

HCS School Board Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2026

1. Roll: Nathan Tindell, Neil Pipkin, John Freerksen, Jason Dunderdale, Keith Seashols, Mrs. Lischke
Guests: Megan Staab, Willie Rice, Frank McNellis, Rittney Greer

2. Call to order: 7:00 PM

3. Devotion and Prayer: Prayer by Nathan

Action: assign next month's person - Keith

4. Amend or approve agenda: (April 23, 2026), Neil moves to approve, 2nd by Keith. Approved.

a. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting: March 2026, Neil moves to approve, 2nd by Keith. Approved.

5. New Business

a. Board candidates finalized and publicized

i. Megan Staab, 1st grader Joseph, Teacher at Washburn Tech Surgical Technology. Attends Mother Theresa Catholic Church and Capital City Christian Church.

ii. William Rice, 4 kids, Hughes, Vonn, Rowan, Abbott, all previously home-schooled. Data analyst, government contractor. Seminary graduate teaches adult Sunday school at Wanamaker Woods Church of the Nazarene.

iii. Frank McNellis, works for the school, and has 1 son who does not attend here but hopes to attend next year or else will home-school. Elder at Town and Country Christian Church. Past experience in industrial plant management.

iv. Rittney Greer, 4th Grader, Gus and 3rd Grader, Andre. Family minister at Town and Country Christian Church, started as the secretary. Experience with board governance from employment with the church.

v. Kelly Robbins, 1 student, 7th Liam. Owner of Sunsations Tanning Salon. Experience in board governance with Kansas Board of Cosmetology.

b. Staff Policies: Media & Technology and Awards: Sections 14.1 – 14.4 and 15.1 – 15.3

c. Formalize school calendar – Already done in March.

6. Administrator's Report

a. Open House and Spring Program

The Spring Program and open house was last Thursday. Students' projects and work was displayed in classrooms; and all grades were represented with the fine arts performances. Our own families and new families were invited to attend. Open House program started at 6:00 and the classrooms were open immediately following the program. Many positive comments were heard regarding the program. There were some new families who attended and toured classrooms.

b. 5K/Pancake Feed/Bakesale

Last Saturday we had our 5K. Many families attended and it was a fun event for all!

Thank you for all of your help!

Income:

- **Shirt Orders: \$1070**
- **Pancake Feed: \$873**
- **Bake Sale: \$654**
- **Family Sponsors: \$3527.80**
- **Business Sponsors \$10,212.30**
- **5K Runners \$1380.00 (83 runners; 4 bags not picked up)**
- **Total Income: \$17,717.10**
- **Total Expenses: -\$2,532.89**
- **Total Profit: \$15,184 (So far...Reward trips are not included yet)**

c. Secondary Parent Meeting

We had a secondary parent meeting on April 7. The schedule for next year and individual student schedules were handed out and explained. Students in 11-12" grades heard about Allen Community College regarding the college classes for next year. Copies of the secondary class schedule and calendar were handed out in the meeting. I have met with Juniors and seniors individually to help them set up their schedules and with anyone else who needs help. Most schedules have been turned in for next year. I am currently enrolling students in college classes with Allen Community College. I have had to watch a webinar about changes for next year, complete forms for classes and get student and parent signatures. I sent these forms, lists of students in classes, and transcripts to ACC today.

d. Enrollment

We have had 110 of our 133 current students reenroll. We have had many inquiries, and several applications have been started, and 12 new applications that are in process. We have had several interviews. We have several students shadowing or touring over the next week. Keep praying for the right families to come

Numbers from Amber:

- **29 inquiring families for a total of 47 students**
 - **11 tours given (1 next week)**
 - **4 shadow days scheduled**
 - **12 applications started, 2 in PreK3; 1 in PreK4; 4 in Kindergarten**
 - **4 students accepted (5 if you count Gilbert Hillis from last year)**

e. Insurance

Our insurance has been signed and paid starting May 1 with Church Mutual. The total cost went up about 500 for next year.

f. Formal

The high school formal is tomorrow. The formal and is being held at The Beacon from 7-10. Parents and staff are attending the formal and after-formal as chaperones. The after-formal is being held at Sk8Away from 11:00-1:00.

g. Senior Trip

The seniors went to a church in Texas: Beautiful Feet for their senior trip. Many good reports have come from the places where they are volunteering in Texas. The students gave a presentation in chapel last week

h. Standardized Testing

The Iowa Basics were given to our students in grades kindergarten through 11. We had several homeschool students test with us. We should get the results back by the end of May.

i. High School Graduation. Kindergarten Graduation, 8th Grade Promotion and Awards

In the next month, we have many events scheduled. Kindergarten play, graduation and preschool awards is scheduled for May 12th, High School Graduation at Topeka Baptist at 2:00 on May 16, and awards for all other students on May 15 after field day. The eighth-grade students will have a promotion ceremony at the school on the 19th, in the gym.

j. PTF Meeting

The PTF meeting is scheduled for May 5. Board members should be there to conduct the vote for new board members. The teachers will be recognized for teacher appreciation at this meeting.

k. ACE Scholarships

ACE scholarship application process has closed. We had many families apply--some new and some current families. We do not yet know who will be awarded scholarships. We hopefully will know at the end of May.

l. Buddy Events

The students will have a buddy lunch on May 1.

May 15th is the last day of school. It will be a half day and the students will be participating in field day events with their buddies. After the events, we will have an awards ceremony.

m. Title IIA and Title IV Funds

The rules are very strict, but I was able to get our teachers enrolled for the Exchange Conference this summer (\$350); I was able to get all of our teachers a subscription to ACSI Professional Development (this costs \$910 for a school license or \$109 per teacher); I was able to buy a Christian book for each of our teachers on Rigor; I was able to get a microscope for our science lab, and two teacher laptops.

n. ACE and Renewation Scholarships for next year

I have been working with families to get them signed up for ACE and Renewation Scholarships. ACE is now closed. Families can still apply for Renewation. We do need to work on getting donations sent to Renewation in order to better help our families get scholarships. I am still working on getting paperwork from families, and then I send it on to Renewation. I also have to complete a spread sheet for Renewation. ACE requires me to complete forms with demographics, tuition costs, and ITBS test scores and the number of proficient, above proficient, or below proficient in Math and Reading

7. Committee Reports

- a. PTF
- b. Technology – Both Computer Carts (23 computers each) needed work but Jim and Mr. Current got them all taken care of.
- c. Fundraising/Publicity
- d. Academic
- e. Spiritual
- f. Building Maintenance – There was a leak in the kindergarten room, this seems to have been a leak from the rooftop AC. The downspouts need to be extended to keep flooding from the cafeteria, Kenny Kessler is going to help with this.
- g. Financial
- h. Admissions

8. Old Business

- a. Revisit 12.3 to consider how to address visitation from non-parents, i.e. grandparents. New language added: John moves to revise policy with language below, 2nd by Jason. Approved.
 - i. *Parents may also visit their children during lunch periods; they must sign in at the office upon arrival.*
 - ii. *Grandparents and pastors are welcome to visit students during lunch periods with both prior parental permission and administration approval. All visitors must sign in at the school office upon arrival. Other visitors may be approved to visit during lunch with prior parents and administrative approval.*

9. Open Forum

10. Executive Session 9:08 – 9:57

11. Neil Moves to Adjourn, 2nd by Keith, Adjourned at 9:57