

HCS School Board Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2025

Roll: Nathan Tindell, John Freerkse, Ken Wilson, Jason Dunderdale, Neil Pipkin, Keith Seashols, Janeal Lischke

1. Call to order 7:01

2. Devotion and Prayer: Keith, Philippians 4

action: assign next month's person, John

3. Amend or approve agenda: (today), John moves to approve, 2nd by Keith - Approved

a. **Approve Minutes of Board Meeting:** July 17, 2025, Ken moves to approve, 2nd by John - Approved

4. New Business

- a. Policy review: Staff Policies: Students: Sections 9.1 – 9.8
 - i. Jason will add list of offenses to 9.2 Demerits and bring it back for September.
- b. School Start/ Prep. Support of Administration
- c. Administrator Evaluation Topics: **Personnel Administration**
 - i. Recruits and maintains a quality staff
 - ii. Promotes professional growth of staff
 - iii. Maintains a safe and healthy school environment

- iv. Provides effective intercommunication between board and staff

5. Administrator's Report

- a. First Day of School We had a good first day of school, The lunch time went well. There were no problems.
- b. Enrollment: We have 135 students, 11 of those are preschoolers (3 are part-time).
- c. The teachers have done a great job of preparing for the school year. The sixth grade students are doing very well back in elementary.
- d. Secondary Retreat Pastor Mark Doss as our special speaker, had food, spiritual challenges for this next year, and We had the secondary retreat at Walnut View Christian Church this year. We had fun games. It was a great event.
- e. PTF is planning the Fall Festival at the Farm with lunch provided. We are hoping to encourage more people to buy tickets. We have sold 82 tickets so far.
- f. The PTF meeting is on September 2nd at 6:30. Board members should be there and maybe give an update about the Clay Shoot and other board items such as getting lawn help.
- g. Teacher Inservice We had a week and a half of teacher in-service. Teachers had trainings on Biblical Worldview, America's Christian History, Science from a Biblical Worldview, the dangers of SEL in the classroom, reviewing policies and handbooks, reviewing the school improvement plan, reviewing standardized testing and coming up with some ways to improve test scores each quarter, Personal Teacher Improvement goals, as well as prayer time and spiritual growth time. We, as a staff have, prayed over each student and teacher and board and administrative staff. We were also so appreciative of parents who provided a breakfast meal for the teachers.
- h. Our goals for this year are attached. We are focusing on Language arts and reading. We are also again working on incorporating rigor to all levels. We discussed this in in-service as this is the area we were asked to work on by the accreditation committee Other topics during in-service were on classroom management, reasons for cursive, emergency procedures, teacher procedure notebook and how to access, etc. Some of the notes from in-service are attached.
- i. Teachers also all went through first aid and AED training and got a 2 year certification.
- j. College Visits I am setting up college visits for the 11th/12th grade students. So far, we have scheduled a visit from John Brown University for their counselor to come and see me. Also, Southwest Baptist University will have a visit on September 19. The representative teaches in the Technology department, and he will do a presentation from a technology class for the students. They also enjoy

visiting Dr. DeClue. I've also been in contact with K-State, Washburn, Washburn Tech and others.

k. Completed Vacation Stations Summer Work as well as extra reading this summer. Those students were presented with a certificate. Nine of our elementary students completed all the summer work from Vacation Station and a special gift.

l. Character Caught: We are concentrating on the character trait of Initiative this month. We will honor students who teachers have witnessed exhibiting Initiative next week. The September Character trait is Flexibility. We honor students each month who are caught using good character traits.

m. Meet the Teacher Night: Almost all parents and students attended, and many stayed and had ice cream in the lunchroom. The teachers had positive interactions with parents. The parents and students were excited to be back at school.

n. SPORTS We have had a soccer tournament and a few home games. Both our volleyball teams and soccer team are off to a good start.

o. Items to be Repaired

p. Brandon Smith finished moving the pump disposal of water- he was waiting on some parts. He left the old pump there too so if we have a big problem, we could just plug it in for additional water removal.

q. Other items- toilets, cart, etc. Frank has been able to repair items.

r. Mowing: Kenny Kessler and Robert Hughes have done a lot of mowing. Robert also fixed the fence at the end of the playground and worked on weeding. Nathan has done a lot of mowing especially on the soccer field.

s. Mr. Lorg is willing to mow, but I wanted someone to meet with him and go over where he should mow, go over the mowers/shed with him, etc.

t. The Dormers are also willing to mow according to Becky if someone would like to coordinate this with them especially exactly what areas to mow.

6. Committee Reports

a. **PTF – John plans on attending the PTF Meeting on 9/2/2025 to discuss the upcoming fundraisers.**

b. **Technology - Mr. Zirkle donated some laptops and Mr Fanning is obtaining televisions to replace projectors/white-boards – he's going to pick one up to try it out.**

c. **Fundraising/Publicity –**

i. **PTF Fall Festival is coming up on 9/20/2025**

ii. **Shotgun Shoot on 9/27/2025.** The elementary classes are putting together gift baskets for the raffle. Neil and John are each sourcing a shotgun for the squares raffle.

iii. **The letter-writing campaign is planned for October, Ken suggested that the fundraising goal be set at \$30,000 to \$50,000.**

d. **Academic – Starting mandatory study hall on Monday.**

e. **Spiritual**

f. **Building Maintenance – We need some more sand in the playground. We are at the lower limit of how much sand is under the equipment, this may need to be done this year. Nathan thinks that would require 15 tons (1 dump truck full) at \$40/ton (\$600). If we get a load dumped, Nathan can bring out his loader to spread it. Nathan fixed the double door in the gym.**

g. **Financial – Ace Scholarships are done; they will be paid out in October. The budget will be in next month including realized tuition.**

h. **Admissions**

7. Old Business

8. Open Forum

a. **October or November, John wants to put together a presentation about using 529 funds to pay school tuition. This would require planning a time to bring in families to listen.**

9. Executive Session (if required)

10. Motion to Adjourn Jason, 2nd by Nathan at 8:15.

