CREST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 479
October 13, 2025, 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, October 13, 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, and Board Clerk Elizabeth Donnelly.

Approval of Agenda –
It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mr. Nathan Beckmon to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: 6-0

Approval of Consent Agenda –
It was moved by Mr. Lance Ramsey and seconded by Mr. Nathan Beckmon to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the September 13th regular board meeting, bills in the amount of $440,183.11. Enrollment Report and Budget Expenditure Report. Vote: 6-0

Information Items

ANW Special Education Minutes –
The minutes of the September 10, 2025 ANW Special Education Cooperative meeting were reviewed.

Superintendent/Principal Report –
Mr. Walter shared with the board that the district has been presented with the Commissioner's Award with Honors, Gold in Graduation and Silver in Postsecondary Effectiveness from the 2025 Kansans Can Star Recognition Award.

School Administrators attended School Improvement Day at Greenbush; shared/discussed Standards Alignment with a focus on Professional Learning and Collaboration.

Professional Development Day for teachers is October 20th.

Will schedule a Site Council meeting this fall and spring to go through data; will provide KAP report in November.

Halloween Spooktacular is October 31st.

Items of Business

Facility Improvements / Tour –
Mr. Walter provided an update on the ongoing school facility improvements. He discussed a potential change order involving two items: the addition of bookshelves or cabinets in the front secretary's office area and consideration for carpeting or polished flooring for walkway connecting the new area to the entrance of the main gym. He also discussed an RFB that is needed for excavation work around the track. No action taken.

Activities Update–
There are currently 13 students planning to participate in softball and 14 in baseball for the upcoming season barring any injuries or unexpected circumstances.

Title I Family Engagement Policy –
Mr. Walter mentioned the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy; no changes were made.

SCC Cooperative Agreement Baseball / Softball -
The Board discussed SCC Cooperative Agreement. It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to approve an initial agreement pending KSHSAA approval for SCC students wanting to play baseball and softball to join our baseball and softball teams for the 2026 season. Vote: 6-0

Personnel – Executive Session –
It was moved by Mr. Travis Church and seconded by Mr. Nathan Beckmon 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 7:50 p.m. Mr. Walter and Mr. Hermreck were invited to attend. Vote: 6-0

The open meeting reconvened in the boardroom at 7:50 p.m. and it was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to hire Tara Nicholas as Sophomore Class Sponsor and Ethan Prasko as Middle School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach and High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach. Vote: 6-0

Adjournment –
It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Vote: 6-0

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Board President Board Clerk