

CREST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 479

January 12, 2026 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, January 12, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Travis Church.

Roll Call

Board Members Present –

Nathan Beckmon, Seth Black, Travis Church, Jamie Henderson, Westin Holloway, Kevin Nilges, and Laura Schmidt. **No Board Members Absent -**

Others Present – Superintendent Shane Walter, Elementary Principal Stephanie Edgerton and Board Clerk Elizabeth Donnelly.

Approval of Agenda –

Surplus Property was added as F. 7 and CPA Audit was added as F. 8 to the Items of Business and then continue the agenda with the subsequent items. It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: 7-0

Approval of Consent Agenda –

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the December 8, 2025 regular board meeting, bills in the amount of \$450,459.87, Enrollment Report and Budget Expenditure Report. Vote: 7-0

Information Items

ANW Special Education Minutes –

The minutes of the December 10, 2025 ANW Special Education Cooperative meeting were reviewed.

Superintendent/Principal Report –

Mr. Walter reported on the potential to schedule additional athletic events following the recent completion of the new auxiliary gym.

Mr. Walter reported that Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) application was approved.

At 7:16 p.m. Mr. Nathan Beckmon exited the meeting.

Mr. Walter reported that the Director of the Little Lancer Child Care Center inquired about the possibility of operating the center four days per week during the summer. He noted that the center is currently near capacity. No action was taken.

Items of Business

District / Property Insurance Renewal-

Rosan from Personal Service Insurance consulted with us about the varying levels of coverage and costs associated with those levels. No action taken.

At 7:42 p.m. Mr. Nathan Beckmon entered the meeting.

Facility Improvements –

Mr. Walter discussed the contingency funds that would be available once the punch list and other items are completed. No action taken.

At 7:48 p.m. Mr. Nathan Beckmon exited the meeting.

Mr. Walter noted several items requiring future consideration, including building signage, seeding and landscaping.

Mr. Walter reported that GPS mapping of facility will be completed through a county grant to support emergency response efforts. No action was taken.

Mr. Walter discussed whether additional stones between the road and new gym are needed. No action taken.

Mr. Walter reported that the Hydroponic Lab, secured through a grant awarded to our FFA, is expected to arrive at the end of January.

Mr. Walter reported that replacing the main gym floor would cost around \$84,000; Minor sanding and repairs could potentially be carried out as an option. No action taken.

At 8:14 p.m. Mr. Nathan Beckmon entered the meeting.

2026-2027 District Calendar –

Mr. Walter discussed items to consider when adopting the 2026-2027 calendar.

Resolution to Establish Monthly Board Meeting Dates–

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mrs. Jaime Henderson to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-17 to Establish Monthly Board Meeting Dates. Resolution is on file in the Board Office. Vote: 7-0

Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Resolution–

It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Nathan Beckmon to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-18 for Colony and Resolution 2025-2026-19 for Kincaid. Resolution is on file in the Board Office. Vote: 7-0

Resignations –

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to accept the following resignation:

Dennis Rhodes as Custodian. Vote: 7-0

Surplus Property –

It was moved by Mrs. Laura Schmidt and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to approve the list of surplus property for disposal per Superintendent Walter's discretion. Vote: 7-0

CPA Audit –

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to approve the 2025-2026 Client Representation Letter from DBB Inc. of Ft. Scott to conduct CPA Audit. Vote: 7-0

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 conducting Mr. Walter's Superintendent Administrative Evaluation. The reason for the session was the non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA. The meeting was to resume in the boardroom at 9:05 p.m. Mr. Walter and Mrs. Edgerton were invited to attend. Vote: 7-0

At 8:54 p.m. Mr. Walter and Mrs. Edgerton exited the executive session.

At 9:05 p.m., the open meeting resumed in the board room and it was moved by Mr. Travis Church and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to extend the executive session until 9:15 p.m. with Mr. Walter re-entering the executive session. Vote: 7-0

The open meeting reconvened in the boardroom at 9:15 p.m. No action taken.

Adjournment –

It was moved by Mr. Jaime Henderson and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Vote: 7-0

Board President _____

Board Clerk _____

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