

**Quinter Unified School District 293
Official Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
March 9, 2026**

Call to Order:

President Aaron Betz called the Regular Board of Education Meeting to order at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Shane Mann, Kristal Werth, Stacey Anstaett, Tiffany Gillespie, Robert Herl, and Jill Stewart. Also attending were Supt./Princ. Kurt Brown; Princ. Toby Countryman; Clerk Evone Waggoner; Staff John Crist; Guests Jayme and Thomas Zimmerman, Brad Mullins, Trevor Blackwill, and Ryan Ruf: Student Carson Mann

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mann/Anstaett (m/s/c 6-0)

Information Report:

Jill Stewart entered the meeting at 7:32pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the Board of Education Regular Meeting minutes of February 9, 2026 as presented.

Werth/Herl (m/s/c 7-0)

Approval of Bills:

Motion to approve bill checks #181 thru 183 Equity Bond; and #1386 thru 1467 The Bank. Anstaett/Gillespie (m/s/c 7-0)

AD Report:

John Crist gave the AD report. Spring sport numbers: HS track unknown at this time; JH Track 18 girls, 14 boys; HS golf 4 girls, 7 boys. Ellis High School reached out to USD 293 about the possibility of doing a cooperative agreement for girls softball this spring. Board discussed also asking Ellis as part of the two year cooperative agreement to include boys baseball. Dual sport participation was discouraged and will be discussed by administration with coach recommendations.

Information Report:

Shane Mann left the meeting at 7:39pm and returned to the meeting at 8:02pm.

NKESC Reports: None

Transportation Report:

Mr. Brown will research applying for grant funding from KDHE which would pay 75% of the cost of a new clean diesel bus.

All School Report:

Kristal Werth, Stacey Anstaett, and Jill Stewart will help hand out diplomas at graduation. 2026-2027 sponsorship ad list for video, calendar, and banner sponsors were presented and reviewed, Consensus of the board was to continue with FHSU video services.

Public Forum: None

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Brown reviewed legislative bills: SB 244 on restroom/locker room bill is now law; Terrace Metrics survey samples were reviewed; and a desk top exercise with the Emergency Management Team will be on March 24th. KSDE and food service audits have been completed with minimal audit adjustments. Mr. Brown reviewed the district's special education costs and the difficulties districts are facing with allowed at-risk expenditures vs funding received.

New Business:

A new scholarship "Be There" was presented for board approval. Graduation date for 2027 was reviewed. KSHAA Appeals Board Member Elections looking for write in board member candidates.

Action Items:

Motion to approve the Be There scholarship as presented. Herl/Anstaett (m/s/c 7-0)

Action Items:

Motion to give the superintendent authorization to write in a candidate for the KSHAA Appeals Board member elections on behalf of the board if an interested candidate from the league or Northwest Kansas expresses interest.

Anstett/Werth (m/s/c 7-0)

Old Business:

Mr. Brown has had a couple companies ask questions about the HS parking lot specs that are due by noon on April 6th. Tiles in the hallway flooring at elementary are lifting so discussion was done on replacement options for this summer. Electricity will be installed in the new building by the track.

Personnel Executive Session:

The Board of Education went into executive session at 9:04pm.

Aaron Betz moved to enter into executive session with Supt. Kurt Brown, and Princ. Toby Countryman present to discuss employee contracts, new hires pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The meeting will resume in the board room at 9:19pm. Betz/Stewart (m/s/c 7-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 9:19pm.

Action Items:

Motion to approve job changes for Nataliia BiL and Kimberly Dempewolf to part time custodians and new hire Jacob Kirchoff as Industrial Arts instructor and asst. JH football coach. Mann/Gillespie (m/s/c 7-0)

Motion to extend administrative contracts by one year. Betz/Werth (m/s/c 7-0)

Personnel Executive Session:

The Board of Education went into executive session at 9:25pm.

Aaron Betz moved to enter into executive session with Supt. Kurt Brown, and Princ. Toby Countryman present to discuss employee staffing pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. The meeting will resume in the board room at 9:35pm. Betz/Werth (m/s/c 7-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 9:35pm.

AD Report Cont.:

Board discussion continued about a cooperative agreement for baseball and softball with Ellis.

Action Item:

Motion to enter into a two year cooperative agreement with Ellis school district for boys baseball and girls softball.

Stewart/Mann (m/s/c 7-0)

Negotiations Executive Session:

The Board of Education went into executive session at 9:44pm.

Tiffany Gillespie moved to go into executive session with Supt. Kurt Brown, Princ. Toby Countryman, and clerk Evone Waggoner to discuss negotiations letter pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. The meeting will resume in the board room at 9:54pm. Gillispie/Herl (m/s/c 7-0)

The Board of Education meeting returned to open session at 9:54pm.

Action Item:

Motion to approve the Quinter Teacher Association Negotiation Letter as presented. Werth/Anstaett (m/s/c 7-0)

Adjournment:

Aaron Betz adjourned the Board of Education Meeting at 9:57pm.

President: 

Date: 4/15/26

Clerk: 

Date: 04.15.2026