

CHEYLIN USD #103
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, March 10, 2025 in the board conference room.

PRESENT:

Jared Boone, President
Jayden Cahoj, Vice President
Kelly Leach, Member
Mike McCarty, Member
Cort Antholz, Member
Gerard Pochop, Member
Jared Sowers, Member

Jim Reece, Supt/Elem Princ
Adam Wiginton, HS Principal
Keshia Walden, Clerk

ADOPT AGENDA - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Jayden Cahoj to adopt the agenda as presented.

RECOGNITIONS/COMMENDATIONS - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jayden Cahoj and seconded by Cort Antholz to formally commend the following named individuals/teams for their successes:

A. E-Fair

Judges Choice: Hallee Antholz
Best Financials: Valeria's Translating
Financial Fortitude: J&P Precision Ag: John Paul
Sustainable Business: Tevin Delano
Tasty Innovator: Karen Hernandez
Agri-Entrepreneurship: Brynlee Reid
Best in Show: Hallee Antholz
Small Town Big Idea: Landon Schoenberger
1st Place John Sabatka
2nd Place Cristian Silva
3rd Place Cooper Paugh
4th Place Brynlee Reid
5th Place Kohen Pochop

B. Cougar of the Week Award

Adleigh Pochop, Abigail Wright, Lilly Sabatka

C. Gabrielle Pochop: Prairie Land Electric Cooperative Leadership Trip Awardee to Washington, D.C. (June 14-20, 2025)

D. Junior High Girls Basketball Team: 3rd Place, League Tournament

- E. Cheyenne County Conservation Poster Contest Winners: Leo Pochop-Kindergarten, Alexander Medina-1st Grade, Hunter Crow-2nd Grade, E.J. Rodriguez-5th Grade, Zoe Yanez-5th Grade, Ariana Anderson-5th Grade, Milani Wiginton-6th Grade
- F. High School Girls Basketball Team: Sub-State Runner-Up

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Jared Sowers to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes, February 10, 2025, Board of Education Meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Reports
 - 1. February 2025 Cash Summary Report
 - 2. February 2025 Treasurer’s Report
 - 3. February 2025 Budget Summary of Funds
 - 4. February 2025 Activity Fund Report
 - 5. February 2025 Transportation Report
- C. Approval of bills

Type	Check Numbers	Amount
February Payroll	23941; DD	\$ 104,574.82
February Payroll Withholdings	23942-23952	54,264.67
Budget Checks	23953-23985	39,743.18
Manual Checks	23826	210.00
Total		\$ 198,792.67

REPORTS:

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Reece reported on the financial standing of the district. He also informed the board of different opportunities that are available to the district through Colby Community College.

HS Principal Report

Principal Wiginton reported on the success of the E-fair. He also noted that he will be forming a cellphone committee consisting of stakeholders such as teachers, students, and parents. He informed the board of several items relating to athletics such as: 2025-2026 sports schedules are almost finished, JH & HS boys basketball uniforms are next to order on the uniform rotation, the wrestling co-op with St. Francis is at the end of its 2 year term, the boys basketball team from Chase High School sent us a thank you letter, and there are several coaching positions to fill for next year. He also presented a proposal to the board regarding powerlifting. The board directed him to talk with Cheylin Rec about sponsoring the program.

Elementary Principal Report

Mr. Reece commended the elementary teachers and students for putting on the Dr. Seuss Cafe last week. He informed the board of discussions being held regarding a spring concert or art walk.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE 2025-2026 CALENDAR - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jayden Cahoj and seconded by Cort Antholz to approve the 2025-2026 calendar.

ACCEPT DONATION - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jayden Cahoj and seconded by Mike McCarty to accept the following donation: Network Kansas YEC Winner (Dr. Railsback's use) - \$250

The board reviewed a list of maintenance projects that was compiled by the facilities committee.

APPROVE HS TRACK TRAINING RULES - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Jayden Cahoj to approve the High School Track Training Rules for the 2025 season.

Discussion was held regarding the current rent being charged to staff members living in district owned houses. No changes were made.

APPROVE MOWING - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Cort Antholz and seconded by Gerard Pochop to approve mowing the grounds with existing staff using the school owned riding mower.

Negotiations:

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Kelly Leach that the Board go into executive session for 10 minutes for the purpose of discussing the negotiations draft letter pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and that the Board return to the open meeting at 7:35 p.m. in this room. Superintendent Reece was asked to remain.

Personnel:

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Mike McCarty and seconded by Jayden Cahoj that the Board go into executive session for 5 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that the Board return to the open meeting at 7:43 p.m. in this room. Superintendent Reece and Clerk Walden were asked to remain.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Kelly Leach and seconded by Jared Sowers to accept the resignation of Bridget Pochop, Transportation Director, effective 5/29/25.

APPROVE CONTRACT - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jayden Cahoj and seconded by Cort Antholz to approve Andrew Bernitt as 7-12 Social Studies Teacher for the 4th nine weeks.

APPROVE CONTRACT - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Cort Antholz to approve Richeal Campos as an Elementary Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

APPROVE SUMMER POSITIONS - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jayden Cahoj and seconded by Cort Antholz to approve hiring up to 3 individuals for summer cleaning/maintenance at \$12.00/hr up to 40 hours per week.

The board reviewed a budget amendment to the general fund due to an increase in enrollment prior to count day. It will be posted in the newspaper and the hearing will be held at the regular April board meeting.

ADOPT CAPACITY (BOARD POLICY JBCC) - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jayden Cahoj and seconded by Mike McCarty to adopt the grade level capacity at 25 students for grades K-12.

ADOPT OPEN SEATS (BOARD POLICY JBCC) - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Mike McCarty and seconded by Jayden Cahoj to adopt the number of open seats available to nonresident students as presented.

Future agenda items include: approval of certified, classified, & supplemental contracts, class schedule, and student handbook.

ADJOURN MEETING - Carried 7-0

It was moved by Jared Sowers and seconded by Jayden Cahoj to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

President

Clerk