

CREST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 479

December 8, 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, December 8, 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, and Jessica Mills.

Approval of Agenda –

It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Lance Ramsey 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 November 10th regular board meeting, bills in the amount of \$367,195.28, Enrollment Report and Budget Expenditure Report. Vote: 6-0

Information Items

ANW Special Education Minutes –

The minutes of the November 12, 2025, ANW Special Education Cooperative meeting were reviewed.

Superintendent/Principal Report –

Mr. Walter gave a thank you to Mr. Lance Ramsey for his 8 years of contributions and service to the district. He was presented with a plaque commemorating his dedication. Mr. Walter shared that the first home basketball game will be the 19th of December, which is the last school day before Christmas break. January 5th will be half day of Professional Development with the focus on KESA's standards alignment and half work day; students will return on the 6th of January.

Items of Business

Jessica Mills – Neighborhood Revitalization Plan

Jessica presented an updated City of Colony Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to approve the City of Colony Neighborhood Revitalization Plan – Residential, Commercial and Industrial as presented. Vote: 6-0

Crest FFA – Washington D.C. Presentation –

At 7:20pm, five Crest FFA students entered the meeting to share a presentation on National FFA Washington Leadership Conference Washington D.C - July 7-10, 2026, pursuing funding from the district to assist in making the trip possible. This conference is a premier leadership experience designed for FFA members to develop their skills while exploring the history of the nation's capital. No action taken.

Insurance Policy Renewal Discussion

Mr. Walter discussed options for insurance premiums. Current district property insurance will be renewed in February. No action taken.

KESA-

Mr. Walter discussed goals for KESA (Kansas Education Systems Accreditation) with the focus on standard alignment with district opportunities in the 2025-2026 spring semester for professional development and professional collaboration goals. It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Nathan Beckmon to approve the action plan as presented. Vote: 6-0

KSHSAA Baseball / Softball Cooperative Agreement-

Mr. Hermreck discussed progress for implementing cooperative agreement with SCC baseball / softball programs. No action taken.

2026-2027 Calendar Discussion-

Mr. Walter shared the 2026-2027 district calendar with input about Back to School Open House date. No action taken.

Facility Improvements -

Mr. Walter updated the board on the improvements that are being completed for the school facilities.

Mr. Walter shared a Three Rivers League teams signage rendering for main gym.

Mr. Walter shared seating ideas for the new concessions area.

Mr. Walter shared a sample of benches and updated player chairs for gym.

Mr. Walter shared some options for seeding grass area.

No action taken on any of the items presented.

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 8:38 p.m. Mr. Walter, Mr. Hermreck were invited to attend. Vote: 6-0

Adjournment –

It was moved by Mr. Lance Ramsey and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Vote: 6-0

Board President

Board Clerk

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