

MINUTES

LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

APRIL 22, 2026

The Lawrence County School Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 in the boardroom of the Superintendent's Office at 5:00 p.m.

President Vickie Mitchell called the meeting to order, and Kai Rorex offered the prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT -None

MINUTES

Kai Rorex moved to approve the minutes of the March board meeting. Brad Junkersfeld seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS

President Vickie Mitchell moved to the Superintendent's Report. The first item was Old Business. Superintendent Kersey stated the district's ADM was 985 for the year. He also stated the elementary school had received a grant for curriculum and that the district has applied for a safety grant.

NEW BUSINESS

The next item was New Business. Superintendent Kersey presented the Board with the bills. Scott Brady moved to approve payment of the bills. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey gave an update on the Financial Reports.

Superintendent Kersey presented the Admin Reports to the board.

The Commencement Speaker Committee member, Scott Brady announced the recommendation for commencement speaker was Mark McEntire. Brad Junkersfeld motioned to approve. Chad Ditto seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board approve 8 student applications for School Choice. Kai Rorex moved to approve the recommendation. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board approve the personnel policy changes. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to extend the 5 day bereavement to each applicable event and to approve the policy changes.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board approve Virtual Academy at the River. Joe Penn moved to approve the recommendation. Chad Ditto seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:59p.m. for the purpose of personnel issues.

At 6:31p.m. the Board reconvened and conducted the following business:

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board accept the resignations of Sarah Hoffman, Lindy Baker, Dr. Ellen Holloway, Deidre Bridges, and Harold Bailey. Joe Penn moved to accept the recommendation. Kai Rorex seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board employ the following staff:

Tonya Crisler, Mid-Level Literacy Teacher

Kylee Steele, Mid-Level Literacy Teacher

Megan Weber, K-6 Music

Kiersten Henderson, K-6 Art

Morgan Kennedy, High School Science

Hannah Bullock, High School Social Studies

Sydney Burgin, Jr. High Volleyball Coach/High School Health

Brad Junkersfeld moved to approve the recommendation. Kai Rorex seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board reassign the contract of Cameron Priest. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board accept the resignations of Rebecca Shipman, Aide and Jessica Villerreal, custodian. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Kai Rorex seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board rehire classified employees. Brad Junkersfeld moved to approve the recommendation. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board employ Shane Fleming as a bus mechanic. Joe Penn moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey made the recommendation to employ Dreama Morrow, Samantha Collins, Harley Burkett, and Rebecca Shipman as Childcare workers. Kai Rorex moved to approve the recommendation. Brad Junkersfeld seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent Kersey recommended the Board approve stipend/salary adjustments. Kai Rorex moved to approve the recommendation. Scott Brady seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

The upcoming meeting is scheduled for May 13th. Kai Rorex moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00p.m. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Kai Rorex, Secretary