CREST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 479
November 9, 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, November 9, 2026. 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, Westin Holloway, Kevin Nilges and Laura Schmidt.
Board Members Absent – Seth Black and Kevin Nilges
Others Present – Superintendent Shane Walter, Board Clerk Elizabeth Ingle, Danielle Louk from Allen County Appraisers Office.

Approval of Agenda –
Facility Improvements was added as E. 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 Mr. Westin Holloway to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: 5-0

At 7:02 p.m. Elementary Principal Stephanie Edgerton arrived at the meeting.

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 October 12th regular board meeting, bills in the amount of $494,576.55. Vote: 5-0

Information Items

ANW Special Education Minutes –
The minutes of the October 14, 2026, ANW Special Education Cooperative meeting were reviewed.

Superintendent/Principal Report –
Mr. Walter shared that the Crest Christmas Program will be December 3rd, 2026.

Mr. Walter mentioned high school basketball practice starts November 16th and the first home high school basketball game will be December 4th, 2026.

Mr. Walter shared the 5-year strategic plan expires at the end of the 2026–2027 school year. This will be a topic at future meetings.

Mrs. Edgerton shared updates on reading interventions focused on fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary development.

Mrs. Edgerton reported that the students almost doubled their goal for the PTO trash bag fundraiser from last year.

Mrs. Edgerton reported that additional staff support is available in certain grade levels of the elementary.

Items of Business

Allen County Neighborhood Revitalization
Mrs. Elizabeth Ingle introduced Danielle Louk, Allen County Appraiser, to present information about the Allen County Neighborhood Revitalization Program to the board and discuss the school district's participation in the tax rebate. It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Westin Holloway to approve Crest USD 479 participation in Allen County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Vote: 5-0

At-Risk Accountability Plan –
Mr. Walter shared the At-Risk Accountability Plan that was recently submitted and pending state approval.

Band Equipment Discussion –
Mr. Walter shared with the board that the Rotary Club of Iola expressed interest in donating to aid in the purchase of band equipment to support the band program. More discussion to follow.

Surplus Property –
Mr. Walter shared that no bids were received for the greenhouse. It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to allow the disposal of the greenhouse to the discretion of the Superintendent.

Facility Usage –
Mr. Walter discussed allowing community access to the gym and weight room, with scheduling procedures, liability waivers, and other necessary guidelines to be established.

Board Policy Crisis Plan –
Mr. Walter discussed Little Lancers Child Care Crisis Plan. It was moved by Mr. Westin Holloway and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to approve the Little Lancer Child Care Crisis Plan as presented.
Vote: 5-0

At 7:49 p.m. Mr. Travis Church exited the meeting.

At 7:50 p.m. Mr. Travis Church re-entered the meeting.

KESA –
Mr. Walter reviewed the Kansas School Improvement Model, which serves as the instructional framework for **KESA** accreditation.

Facility Improvements–
Mr. Walter reported that the city is working on softball field lighting. The discussions are ongoing and the district stands willing and ready to support the endeavor.

Mr. Walter discussed the corrected drain issues. He will continue to monitor for any further concerns.

Mr. Walter shared a concept sketch of how the space between the ag shop and weight room could look, utilizing the Throckmorton-Riser grant we were previously awarded. As part of this project, the existing electrical and plumbing will need updated.

At 8:02 p.m. Mr. Nathan Beckmon exited the meeting.

At 8:04 p.m. Mr. Nathan Beckmon re-entered the meeting.

Resignations –
It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to accept the following resignation:

Carlyn Crow as Middle School and High School Science Teacher

Vote: 5-0

Personnel – Executive Session –
It was moved by Mr. Travis Church and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson 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 8:15 p.m. Mr. Walter, and Mrs. Edgerton were invited to attend. Vote: 5-0

At 8:15 p.m., the open meeting resumed in the board room. No action taken.

Adjournment –
It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Vote: 5-0

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