

HCS School Board Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2026

1. **Roll:** Mrs. Lischke, Nathan Tindell, Neil Pipkin, Jason Dunderdale, Keith Seashols, Frank McNellis, Willie Rice
 - a. **Absent:** Rittney Greer, John Freerksen, Ken Wilson
 - b. **Guest:** Mr. Snowden
2. **Call to order 7:01**
3. **Devotion and Prayer:** Neil – a prayer.
(action: assign next month's person) Jason.
4. **Amend or approve agenda:** (September 2026) – Motion to approve by Neil, 2nd by Keith – Approved.
 - a. **Approve Minutes of Board Meeting:** August 2026 – Motion to approve by Neil, 2nd by Keith – approved.
5. **New Business**
 - a. Policy Manual Review Section 2 – Executive Limitations 2.8 - 2.13
 - i. Neil moves to strike 2.13, the introduction of which was added as 2.12.4, 2.13 is preserved as an “old” policy in Board records for historical reference. 2nd by Keith – approved.
 - b. Initial Budget projections/health. Net Tuition per Student and Number of Students
 - i. Enrollment is still low and so the budget is a concern.
 - ii. More enrollment is needed
 - iii. There is a meeting with Renewation on 9/29/2026 to discuss the upcoming tax credit for donations to SGOs at the state and federal levels. At least 75 people are desired. The hope is that we will get lots of people to donate and take advantage of the tax benefits.
 - c. Cash flow red flags should be recognized (may be moved to December/Jan)
 - i. Put this on the agenda for October so that John can cover it.
 - d. 3 Families were approved for reduced PSCs.
 - e. We will also move the letter-writing campaign to January to include the tax incentive in the campaign.
6. **Administrator's Report**
 - a. **Enrollment** – 2026 Student Counts: 126: preschool 8, Full Time 118.
 - i. Last year: Student Counts 133: Preschool 11, Full Time 122.
 - ii. Mrs. Freerksen does have a tour set up for a new student.
 - b. **Grandparents' Day** – Grandparents' Day is next Friday, September 25. Classes are preparing to perform a Patriotic program and refreshments will

be served to grandparents or honored adults. We will dismiss at 11:30 so that students may go to lunch with Grandparents.

- c. **Technology** – Both computer labs have been working well. The wireless, bells system, intercom system, and cameras are also working well.
- d. **Standard Response Protocols** – We began teaching protocols in classrooms on Monday to keep students safe in all emergency type situations. This was discussed in the PTF meeting.
 - i. I emailed with Sergeant Dixon. He will bring another officer with him to our drill in October. He looked over our program last year and toured the school. He said at that time we were doing very well preparing for emergency situations.
 - ii. Student Safety-- A critical ingredient in the safe school recipe is the classroom response to an incident at school. Weather events, fire, accidents, intruders and other threats to student safety are scenarios that are planned and trained for by students, teachers, staff and administration.
 - iii. Standard Response Protocol (SRP)-- The SRP is based on the response to any given scenario. The benefits become quickly apparent. By standardizing the vocabulary, all stakeholders can understand the response and status of the event. The protocol also allows for a predictable series of actions as an event unfolds. The SRP is based on five actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter. Each has specific staff and student directives that are unique to the action. The Standard Response Protocol is a program of the “I Love U Guys” Foundation. More information and detailed materials can be found at <https://iloveuguys.org>. A parent flier was discussed at the PTF meeting, and was sent home with all students this week. We will be holding a lockdown drill during the week of October 12th or 19th, Sergeant Dixon will help conduct this drill.
- e. **Sports** – We are currently playing Varsity Soccer, Varsity/JV Volleyball, and junior high Volleyball. The junior high tournament for Volleyball is on September 26th.
- f. **PTF** – The Fall Festival was last weekend at Shively Farms. We have sold about 175 tickets (236 tickets last year). School families also brought in the food for the day. We covered our costs for the day. I don’t have totals done yet.
 - i. We have some baskets for the shoot from last year. Classes are doing baskets (some classes are combined). I have not seen any sponsors yet.
 - ii. We have Pizza Hut night out on the 29th. We had Qdoba night out in August and will have Red Robin in October. I did not find a mom to set these up so I am doing it for now.
- g. **Education Freedom Tax Credit Program** – The Education Freedom Tax Credit is a new federal program that allows individual taxpayers to receive a dollar-for-dollar federal income tax credit of up to \$1,700 annually for

contributions made to an approved Scholarship Granting Organization, such as ACE Scholarships or Renew Scholarships. These contributions provide scholarships for eligible K–12 students and help families choose a Christ-centered education at schools such as Heritage Christian School. Curtis Cornell from Renewation will present important information about the program at Heritage on Tuesday, September 29, at 6:00 p.m. He is coming to Kansas from Virginia to give presentations at Christian schools. Because this program could significantly benefit our students, families, and school, we need the Board's help encouraging as many parents, grandparents, church members, business owners, and community supporters as possible to attend and learn how they can participate.

- h. **Maintenance** – We had roof leaks over Room 13 and the 3 year old preschool room. Room 13 was half flooded and the ceiling tile collapsed. It was leaking again today. Kenny put on patches yesterday. He added silicone to the inside today. He is planning on adding some more permanent patches.
 - i. We are having problems with the walk-in freezer staying cold. I asked Nathan Sterling to come and look at it.
- i. **Letter Writing Fundraiser** – I received the following part of a letter from a grandparent:
 - i. “We have a small pool of families and question a letter writing campaign asking for donation and its effectiveness versus its potential for harm. However, I strongly favor some type of letter writing program once the federal tax credit is official.
 - ii. Certainly it would be good to see if we can get families where they would make a yearly donation to HCS for the \$1700 tax credit; a letter writing campaign centered on that would be a good idea. I am not sure of the best timing for sending the letters, but I do think they should not ask for money until it can count into that program. Asking for money this fall then doing another campaign after Christmas to get people to buy into that campaign would hinder the second letter writing and possibly even cause resentment from families.”

7. Committee Reports

- a. **PTF -**
- b. **Technology**
- c. **Fundraising/Publicity** – More support is needed for the Shotgun fundraiser, sponsors are needed. We will hang some flyers at some of the gun-related businesses.
- d. **Academic**
- e. **Spiritual**
- f. **Building Maintenance** – Saturday 9/19/2026 is the next work day, Nathan and Willie are coming. No issues with the rubber mulch on the playground. There was poison ivy on the east fenceline, Frank has already sprayed it.

- g. **Financial**
- h. **Admissions**

8. **Old Business**

9. **Open Forum**

10. **Executive Session** 7:58 – 8:19

11. Jason Moves to adjourn 2nd by Neil, adjourned 8:20.