

Approval of Agenda –

Board Policy was added as E. 21 to the **Items of Business** and then continue the agenda with the subsequent items. It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: 5-0.

Approval of Consent Agenda –

It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the June 9, 2025 regular board meeting and June 16, 2025 special board meeting, bills in the amount of \$576,208.49, \$75,000.00 Throckmorton-Riser Foundation donation for CTE classroom remodel, Enrollment Report and Budget Expenditure Report. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Walter also expressed appreciation to Throckmorton-Riser Foundation for the additional \$50,000.00 in 2026 and \$50,000.00 in 2027 donations for CTE classroom remodel.

Information Items

ANW Special Education Minutes –

The minutes of the June 11, 2025, ANW Special Education Cooperative meeting were reviewed. Need Paras.

Superintendent/Principal Report –

Mr. Walter informed the board about Enrollment August 4th and 5th, new teachers Inservice on August 15th, all teachers August 18th, fall sports practices start August 18th, community open house and cookout August 20th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and students' first day on August 22nd. St. Luke's coming on site to provide physicals during enrollment; hoping this can be done annually. He also reported that the Crest preliminary absentee rate is lower than the state average. The new district website is live; expect to launch the app by the time school begins. The state mileage reimbursement rate per K.S.A. 75-3203a for FY 2026 is 70 cents (\$0.70) per mile beginning July 1, 2025.

Items of Business

FBLA Presentation

Students & Sponsors who attended FBLA National Conference in Anaheim arrived at 7:13p.m. to share their experience in a presentation and to express their gratitude for being able to attend. They left the meeting at 7:20p.m.

Resolutions, Fees and Board Policy:

It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to adopt the following resolutions:

2025-2026 -1: Appointing Elizabeth Donnelly, Clerk, and Holly Ellington, Treasurer and setting bond amount.

2025-2026 -2: Establishing \$1,500.00 Petty Cash Fund at the Crest K-12 school office.

2025-2026 -3: Establishing a \$500.00 Petty Cash Fund for Central Office.

2025-2026 -4: Designating the Goppert State Service Bank, Colony as the official depository for the district.

2025-2026 -5: Designating the Superintendent as the district representative for Title I and all federal programs.

2025-2026 -6: Designating *The Iola Register* as the official publication for the district.

2025-2026 -7: Setting the school term at a minimum of 465 hours for kindergarten, 1116 hours for all students grades 1 thru 11 and 1086 hours for seniors.

2025-2026 -8: Appoint the Superintendent or building principals to report student non-attendance to proper authorities.

2025-2026 -9: Authorizing early payment of claims to take advantage of discounts or avoid penalty.

Above Resolutions are on file in the Board Office. Vote: 5-0

Resolution 2025-2026 -10: It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to adopt waiver of GAAP and Fixed Asset Accounting requirements.

Resolution is on file in the Board Office. Vote: 5-0

Resolution 2025-2026 -11: It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson authorizing destruction of records pursuant to K.S.A. 72-1629 and K.S.A. 72-1630.

Resolution is on file in the Board Office. Vote: 5-0

Resolution 2025-2026 -12: It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to appoint Mrs. Elizabeth Donnelly as school food service authorized representative and approve school breakfast and lunch program participation. For 2025-2026, Lunches for PreK-5 students will be \$2.50, 6-12 will be \$2.75 and adults will be \$5.10. Breakfast for K-5 students will be \$1.45, 6-12 will be \$1.70 and adults will be \$3.10; additional milk price will be \$0.50.

Resolution is on file in the Board Office. Vote: 5-0

Resolution 2025-2026 -13: It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to establish an Activity Fund for Crest K-12 School.

Resolution is on file in the Board Office. Vote: 5-0

Resolution 2025-2026 -14: It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to adopt Resolution to Establish Home Rule by Board of Education.

Resolution is on file in the Board Office. Vote: 5-0

Textbook Rental Fees - It was moved by Mrs. Laura Schmidt and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to set book rental fees at \$30.00 for 2025-2026. Vote: 5-0

Homeless Coordinator – It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to designate Mr. Travis Hermreck as the district's homeless coordinator. Vote: 5-0

Appoint ANW Special Education Coop Board Representative – It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to appoint Mrs. Jamie Henderson as the district ANW Cooperative representative. Vote: 5-0

Appoint KPERS Authorized Representative – It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to appoint Elizabeth Donnelly as a KPERS Authorized Representative. Vote: 5-0

Appoint Bank Authorized Signer – It was moved by Mrs. Laura Schmidt and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to appoint Elizabeth Donnelly as a bank account authorized signer. Vote: 5-0

Open Enrollment –

It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mr. Seth to approve all non-resident out of district applications. Vote: 5-0

Board Policy – It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to adopt all board policies written and to rescind all board policies not written. Vote: 5-0

Budget Building Needs Assessment–

Mr. Walter reviewed the Needs Assessment for Budget per House Bill 2567 requirements and suggested more support for 3rd-5th in core areas of reading, math and science, additional aide support, and co-teaching support.

2025-2026 Revenue Neutral Rate and Hearing Date and Budget Hearing Date -

The revenue neutral rate was discussed by the board and due to state aid in the LOB decreasing, to maintain the same LOB budget, the maximum planned LOB mill rate of 17.904 will exceed the LOB revenue neutral rate. In addition, with the planned 16.000 mill rate from the bond election, the revenue neutral rate including all other funds will be exceeded. The RNR hearing will be scheduled for 6:40 p.m. on September 8th, 2025 and details will be provided to the County Clerk as required. The budget hearing date was discussed and will be scheduled for 6:50 p.m. on September 8th, 2025. It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to exceed the revenue neutral rate as presented. Vote: 5-0

Student Handbook

It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to adopt the 2025-2026 Student Handbook changes as presented. Vote: 5-0

Fundraiser / Car Show

It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to host the Fun in the Sun Summer Car Show on Saturday, August 23, 2025 at Crest High School. Vote: 5-0

Blueprint for Literacy Pittsburg State University

Mr. Walter discussed the purpose of the Blueprint for Literacy from Pittsburg State University to provide training and support for local teachers of K-6 students. It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to approve joining the Blueprint for Literacy. Vote: 5-0

Facility Improvements –

Mr. Walter updated the board on the improvements that are being completed for the school facilities. It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to approve two new scoreboards not to exceed the amount of \$9,857.31. Vote: 5-0

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.

Mrs. Stephanie Edgerton exited the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Negotiations – Executive Session –

It was moved by Mr. Travis Church and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to enter into 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 9:10 p.m. Mr. Walter, Mrs. Prasko and Mrs. Donnelly were invited to attend. Vote: 5-0

The open meeting reconvened in the boardroom at 9:10 p.m.

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 boardroom at 9:25 p.m. Mr. Walter was invited to attend. Vote: 5-0

The open meeting reconvened in the boardroom at 9:25 p.m.

Adjournment –

It was moved by Mr. Seth Black and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. Vote: 5-0

Board President _____

Board Clerk _____

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