KAHLOTUS SCHOOL DISTRICT #056
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
7:00 p.m.
The Farmer's Daughter

AGENDA

I. **Call the Meeting to Order**
Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair, Kelly Cochrane.
Board Members Present: Kelly Cochrane, Joe Roach, Bryan Romeike, Don Savelesky
Others Present: Hannelee Ferrell, Sandi Miller, John Getz, Weston Kane, Caren Johnson, Gina VanHollebeke, Hector Medina, Connie ???, Kelly Shea

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Pledge was led by Hector Medina.

III. **Consideration of the Agenda/Audience or Staff Participation**
No public comment.
Requested to add the appointment of Hector Medina as the ASB Board representative to the agenda under New Business, VII A.

IV. **Consent Agenda**

A. July 21, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
Bryan Romeike requested his name be corrected. Joe Roach motioned to approve the July 21, 2026 board meeting minutes as amended. Second by Bryan Romeike. No further discussion. Motion passed 4-0.
In Favor: Kelly Cochrane, Joe Roach, Bryan Romeike, Don Savelesky.
Opposed: None

B. Vouchers and Payroll
Joe Roach motioned to approve Vouchers and Payroll as presented. Second by Don Savelesky. No further discussion. Motion passed 4-0.
In Favor: Kelly Cochrane, Joe Roach, Bryan Romeike, Don Savelesky.
Opposed: None

C. Personnel
Joe Roach motioned to approve the Human Resources Action as presented. Second by Bryan Romeike. No further discussion. Motion passed 4-0.
In Favor: Kelly Cochrane, Joe Roach, Bryan Romeike, Don Savelesky.
Opposed: None

V. **Reports**

A. Financial Report

Mr. John Getz, Business Manager, provided the Board an update on his transition into the role as the district's business manager.

B. Principal Report

Mrs. Hannelee Ferrell, Principal, shared information regarding the first day of school activities. To welcome students and families, there will be a QR code scavenger hunt for everyone to become familiar with the temporary campus. Mrs. Ferrell also shared information on moving into the portables. Kelly Cochrane, Board Chair, asked if there was a change in the date of the first day of school. Mrs. Ferrell answered "No", we are still starting on August 31. Mr. Cochrane expressed questions regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement and Teacher expectations and responsibilities for moving and unpacking. Mrs. Ferrell commented that additional time is being provided and collaboration with the Association is occurring.

C. Superintendent Report

1. Construction Update

a. Timeline

Kelly Shea shared with the Board a letter to be sent to families providing details on the projected timeline for construction completion. He also explained the lack of power to the building and the fire monitoring system were the two major contributors to the delay.

Mr. Shea shared dates for when specific portions of the campus would be completed. Everything is to be substantially completed by October 16, but it is possible the district will be able to begin moving back into those parts of the school as they are completed. Caren Johnson, Project Manager from CSG, commented the timeline is conservative and a push is being made to occupy the building sooner.

Kelly Cochrane, Board Chair, questioned what was the critical point of failure, for not having electrical power to the building completed on time. Caren Johnson, Project Manager, explained the major cause was a delay in shipping of the electrical panels and provided the current status of the panels as well as the work from the PUD. Mr. Cochrane questioned why the project is going into October when the power has delayed things by two weeks. Mr. Shea offered one additional delay is contributed to flooring installation. Flooring materials have to be acclimated to the room temperature before installation occurs. Rooms cannot be acclimated until power is restored. Ms. Johnson also explained that the plumbing scope, which was added to the project in June, is also causing the project to go into October. Mr. Cochrane asked what the probability of being done and if there isn't another single point of failure that could cause the project to be delayed beyond October 15 and who assumes responsibility for that? Ms. Johnson responded that demolition and abatement has been done and most of the rough in activities have been completed, so we should not find any new unforeseen conditions and we should not have any new procurement issues. Mr. Cochrane asked how long we have rented the portables or if it is an open-ended contract for how long we have these portables as I do not have a lot of confidence in it at this point. Ms. Johnson responded that October 16 is very conservative and she would be extremely surprised if we go past that date. Mr. Cochrane asked about the cafeteria, where are the kids eating when they are in the portables? I see the cafeteria is the last to be completed. I think the cafeteria should be one of the first. Ms. Johnson explained the cafeteria could be possibly be available much sooner as the kitchen and cafeteria itself will be completed. What will not be completed are the bathrooms so it's a question of whether we can occupy the cafeteria and not have use of the restrooms.

b. Temporary Campus Plan

Mr. Shea laid out options for returning to the building when it is completed. Do we move in as portions of the building are completed which raises logistic questions with the availability of the movers or do set a day where we can bring the movers in and get it all done? When looking at the calendar we have one non-student day, October 9.

Mr. Shea explained that the map detailing the location of portables has been changed due to the county not allowing us to use the street for the placement of the office and restroom portables. Mr. Roach questioned the county's authority. Ms. Johnson explained we have to secure a permit from Franklin County to use the street and to place the portables and the building inspector denied the use of the street.

Mr. Shea addressed the cost of the temporary campus and how it is being paid for. He shared that it is being budgeted at $200,000 but it is expected to be closer to $150,000. It is being paid through the grant's contingency fund which is near a half a million dollars. He then shared a spreadsheet showing the cost of the project up to now, including change orders and the temporary campus, leaving the contingency fund at approximately $280,000. Ms. Miller asked if we are having to use our money to pay for

these portables. Mr. Romeike asked if there is any reimbursement from the contracting firms. Mr. Shea summarized the sentiment in the room that since the delay is not the fault of the district, then those who are responsible for the delay should have to pay for the additional costs. Mr. Roach agreed that is his thinking as well. Mr. Shea cautioned that going after the contractors may succeed but it will be a cost in legal fees. Mr. Cochrane asked if we can move into the building sooner then would we get money back by returning the portables sooner? Discussion occurred. Mr. Shea summarized the sentiment by stating that as we roll back into the building, have the portables returned as we vacate them so we are not paying the full amount to rent them. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Shea will contact the modular companies and will check our rental agreement and report back to the Board. Mr. Cochrane asked who the supplier for the electrical panels is. Mr. Savelesky asked, besides the restrooms what else is needed for the cafeteria? Mr. Shea responded repair to the walls and floor where the heat registers were. Ms. Johnson added some ductwork, the fire alarm system, and ceiling also need to be done. Weston Kane suggested he could use the Art room for his classroom until the shop is completed.
Mrs. Miller asked about food service. Mr. Shea shared that he had a conversation with Amy Hickok and discussed possible options which included the use of the Farmer's Daughter, the Lions' Hall, or possibly a food truck. He also explained that the Benton-Franklin Department of Health will have to inspect and approve whichever plan we create. At this time, we are exploring our options.

2. Enrollment

Mr. Shea shared the current enrollment is at 39 students. We had recently lost 3 students, but have added 1, with the possibility of adding 2 preschoolers and 5 new students.

VI. Unfinished/Ongoing Business

Discussion regarding communication with the community. Suggested to have an Open House for the community once construction is completed

VII. New Business

A. Appointment of Hector Medina as ASB Board Representative

Bryan Romeike motioned to approve the appointment of Hector Medina as ASB Board Representative. Second by Don Savelesky. No discussion. .
Motion passed 4-0.

In Favor: Kelly Cochrane, Joe Roach, Bryan Romeike, Don Savelesky.
Opposed: None

B. Interactive Display Boards

To address the instructional needs of teachers in the portable classrooms, Mr. Shea proposed the purchase of 11 interactive display boards at the cost of approximately $35,000 using the grant money. To remove the current document cameras and projectors is not feasible in the timeline available. The IDBs would then replace the current outdated technology in the classrooms when we move back into the building. Discussion from staff in attendance. Mr. Cochrane asked if we are certain grant money can be used for this purchase. Ms. Johnson replied she is contact with OSPI and is clarifying that question. Mr. Kane recommended the purchase of stand-alone IDBs and shared his experience using his.

Joe Roach motioned to approve the purchase of 12 interactive display boards with the enhancements recommended by Mr. Kane. Second by Bryan Romeike. No further discussion.

Motion passed 4-0.
In Favor: Kelly Cochrane, Joe Roach, Bryan Romeike, Don Savelesky.
Opposed: None

VIII. Executive Session (Personnel, Negotiations, Contracts)

Board went into executive session at 8:35 p.m. Returned to the regular meeting at 9:05 with no action.

IX. Adjournment

Kelly Cochrane adjourned the meeting at 9:06.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors: September 15, 2026