



FOWLER

Unified School District

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 225
FOWLER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Minutes
(January 12, 2026)
Fowler Elementary School at 7:00 PM

Prior to the start of the meeting, new Board of Education Members were sworn. At **6:49 PM Kelli Humiston** took the oath of office. At **6:51 PM Michael Goff** took the oath of office.

Members Present: Tj Milford, Omar Mijares, Dana Bartzeko, Anna Wellborn, Kelli Humiston, Michael Goff

Also present were: Amy Ricks superintendent, Kim McLachlan assistant board clerk

Guests: Stacy Milford(left meeting prior to 7pm), Michelle Foster, Danny Chamberlain, Debbie Wise, Dennis McDowell, Ann Phillips, Alex Granados

A. ROUTINE ITEMS

1. Call to Order *Milford called the meeting to order at 7:00pm*
2. Motion to designate Kim McLachlan as assistant board clerk for meeting on 1/12/2026 **(Action)** *Motion by Bartzeko, seconded by Wellborn, to appoint Kim McLachlan as assistant board clerk for 1/13/2026. Motion carried 6-0*
3. Pledge of Allegiance & Opening Prayer *Pledge recited and Milford recited prayer*
4. Adoption of Agenda **(Action)** *Motion by Milford, seconded by Wellborn to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0*

B. COMMUNICATION -Persons may present ideas or concerns regarding USD 225. No action will be taken by the Board at this meeting. Personalities and behavior of employees are not to be presented during this period but are to be reported to the employee's immediate supervisor. The president shall determine the amount of time to be spent for citizen participation.

1. Fowler Rec. Commission- *Michelle Foster and Alex Granados spoke about Dome Rentals and conflicts with Rec. using the Dome. Milford clarified school policy and procedure.*

C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Action)

1. President- *Wellborn nominated Milford for President, Mijares seconded. Motion failed 3-1-1(Milford abstained)). Discussion ensued about roles and responsibilities of president and vice-president. After discussion, Wellborn nominated Milborn for president and Mijares agreed. Motion by Wellborn, seconded by Humiston to elect Milford president. Motion carried 5-0-1(Milford abstained).*
2. Vice President *Milford nominated Wellborn for vice-president, Mijares agreed. Motion by Milford, seconded by Humiston. Motion carried 5-0-1(Wellborn abstained).*

D. CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

1. Approval of Minutes (December 8, 2025)
2. Approval of Financial Reports & Payments
3. Gifts & Grants
4. Resignations/New Hires/Appointments
5. Resolution for 2026 Board Meeting Times and Dates
6. First Payment to Meade for 2025-2026



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Motion by Bartzeko, seconded by Mijares to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0

E. REPORTS

1. Fowler Action Committee- NONE
2. Special Education Cooperative- None–Jason Wright is new interim director
3. Superintendent Report *-Report given*
4. Community Survey Results *Results discussed*
5. Staff Survey Results *Results discussed*
6. Growth Plan *Report given*
7. KARE Reports
8. Board Comments *-Milford discussed use of technology and reports from other states. Bartzeko asked clarifying questions about the new virtual program*

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board Policy Updates (Action)
 Motion: to adopt policy revisions BCBK, IHF, IIBE, IKB, IKCA, IKD, IKDA, JBCC, JCAC, AND KM
Motion by Milford, seconded by Wellborn to adopt the policies as listed. Motion carried 6-0
2. Bid-Sterilant application *Motion by Bartzeko, seconded by Wellborn to accept the bid from TNT Landscapes not to exceed \$2000.00. Motion carried 6-0*
3. Device Usage- **Discussion only**

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Stipend for Obtaining the Seal of Literacy or entering district with Seal of Literacy and ESOL endorsement. *Motion by Milford, second by Humiston to approve a one time stipend of \$250.00 for staff with an ESOL/ESL endorsement and to approve a one time stipend of \$250.00 for staff who obtain or have the Seal of Literacy. Motion carried 6-0*
2. Dispose of Surplus property-grade school dryer (Action) *Motion by Wellborn, seconded by Humiston to dispose of the non-functional grade school dryer. Motion carried 6-0*

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Personnel

Recommendation (minutes): Mr. President, I move we go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of the individual(s) to be discussed, pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under Kansas Open Meetings Act and that the board return to the open meeting at ____ o'clock in this room.

1. Superintendent Evaluation
2. Staff matters

Motion by Milford, seconded by Wellborn to enter executive session for 10 minutes. Motion carried 6-0



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Motion by Milford, seconded by Bartezko to return to executive session for 5 minutes. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Bartezko, seconded by Humiston to return to executive session for 5 minutes. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Milford, seconded by Humiston to return to executive session for 30 minutes. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Bartezko, seconded by Humiston to return to executive session for 15 minutes. Motion carried 6-0

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Motion by Bartezko, seconded by Humiston to return to executive session for 15 minutes. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Humiston, seconded by Wellborn to return to executive session for 5 minutes. Motion carried 6-0

Open session resumed at 10:16pm

Motion by Wellborn, seconded by Humiston to Extend Jamie Wetig's contract for one more year (2026-2027).

Motion carried 6-0

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Bartezko, seconded by Wellborn. Motion carried 6-0.