

BOARD BRIEF

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September 9, 2024

REVENUE NEUTRAL HEARING

The Board approved Resolution 2025-1, allowing USD 495 Ft. Larned to exceed the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate to support funding for the 2024-25 budget.

BUDGET HEARING

The Board conducted an open hearing to invite public comments on the proposed 2024-25 budget.

5th grade students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items were approved.

BOARD HIGHLIGHT

Jessie Pleasant shared two highlight videos featuring back-to-school activities and interviews she conducted during the Tailgate with the Tribe event.

STAFF ADDITIONS

Hailey Ohnmacht-Para/TriCO, **Flora Morgan**-Para/TriCO, **Abby Garcia**-Para/TriCO, **Gillian Smith**-BYBA Team Member, **Jasmine Evers**-BYBA Team Member, **Brittany Berry**-Para/TriCO, **David Sallee**-Para/TriCO, **Jaylene Hickey**-Para/TriCO, **Maria Holguin**-Custodian/LES, **David Brown**-Para/TriCO

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- **Board Policy Updates:** Mr. Wachs shared that KASB generally issues recommended policy updates in June and December. Due to 2024 Legislation passing SB 430, which made significant changes to the Kansas Workers Compensation laws, they have recommended one additional policy update. The Board will review this update and revisit next month.
- **RFQ for Comprehensive Legal Services:** Mr. Wachs shared an example of an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) to gather bids for legal services. He asked the Board to review it, and they will revisit the topic next month to ensure the district gets the best possible service.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Approval of Local Option Budget:** The Board approved the Local Option Budget as presented, allowing USD 495 Ft. Larned to set a Local Option Percentage of 33% for the 2024-25 school year.
- **Approval of Budget:** After reviewing and evaluating USD 495 Ft. Larned's state academic assessments and the building needs assessments presented and approved at the June 10, 2024 regular meeting, the Board approved the 2024-25 Budget as presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Wachs reminded the Board of upcoming events and key dates, including a Board Work Session, September 20 Count Day, and the start of Capability Assessments next week. These assessments are part of the district's professional development through Corwin's Visible Learning program.