

**CREST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 479**  
**September 14th, 2026 RNR Hearing, Budget Hearing and Board Meeting Minutes**

**Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) Hearing**

The Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing was held on Monday, September 14th, 2026 at the Crest Board Office, 603 E. Broad, Colony and called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Board President Travis Church.

**Roll Call - Board Members Present** – Seth Black, Travis Church, Jamie Henderson, Westin Holloway, Kevin Nilges.

**Board Members Absent** - Nathan Beckmon and Laura Schmidt.

**Others Present** – Superintendent Shane Walter and Board Clerk Elizabeth Ingle.

Three community members attended and signed in, thinking the hearing was part of an Anderson County community event that would include county appraisers or representatives. No questions or comments were directed at USD 479 Board. Mr. Walter went through district taxes in the hearing.

**Adopt Revenue Neutral Rate Resolution-**

It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to adopt Resolution 2026-2027-15 to approve exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate as presented. Roll Call Vote: 5-0

| Board Member Name          | Vote |      |
|----------------------------|------|------|
|                            | Yes  | No   |
| 1. Nathan Beckmon –ABSENT- | ---- | ---- |
| 2. Seth Black              | X    |      |
| 3. Travis Church           | X    |      |
| 4. Jamie Henderson         | X    |      |

| Board Member Name          | Vote     |       |
|----------------------------|----------|-------|
|                            | Yes      | No    |
| 5. Westin Holloway         | X        |       |
| 6. Kevin Nilges            | X        |       |
| 7. Laura Schmidt - ABSENT- | ----     | ----- |
| <b>TOTAL VOTES</b>         | <b>5</b> |       |

**Adjournment of Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) Hearing –**

It was moved by Mr. Westin Holloway and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to adjourn the RNR hearing at 6:51 p.m. Vote: 5-0

**Budget Hearing**

The Budget Hearing was held on Monday, September 14th, 2026 at the Crest Board Office, 603 E. Broad, Colony and called to order at 6:51 p.m. by Board President Travis Church.

**Roll Call - Board Members Present** – Seth Black, Travis Church, Jamie Henderson, Westin Holloway, Kevin Nilges.

**Board Members Absent** - Nathan Beckmon and Laura Schmidt.

**Others** – Superintendent Shane Walter and Board Clerk Elizabeth Ingle.

No patrons were present for public comment.

**Adjournment of Budget Hearing –**

It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to adjourn the Budget hearing at 7:00p.m. Vote: 5-0

**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, September 14th, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Travis Church.

## **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present** – Seth Black, Travis Church, Jamie Henderson, Westin Holloway, Kevin Nilges.

**Board Members Absent** - Nathan Beckmon and Laura Schmidt.

**Others** – Superintendent Shane Walter, Elementary Principal Stephanie Edgerton and Board Clerk Elizabeth Ingle.

### **Approval of Agenda-**

**Surplus Property - Greenhouse** was added as H.6 to the **Items of Business** then continue the agenda with the subsequent items. It was moved by Mr. Westin Holloway and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: 5-0

### **Accept Building Needs Assessment/State Assessments–**

It was moved by Mr. Westin Holloway and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to accept the Building Needs Assessment, including State Assessments provided to the Board of Education, which were also reviewed in prior meetings and have been evaluated and used by the board in the Budget Approval Process. Vote: 5-0

### **Adopt LOB Resolution-**

The presented LOB rate is a small increase in taxes levied and based on district-wide valuation estimates will exceed the LOB revenue neutral rate (RNR).

The board adopted by roll call vote the resolution to exceed the revenue neutral rate during the RNR Hearing. It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to adopt LOB Percentage Resolution 2026-2027-16 with LOB currently calculated at 18.844 percent, which will not exceed the statewide average of 32.4 percent as authorized by state statute. Vote: 5-0

### **Adopt 2026-2027 Budget-**

It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to adopt the 2026-2027 Budget as presented. Vote: 5-0

### **Approval of Consent Agenda –**

It was moved by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mr. Westin Holloway to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the August 10th regular board meeting, bills in the amount of \$789,760.22, Enrollment Report and Budget Expenditure Report. Vote: 5-0

## **Information Items**

### **ANW Special Education Minutes –**

The minutes of August 12th, 2026, ANW Special Education Cooperative meeting were reviewed.

### **Superintendent/Principal Report –**

Mr. Walter reported that enrollment is currently 265.

Mr. Walter discussed Count Day, September 21st, 2026 and provided estimates for weightings.

At 7:11 p.m. Mrs. Stephanie Edgerton exited the meeting.

## **Items of Business**

### **Facility Improvements –**

Mr. Walter shared that improvement in guttering between the new and existing buildings needs addressed to assist when heavy rain falls. No action taken.

At 7:14 p.m. Mrs. Stephanie Edgerton entered the meeting.

Mr. Walter shared with the board renderings of signage for the exterior of school. No action taken.

Mr. Walter addressed the lighting at the softball field. As the softball field is not district-owned, the district is unable to initiate repairs or replacement but will explore getting something in place. No action taken.

**Anderson County Emergency Management –**

Mr. Walter discussed the benefits from adopting the 2025 Kansas Regional J Hazard Mitigation Plan. It was moved by Mr. Westin Holloway and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to approve the Anderson County Emergency Management Kansas Regional J Hazard Mitigation plan as presented. Vote: 5-0

**Anderson County Road Department**

Mr. Shane Walter presented that Anderson County Road Department asked to house their road grader in the bus barn. Motion made by Mr. Westin Holloway seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to allow Anderson County Road Department to house their road grader in bus barn.

**PowerSchool Lunch Modification**

Mr. Walter shared that due to how students are divided in PowerSchool, the Middle School lunch count must be calculated manually each day. To reduce secretarial time required to document lunch counts, it was suggested that Middle School meal prices be aligned with Elementary meal prices. Motion made by Mr. Kevin Nilges and seconded by Mr. Westin Holloway to change Middle School lunch rate to \$2.50 and \$1.45 for breakfast.

**403(b) Match**

Motion made by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to extend the matching district contribution to classified employees and staff who qualify for the 403(b) match; they will be subject to and follow the terms and conditions established in the negotiated agreement.

**Surplus Property –**

Mr. Walter shared that, with the new greenhouse in place, the old greenhouse needs to be removed. The Board approved to accept sealed bids for the purchase and removal of the greenhouse. The successful bidder will be responsible for disassembling and removing the greenhouse from the premises. Sealed bids must be received by October 12th, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Westin Holloway to accept sealed bids for the old greenhouse. Vote: 5-0

**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 8:20 p.m. Mr. Walter and Mrs. Edgerton were invited to attend. Vote: 5-0

The open meeting reconvened in the board room at 8:20 p.m. and it was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to hire:

LeAnn Church as StuCo Sponsor

Russell Steel, Raymond Bonnett, Brian Donovan as Substitute Bus Drivers / Activity Drivers

Vote: 5-0

**Adjournment –**

It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Vote: 5-0

Board President \_\_\_\_\_

Board Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

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